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SUBJECT: Resolution Expressing Support for the Passage of Tacoma School District No. 10’s Proposition No. 2 – January 30, 2018
DATE: January 24, 2018

SUMMARY:

A resolution expressing support for the passage of Proposition No. 2 submitted by Tacoma Public School District No. 10 at the February 13, 2018 Special Election, which reads as follows:

SPECIAL ELECTION – PROPOSITION NO. 2
 SUBMITTED BY TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10
 REPLACEMENT TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENTS AND UPGRADES LEVY

The Board of Directors of Tacoma School District No. 10 adopted Resolution No. 2032 to fund technology improvements and upgrades. If approved, Proposition No. 2 will replace an expiring levy and fund expansion of student technology access in all neighborhood schools, replace outdated classroom computers, fund technical training, improve District-wide systems, and authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes on all taxable property within the District:

<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Estimated Rate/\$1,000</u> <u>Assessed Value</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2019	\$0.93	\$24,000,000
2020	\$0.89	\$24,000,000
2021	\$0.86	\$24,000,000
2022	\$0.84	\$24,000,000
2023	\$0.81	\$24,000,000
2024	\$0.79	\$24,000,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 2032. Should Proposition No. 2 be approved?

COUNCIL SPONSORS:

Mayor Victoria Woodards; Deputy Mayor Anders Ibsen; and Council Member Catherine Ushka

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

The requested resolution best aligns with the City Council’s Strategic Policy Priorities to:

- Ensure all Tacoma residents are valued and have access to resources to meet their needs.
- Encourage thriving residents with abundant opportunities for life-long learning.

BACKGROUND:

The Board of Directors of Tacoma School District No. 10 adopted Resolution No. 2032 to expand student access to technology district-wide, provide up-to-date tools for teaching and



learning, replace outdated classroom computers for teachers and students to stay within state standards, support technical training of updated computer systems for teachers and students, make high-speed internet upgrades and other systems improvements, and improve the district's online system for parents, students and teachers to monitor academic progress, homework and attendance. Passage of this proposition would authorize the levy of \$24 million annually from 2019 through 2024. If authorized, these property taxes would replace the current Technology Improvement levy funding that expires in 2018.

ISSUE:

Passage of Proposition No. 2 is needed to replace an expiring levy that funds classroom technology training for teachers and students. This proposition would equip more classrooms with the technology resources to enable students to learn at their best.

ALTERNATIVES:

The City Council could choose to not support the requested resolution.

RECOMMENDATION:

The recommendation is that the City Council approve the resolution to support Tacoma School District's Proposition No. 2 to show the Council's commitment to expand equal access to technology at neighborhood schools and to provide every student an opportunity to learn at their best, while giving online tools so parents can be better engaged in their student's education.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact in the adoption of this resolution.