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SUBJECT: Resolution – Council Support for Tacoma School District Proposition No. 1 – February 4, 2014
DATE: February 3, 2014

SUMMARY:

A resolution expressing support for the passage of Proposition No. 1 submitted by Tacoma Public School District No. 10 at the February 11, 2014 Special Election, which reads as follows:

**SPECIAL ELECTION – PROPOSITION NO. 1
 SUBMITTED BY TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10
 REPLACEMENT OF EXPIRING LEVY FOR EDUCATIONAL
 PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS**

The Board of Directors of Tacoma School District No. 10 adopted Resolution No. 1943 authorizing an educational programs, operations and maintenance levy. If approved, Proposition No. 1 would fund day-to-day school operations, including classroom teachers, librarians, nurses, textbooks and instruction materials, athletics, arts and music programs, technology support and maintain roofs, heating, electrical and plumbing systems, playgrounds, playfields, alarm, sprinkler, security and emergency preparedness systems, and would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, to replace an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District:

<u>Levy Year</u>	<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Approximate Levy Rate Per \$1,000 of Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2014	2015	\$4.88	\$86,000,000
2015	2016	\$4.83	\$86,000,000
2016	2017	\$4.69	\$86,000,000
2017	2018	\$4.55	\$86,000,000

Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

Yes

No

COUNCIL SPONSORS:

Mayor Strickland, Deputy Mayor Woodards, Council Member Campbell, Council Member Walker

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

The requested Resolution aligns with the City Council’s Strategic Policy Priority to **strengthen and support Human Services, Public Education, and Diverse Higher Learning opportunities in Tacoma.**



Passage of Proposition No. 1 of Tacoma School District would replace an expiring operations levy for K-12 educational programs, and would continue funding 24% of day-to-day budgets and operations of all neighborhood schools including programs not funded by the state.

BACKGROUND:

The Board of Directors of Tacoma School District No. 10 adopted Resolution No. 1943 authorizing an educational programs, operations, and maintenance levy. If approved, Proposition No. 1 would fund day-to-day school operations, including classroom teachers, librarians, nurses, textbooks and instructional materials, athletics, arts and music programs, technology support and maintain roofs, heating, electrical and plumbing systems, playgrounds, playfields, alarm, sprinkler, security and emergency preparedness systems, and would authorize the District to levy the excess taxes, to replace an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District. Passage of this Proposition would authorize the District to levy \$86 million annually from 2015-2018.

ISSUE:

Passage of Proposition No. 1 is needed to replace an expiring levy that funds 24% of day-to-day operations in Tacoma Public Schools. The sponsors of this Resolution would like the City Council to express its support for the School District's effort to maintain funding for its maintenance and operations.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Council could choose to not support the requested Resolution.

RECOMMENDATION:

The recommendation is that the Council approve the resolution of support for the Tacoma School District's Proposition No. 1.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.