



RESOLUTION NO. 41319

1 BY REQUEST OF MAYOR WOODARDS, DEPUTY MAYOR WALKER, AND
2 COUNCIL MEMBER USHKA

3 A RESOLUTION expressing support for the passage of Proposition No. 1,
4 submitted by Tacoma Public Schools No. 10 at the February 13, 2024,
5 Special Election, to fund neighborhood school improvements and safety
6 upgrades; and encouraging residents to vote "Approved" on Proposition
7 No. 1 on the February 13, 2024, Special Election ballot.

8 WHEREAS at its meeting of October 26, 2023, the Board of Directors of
9 Tacoma School District No. 10 unanimously adopted Resolution No. 2130
10 authorizing the submission to District voters, at the Special Election to be held on
11 February 13, 2024, of a proposition for the issuance of general obligation bonds to
12 provide funds for capital improvements to facilities in an amount not to exceed
13 \$650,000,000.00, and

14 WHEREAS Proposition No. 1 ("Proposition") is a \$650,000,000.00
15 neighborhood school improvements and safety upgrades bond measure, maturing
16 over a maximum of 25 years, that makes needed improvements to nearly every
17 school in the City so they last longer and save money in the long run, and

18 WHEREAS the Proposition will provide up-to-date classrooms, quality food
19 and nutrition service improvements for all schools, playgrounds/playfields and
20 athletic facilities upgrades, and exterior school repairs to prevent mold and weather
21 damage, and

22 WHEREAS the Proposition supports quality learning and teaching
23 environments by expanding quality learning at nearly all neighborhood schools for
24 students of all backgrounds, and will provide upgrades ranging from spaces for
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1 early learning to expanded classroom learning opportunities, places for career and
2 technical education, post-secondary preparation, and will help to provide students
3 with expanded subjects, interests, and experiences to keep them engaged, and
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5 WHEREAS the Proposition will improve health, safety, and security by
6 upgrading aging plumbing and HVAC systems for clean air and safe water, and will
7 support the American Disabilities Act with improvements to make schools more
8 welcoming and accessible for students, staff, and visitors with disabilities, and
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10 WHEREAS the Proposition will make seismic and structural upgrades for
11 earthquake safety at schools, and will provide basic life safety and security
12 improvements at replacement schools, including controlled school entry, security
13 cameras, fire alarms, and sprinklers,
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15 WHEREAS according to the state Public Disclosure Commission,
16 RCW 42.17A.555 allows elected boards, councils, and commissions to “express a
17 collective decision, or to actually vote upon a motion, proposal, resolution, order, or
18 ordinance, or to support or oppose a ballot proposition so long as (a) any required
19 notice of the meeting includes the title and number of the ballot proposition, and (b)
20 members of the legislative body, members of the board, council, or commission of
21 the special purpose district, or members of the public are afforded an approximately
22 equal opportunity for the expression of an opposing view, and
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24 WHEREAS if the Proposition is approved by voters, the increased cost
25 to the average homeowner in the City would be \$7.53 per month, or \$90.00 per
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1 year (comparing average home values and tax rates from the previous five years to
2 the next five years); Now, Therefore,

3 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

4 Section 1. That the City Council endorses and hereby expresses its support
5 for the passage of Proposition No. 1 ("Proposition"), submitted by Tacoma School
6 District No. 10, at the February 13, 2024, Special Election, for the purposes
7 hereinabove enumerated.
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Section 2. That the City Council urges Tacoma voters to vote "Approved" on the Proposition on the February 13, 2024, Special Election ballot, substantially in the form of the ballot title as follows:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10

BONDS FOR NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS AND SAFETY UPGRADES

The Board of Directors of Tacoma School District No. 10 adopted Resolution No. 2130, concerning neighborhood school improvements and safety upgrades districtwide. If approved, Proposition No. 1 would authorize the District to: replace or renovate eleven aging neighborhood schools; make districtwide K-12 classroom and learning environment improvements; repair deteriorating roofs; implement health, security and seismic upgrades; improve ADA accessibility, playgrounds/athletic facilities; repair plumbing/HVAC systems for clean water and safe air; make other capital improvements; issue \$650,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 25 years; and levy annual excess property taxes to repay the bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 2130.

Should Proposition No. 1 be:

Approved..... []

Rejected..... []

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Interim City Attorney