



RESOLUTION NO. 38748

1 BY REQUEST OF MAYOR STRICKLAND, DEPUTY MAYOR CAMPBELL, AND
2 COUNCIL MEMBERS BOE AND MELLO

3 A RESOLUTION expressing support for the passage of City of Tacoma Proposition
4 No. 1 at the November 5, 2013, election for the sole purpose of financing
5 street maintenance improvements and safety upgrades in the City of
6 Tacoma.

7 WHEREAS the City of Tacoma is committed to core services that it is
8 uniquely able to provide, is dedicated to providing these services as efficiently and
9 cost effectively as possible, and is focused on clearly communicating with the
10 citizens of Tacoma how resources are expended and the benefits that are provided
11 to the citizens that the City serves, and

12 WHEREAS the City's streets and transportation infrastructure have
13 documented deficiencies, and the citizens of Tacoma have consistently stated that
14 repair and maintenance of City and neighborhood streets is a top concern and
15 priority for funding, and

16 WHEREAS the City seeks to provide a sustainable, transparent and
17 dedicated source of revenue to address the deficiencies with the City's streets and
18 transportation infrastructure, and

19 WHEREAS, on July 23, 2013, the City Council passed Substitute Resolution
20 No. 38700, which provided for the submission of City of Tacoma Proposition No. 1
21 to the electors of the City of Tacoma at the November 5, 2013, election, and

22 WHEREAS, if passed by the voters of the City of Tacoma, Proposition No. 1
23 would provide up to \$10-11 million annually for the sole purpose of funding
24 Citywide street improvements, and
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1 WHEREAS, if passed, Proposition No. 1 would provide for basic
2 neighborhood street maintenance and repair, including the permanent repair of an
3 additional 3,600 potholes annually throughout the City, and the repaving of over
4 510 neighborhood blocks over the next five years, and

5 WHEREAS, if passed, Proposition No. 1 would provide for safety upgrades
6 to City roads, arterials and bridges, including adding safety crosswalks and
7 flashing beacons in 46 school zones in the first five years alone, and fund basic
8 maintenance of city-owned bridges to keep them safe, and

9 WHEREAS, if passed, Proposition No. 1 would provide matching funds for
10 utility projects so that street improvements could be coordinated with water and
11 sewer improvements, and would provide matching funds to secure additional grant
12 funds, and

13 WHEREAS RCW 42.17A.555 authorizes members of a legislative body to
14 take action at an open public meeting to express a collective decision, or vote upon
15 a resolution, to support or oppose a ballot proposition, provided that the required
16 notice of the meeting includes the title and number of the ballot proposition and
17 that members of the City Council and the public are afforded an approximately
18 equal opportunity for the expression of an opposing view; Now, Therefore,
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20 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:**

21 That the City Council hereby expresses its support for the passage of City
22 of Tacoma Proposition No. 1 at the November 5, 2013, election for the purposes
23 hereinabove enumerated, which ballot title reads as follows:
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**CITY OF TACOMA
SPECIAL ELECTION - PROPOSITION NO. 1
2% UTILITY COMPANY EARNINGS TAX FOR TACOMA STREET
IMPROVEMENTS**

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The City Council of the City of Tacoma adopted Substitute Resolution No. 38700 concerning an additional 2% earnings tax on utility companies for streets. If passed, Proposition No. 1 would authorize the City to levy an additional 2% earnings tax on natural gas, electric, and phone companies for the sole purpose of funding basic maintenance and safety upgrades City-wide, for roads, arterials, and bridges; permanent pothole repairs; pedestrian safety improvement to crosswalks near schools, sidewalks and intersections; repaving neighborhood streets; and improved signal timing, all as provided in Substitute Resolution No. 38700. Should Proposition No. 1 be enacted into law?

Yes.....[]
No.....[]

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

City Attorney