



**TO:** City Manager Elizabeth Pauli  
**FROM:** Debra E. Casparian, Deputy City Attorney; Nicole Emery, City Clerk  
Chris Bacha, City Attorney  
**COPY:** City Council  
**SUBJECT:** Resolution – Appointing “For” and “Against” Committees for Proposition 1, concerning  
Streets Initiative II (April 22, 2025, Special Election) – February 4, 2025  
**DATE:** January 22, 2025

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**SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:**

A resolution appointing individuals to committees that will prepare statements “For” and “Against” Proposition 1 (Streets Initiative II), concerning utility taxes and property tax levy rate, which will appear in the Voters’ Pamphlet for the April 22, 2025, Special Election.

Recommendations for Council consideration:

For: Maricres Castro, Anthony Johnson, and Nathaniel Lawver, Sr.

Against: Steven Cook, DeLisa Ovado, and Larry Viguerie

**COUNCIL SPONSORS:**

Deputy Mayor Daniels, and Council Members Hines and Rumbaugh

**BACKGROUND:**

**This Department’s Recommendation is Based On:** The statutory requirement that the City appoint members to committees to prepare Voters’ Pamphlet statements “For” and “Against” each measure placed on the ballot.

On December 17, 2024, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 41588, placing a proposition, concerning utility taxes and property tax levy rate for street improvements (Streets Initiative II), on the ballot for the April 22, 2025, Special Election.

The Government Performance and Finance Committee reviewed letters of interest at their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, and provided recommendations for the appointment of individuals for the “For” and “Against” Committees for the proposition.

Per RCW 29A.32.280, for each measure from a unit of local government that is included in a local voters’ pamphlet, the legislative authority of that jurisdiction shall, not later than the resolution deadline, formally appoint a committee to prepare arguments advocating voters’ approval of the measure and shall formally appoint a committee to prepare arguments advocating voters’ rejection of the measure.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ CUSTOMER RESEARCH:**

The City reached out to the community to look for those interested in serving on the committees. Staff notified those who expressed interest in the topic as well as those on agenda notification, media, and Neighborhood Council contact lists; and advertised the request through the City’s website, social media, and a news release.



**2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:**

**Equity and Accessibility: (*Mandatory*)**

Appointing a “For” and “Against” committee is required by state law. It will allow formal support and opposition to the proposition.

**Civic Engagement:** *Equity Index Score:* Moderate Opportunity

Increase the number of residents who participate civically through volunteering and voting.

**Explain how your legislation will affect the selected indicator(s).**

Allowing members to participate in the “For” and “Against” committees for the proposition will increase community participation and input.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

Presumably, your recommendation is not the only potential course of action; please discuss other alternatives or actions that City Council or staff could take. Please use table below.

Alternative(s)	Positive Impact(s)	Negative Impact(s)
1. Not appoint “for” or “against” committees.	No City staff time required to appoint committees. (Pierce County will attempt to appoint committee members if the City does not.)	City relies on Pierce County to search for members and make appointments.

**EVALUATION AND FOLLOW UP:**

Once the City Council appoints “For” and “Against” Committees, the City can submit all the required information to the County so that this proposition may be placed on the April 22, 2025, ballot.

The deadline for the City to send required information to Pierce County, including “For” and “Against” Committees, is February 21, 2025. The deadline for the Committees to submit their statements to Pierce County is Tuesday, February 25, 2025, with rebuttal statements due by February 27, 2025.

**STAFF/SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommend the City Council appoint those members recommended by the Government Performance and Finance Committee to the Committees that will prepare statements “For” and “Against” Proposition 1, which will appear in the Voters’ Pamphlet for the on April 22, 2025, Special Election.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

None.