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SUBJECT: Resolution Expressing Support for the Passage of Tacoma School District No. 10’s Proposition No. 1 – January 30, 2018
DATE: January 24, 2018

SUMMARY:

A resolution expressing support for the passage of Proposition No. 1 submitted by Tacoma Public School District No. 10 at the February 13, 2018 Special Election, which reads as follows:

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

The Board of Directors of Tacoma School District No. 10 adopted Resolution No. 2031 to fund educational programs and operations. If approved, Proposition No. 1 will replace an expiring levy and fund eligible educational programs, including classroom teachers, librarians, nurses, counselors, student safety, security and emergency preparedness, special education, preschool, textbooks, instructional materials, arts, music, and building maintenance; and 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	\$2.72	\$70,000,000
2020	\$2.66	\$72,000,000
2021	\$2.65	\$74,000,000
2022	\$2.65	\$76,000,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 2031. Should Proposition No. 1 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. 2031 authorizing an educational programs, operations, and maintenance levy. If approved, Proposition No. 1 would continue to fund small classes, teachers, instructional aides, librarians, nurses, special education, advanced classes for high-achieving students,



supplemental programs to bring students up to grade level, athletics, arts, music, extra-curricular programs, textbooks and classroom instructional materials, and summer school. Proposition 1 would continue funding for maintenance of school buildings, playgrounds and playfields, alarm and sprinkler systems, campus security and emergency preparedness. Passage of this proposition would authorize the District to levy up to \$73 million on average annually from 2019-2022, subject to applicable limits. If approved, Proposition 1 would result in a tax rate lower than the current local school property tax rate. If authorized, these property taxes would replace the current Educational Programs and Operations levy that expires in 2018.

ISSUE:

Passage of Proposition No. I is needed to replace an expiring levy that funds 17% 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 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. 1 to show the Council's commitment for funding of core education needs at neighborhood schools and to provide every student an opportunity to succeed.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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