



## RESOLUTION NO. 41057

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

3 A RESOLUTION expressing support for the passage of Proposition No. 1,  
4 submitted by Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma, Washington, at the  
5 November 8, 2022, General Election, to provide funding for operations  
6 and maintenance of parks, playgrounds, sports fields, community  
7 centers, and zoos; safety and security improvements; wildfire prevention;  
8 open space preservation; and youth and teen programs; and urging  
9 Tacoma voters to vote "Approved" on Proposition No. 1 on the  
10 November 8, 2022, General Election ballot.

11 WHEREAS Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma ("Metro Parks") is an  
12 independent parks district that spans across the City to provide a wide range of  
13 services and locations, and has a mission to create healthy opportunities to  
14 play, learn, and grow, and

15 WHEREAS Proposition No. 1 ("Proposition") would support maintenance  
16 and programming across over 3,000 acres, and if approved, would increase  
17 Metro Parks' property tax levy to provide funding for: operations and  
18 maintenance of parks, playgrounds, sports fields, community centers, and  
19 zoos; safety and security improvements; wildfire prevention; open space  
20 preservation; and youth and teen programs, and

21 WHEREAS restoring the levy rate would support affordability of these  
22 programs and welcome all youth regardless of means, would fund consistent  
23 levels of maintenance throughout the park system, fund additional work to  
24 plant, mulch, water, and prune trees, as well as support collaboration with the  
25 Tacoma Fire Department to develop a comprehensive wildfire prevention plan,  
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support the creation of a Citywide Park Ranger program, and fund extra

1 “hotspot” safety patrols in parks experiencing security challenges, and

2 WHEREAS under state law, the maximum levy rate for metropolitan  
3 parks districts like Metro Parks is 75 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation,  
4 however a different state law limits the collection of property tax revenue, and it  
5 has been eroding Metro Parks’ regular rate since 2017, and  
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7 WHEREAS the average residential property value in the City in the  
8 summer of 2022 was \$493,000, according to the Pierce County Assessor, and  
9 restoring the regular levy rate to 75 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation  
10 would cost the owner of that property an additional \$11.91 per month in 2023,  
11 as compared to the amount paid in 2022, and  
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13 WHEREAS, if approved, the Proposition would be in effect for six years,  
14 and the levy rate would never exceed 75 cents per \$1,000 of assessed  
15 valuation; Now, Therefore,  
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17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

18 Section 1. That the City Council endorses and hereby expresses its  
19 support for the passage of Proposition No. 1 (“Proposition”), submitted by  
20 Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma, Washington, at the November 8, 2022,  
21 General Election, for the purposes hereinabove enumerated.  
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23 Section 2. That the City Council urges Tacoma voters to vote “Approved”  
24 on the Proposition on the November 8, 2022, General Election ballot,  
25 substantially in the form of the ballot title as follows:  
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METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT OF TACOMA, WASHINGTON  
 SPECIAL ELECTION - PROPOSITION NO. 1  
 MULTI-YEAR PARK AND RECREATION MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS  
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The Board of Park Commissioners of the Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma, Washington adopted Resolution No. RR53-22 concerning an increase in the District's regular property tax levy. If approved, Proposition No. 1 will restore the District's regular property tax levy to the rate of \$0.75 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for collection in 2023, set the limit factor at 106% for each of the five succeeding years, and use the 2028 levy dollar amount to calculate subsequent levy limits, to fund operations/maintenance of parks, playgrounds, sports fields, community centers, zoos; safety/security improvements; wildfire prevention; open space preservation; youth and teen programs.

Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

Yes..... [ ]

No..... [ ]

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

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 Mayor

Attest:  
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 City Clerk

Approved as to form:  
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 City Attorney