



## RESOLUTION NO. 40536

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

3 A RESOLUTION expressing support for the passage of Proposition No. 1,  
4 submitted by Tacoma School District No. 10 at the February 11, 2020,  
5 Special Election, to finance capital improvements to neighborhood schools  
6 districtwide; and urging Tacoma voters to vote "Approved" on  
7 Proposition No. 1 on the February 11, 2020, Special Election ballot.

8 WHEREAS, the Tacoma City Council believes our entire community  
9 benefits from our children receiving a quality education at neighborhood schools  
10 that are safe and provide the best possible environments for teaching and learning,  
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12 WHEREAS, Tacoma Public Schools and community partners are investing  
13 in what's working, with graduation gaps closing and high school graduation rates  
14 reaching a record-high 89 percent and surpassing the state average, and

15 WHEREAS, some neighborhood schools have deteriorated and need to be  
16 upgraded or replaced to meet modern standards, and Proposition No. 1 renews  
17 our community's commitment to provide students and educators with the best  
18 possible environment and facilities for teaching, learning and extracurricular and  
19 after-school activities, and

20 WHEREAS, community partners have joined Tacoma Public Schools to  
21 provide access to programming throughout the District and help close gaps for  
22 students of color and students from families living in poverty so that every child in  
23 Tacoma has the opportunity to succeed and achieve their potential, and  
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1           WHEREAS, the Tacoma Public Schools prioritize basic safety issues such  
2 as fixing or replacing leaky and deteriorating roofs, upgrading buildings for  
3 earthquake safety, and up-to-date alarms and sprinkler systems so our kids can  
4 learn and play in a safe environment, and

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6           WHEREAS, Proposition No. 1 will address safety, health and security,  
7 including secured entrances and surveillance cameras at every school that does  
8 not already have them, upgrades to heating, ventilation, and plumbing to maintain  
9 clean air and safe water, and

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11           WHEREAS investments in neighborhood schools throughout our community  
12 benefit the entire community by providing dedicated community meeting spaces,  
13 access to playing fields for youth and adult sports, and partnerships with Metro  
14 Parks Tacoma, YMCA, City of Tacoma, Greater Tacoma Community Foundation,  
15 Boys and Girls Club, and numerous other partners to provide recreation and  
16 summer and after-school programs and activities, and

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18           WHEREAS, Proposition No. 1 will fund energy efficiency improvements and  
19 sustainable technology to make our school buildings greener, healthier, and more  
20 efficient to maintain, and

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22           WHEREAS, Proposition No. 1 will fund District-wide renovations, upgrades,  
23 and replacements of athletic facilities, including tennis courts, swimming pools,  
24 playgrounds, playfields, and stadium improvements, and

25           WHEREAS, taking care of basic school improvements and upgrades means  
26 buildings will last longer and save money in the long run, and



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WHEREAS, we share Tacoma Public Schools' priority to invest in schools and kids so our community will continue to be a place where every child, regardless of background or economic circumstance, has a neighborhood school that provides a safe and challenging learning environment; Now, Therefore,

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

Section 1. That the City Council endorses and hereby expresses its support for the passage of Proposition No. 1 submitted by Tacoma School District No. 10, Pierce County, Washington at the February 11, 2020, Special Election, for the purposes hereinabove enumerated.

Section 2. That the City Council urges Tacoma voters to vote "Approved" on Proposition No. 1 on the February 11, 2020, Special Election ballot, substantially in the form of the ballot title as follows:



TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10  
 SPECIAL ELECTION – PROPOSITION NO. 1  
 NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS AND SAFETY UPGRADES -  
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The Board of Directors of Tacoma School District No. 10 adopted Resolution No. 2065 concerning a proposition to finance capital improvements to neighborhood schools districtwide. If approved, Proposition No. 1 will authorize the District to replace or renovate eight deteriorating neighborhood schools across Tacoma; implement health, safety, security, and seismic upgrades; repair roofs, alarm/sprinkler systems, and HVAC/plumbing systems for clean water and safe air; improve playground/athletic facilities; and make other capital improvements; issue \$535,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum 25 years to finance these capital improvements; and levy annual excess property taxes to repay the bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 2065. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved or rejected?

Yes ..... \_\_\_\_\_  
 No ..... \_\_\_\_\_

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

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 Mayor

Attest:  
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 City Clerk

Approved as to form:  
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 Chief Deputy City Attorney