



Emergency Medical Services Levy Lid Lift

City of Tacoma | Fire Department

City Council Study Session

April 18, 2023

ITEM #23-0380 – Resolution No. 41180

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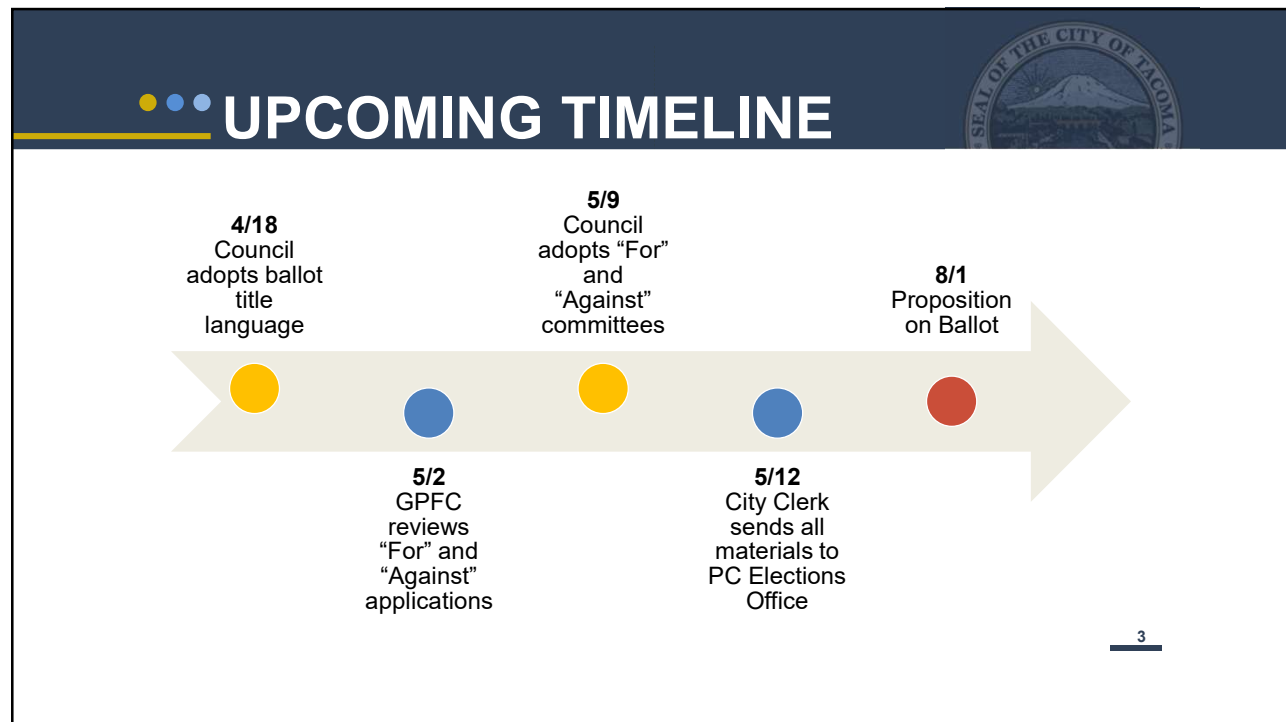
BACKGROUND



- Six-Year EMS Levy approved in November 1982
- Voted permanent in November 1999
- Last lifted in September 2006
- Ballot language determines approved levy usage

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PROPOSED BALLOT TITLE

**CITY OF TACOMA
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
PROPERTY TAX LEVY INCREASE**

The City of Tacoma Council adopted Resolution No. 41180 concerning restoration of the City's emergency medical services property tax levy.

This measure would continue to fund emergency medical services and care (EMS) by restoring the EMS levy to \$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value for collection in 2024; authorizing an annual increase of up to 6 percent annually to not exceed the \$0.50 rate for 2025-2029; and authorizing use of the 2029 levy amount as the base for computing levies in future years, per RCW 84.55. Qualifying seniors, veterans, and others would be exempt, per RCW 84.36.381.

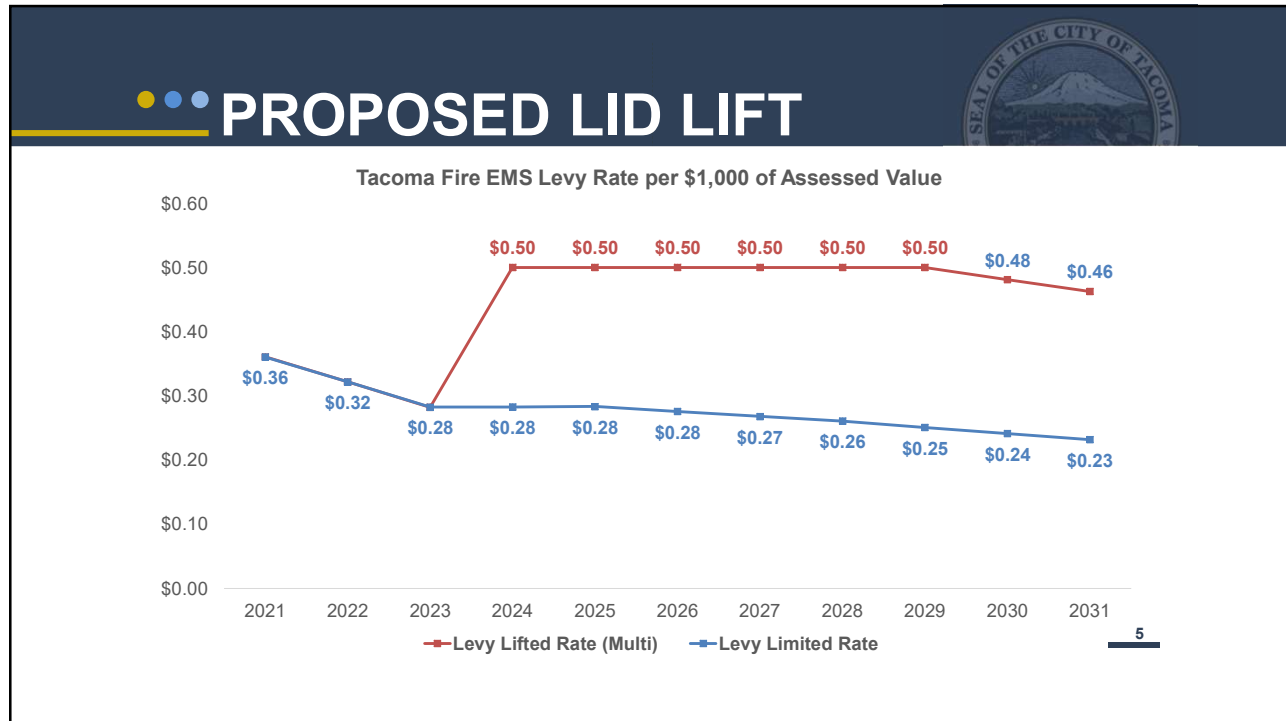
Should this proposition be:

Approved? ☐

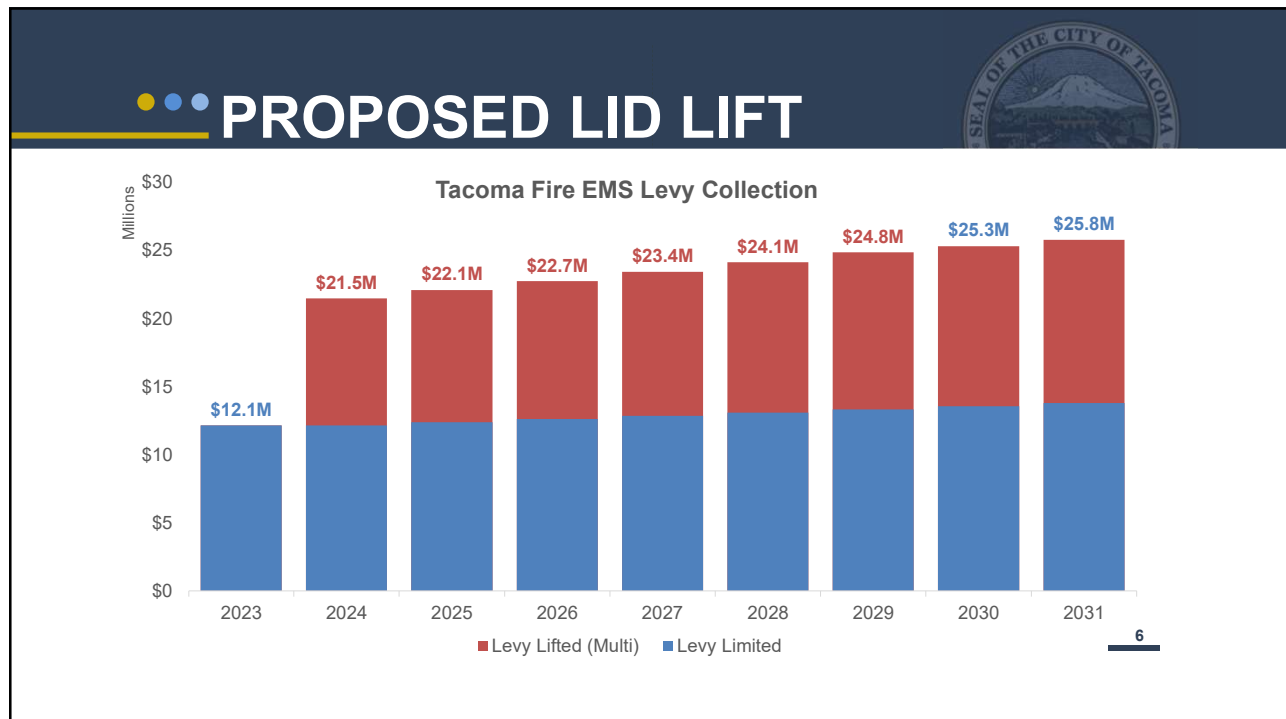
Rejected? ☐

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OUTREACH



- Continued social media postings and newspaper advertising/Letters to the Editor
- Public Meetings
- We welcome any questions or comments at:
(253) 591-5389 or fdlevyrenewal@cityoftacoma.org

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RECOMMENDATIONS



- Adoption of Resolution
- City Clerk's Office begin advertising for "For" and "Against" Committee applications
 - To be reviewed by GPFC on May 2
- Staff completes Explanatory Statement for Voter's Guide

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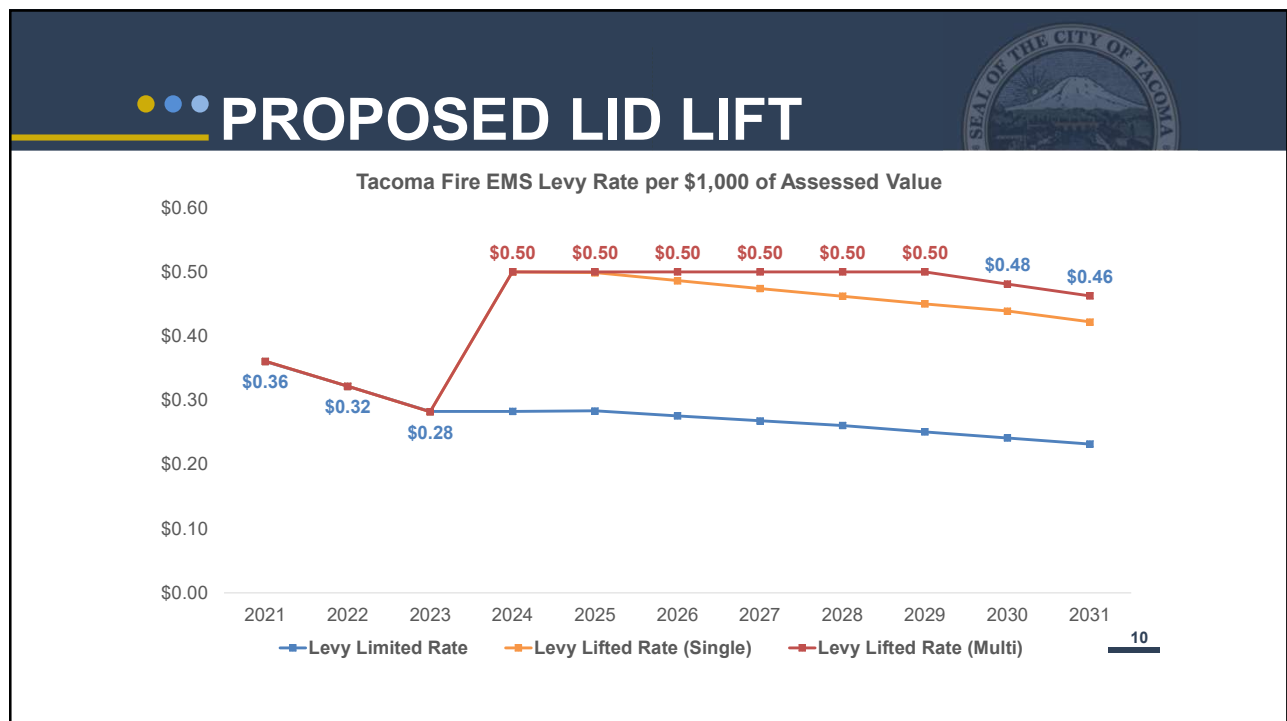
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