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SUBJECT: Resolution – Council Support for Tacoma School District Proposition No. 2 – February 4, 2014
DATE: February 3, 2014

SUMMARY:

A resolution expressing support for the passage of Proposition No. 2 submitted by Tacoma Public School District No. 10 at the February 11, 2014 Special Election, which reads as follows:

**SPECIAL ELECTION – PROPOSITION NO. 2
 SUBMITTED BY TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10
 REPLACEMENT OF EXPIRING LEVY FOR SCHOOL
 TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENTS AND UPGRADES**

The Board of Directors of Tacoma School District No. 10 adopted Resolution No. 1944 concerning district-wide technology improvements and upgrades. If approved, Proposition No. 2 would fund technical training, support and up-to-date tools for teaching and learning, replace outdated classroom computers for teachers and students, and improve the District's online system for parents, students and teachers to monitor academic progress, homework and attendance, and would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, to replace an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District:

<u>Levy Year</u>	<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Approximate Levy Rate Per \$1,000 of Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2014	2015	\$0.57	\$10,000,000
2015	2016	\$0.56	\$10,000,000
2016	2017	\$0.55	\$10,000,000
2017	2018	\$0.53	\$10,000,000

Should Proposition No. 2 be approved?

Yes

No

COUNCIL SPONSORS:

Mayor Strickland, Deputy Mayor Woodards, Council Member Campbell, Council Member Walker

STRATEGIC POLICY PRIORITY:

The requested Resolution aligns with the City Council's Strategic Policy Priority to **strengthen and support Human Services, Public Education, and Diverse Higher Learning opportunities in Tacoma.**

Passage of Proposition No. 2 of Tacoma School District would replace an expiring Technology Upgrades levy and extend "Tacoma Renewal and Excellent Program" for K-12 educational programs, and would



fund technical training, support and up-to-date tools for teaching and learning, replace outdated classroom computers for teachers and students, and improve the District's online system for parents, students, and teachers to monitor academic progress, homework and attendance, and would authorize the District to levy \$10 million annually from 2015 through 2018.

BACKGROUND:

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ISSUE:

Passage of Proposition No. 2 is needed to replace an expiring levy that funds needed technology upgrades in all neighborhood schools for improved teaching and learning.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Council could choose to not support the requested Resolution.

RECOMMENDATION:

The recommendation is that the Council approve the resolution of support for the Tacoma School District's Proposition No. 2.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.