



RESOLUTION NO. 41814

1 BY REQUEST OF MAYOR WOODARDS

2 A RESOLUTION expressing support for the passage of Proposition No. 1,
3 Replacement of Expiring Levy for K-12 Educational Programs and
4 Operations; and Proposition No. 2, Replacement of Expiring Levy for K-12
5 Technology Improvements and Upgrades, submitted by Tacoma Public
6 School District No. 10, to be considered at the February 10, 2026, Special
7 Election ballot.

8 WHEREAS the purpose of this resolution is to formally express the City's
9 strong support for the Tacoma School District No. 10 ("District") renewal of two
10 expiring levies that are essential to ensuring high-quality, equitable, and safe
11 educational opportunities for all students, and

12 WHEREAS these levies supporting educational programs and operations,
13 and technology improvements and upgrades represent foundational investments
14 in the day-to-day functioning of neighborhood schools across the District, and

15 WHEREAS this support is grounded in the City's longstanding commitment
16 to supporting environments where every child, regardless of race, background, or
17 economic circumstance, can learn, grow, and succeed, and the levies help close
18 persistent opportunity gaps for students of color and students from families
19 experiencing poverty by funding the educators, instructional supports, programs,
20 and tools necessary for student success, and

21 WHEREAS the levies also ensure access to critical programs ranging from
22 early learning and after-school enrichment to arts, music, athletics, and career and
23 technical education, and all programs that improve academic outcomes and
24 expand pathways to college, careers, and economic mobility, and
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1 WHEREAS the levies further provide for essential safety, maintenance, and
2 technology investments that allow students to learn in secure, well-maintained
3 facilities and to benefit from modern instructional tools in the classroom and at
4 home, up-to-date security systems, and technology-enabled learning
5 environments, and
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7 WHEREAS these investments strengthen building longevity, protect student
8 and staff safety, and support transparent communication and academic tracking
9 among students, families, and educators, and
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11 WHEREAS by bringing forward this resolution, the City affirms the public
12 value of these levies, recognizes their role in sustaining approximately 17 percent
13 of the District's day-to-day operations for teachers, books, and basics in every
14 neighborhood school, as well as nurses, counselors, librarians, and paraeducators
15 – the equivalent of nearly 500 teachers and staff, and underscores the importance
16 of a strong, well-resourced public school system to the long-term health and
17 resilience of the community, and
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19 WHEREAS, our young people are among our community's most important
20 constituents, and supporting the District's propositions is a vital investment in their
21 safety, well-being, and future success, ensuring they have the strong educational
22 foundation needed to thrive and continue contributing to the future of our city, and
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24 WHEREAS according to the state Public Disclosure Commission,
25 RCW 42.17A.555 allows elected boards, councils, and commissions to "express
26 a collective decision, or to actually vote upon a motion, proposal, resolution,



1 order, or ordinance, or to support or oppose a ballot proposition so long as
2 (a) any required notice of the meeting includes the title and number of the ballot
3 proposition, and (b) members of the legislative body, members of the board,
4 council, or commission of the special purpose district, or members of the public
5 are afforded an approximately equal opportunity for the expression of an
6 opposing view; Now, Therefore,

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

9 Section 1. That the City Council endorses and hereby expresses its
10 support for the passage of Proposition No. 1, and Proposition No. 2, submitted by
11 Tacoma School District No. 10, at the February 10, 2025, Special Election, for
12 the purposes hereinabove enumerated.
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1 Section 2. That the City Council urges Tacoma voters to vote "Approved"
2 on Proposition No. 1 and Proposition No. 2 on the February 10, 2025, Special
3 Election ballot, substantially in the form of the ballot title as follows:
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5 PROPOSITION NO. 1

6 TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10
7 PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

8 REPLACEMENT OF EXPIRING LEVY FOR K-12 EDUCATIONAL
9 PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS

10 A RESOLUTION of the Board of Directors of Tacoma School District No.
11 10, Pierce County, Washington, providing for the submission to the
12 voters of the District at a special election to be held on February 10,
13 2026, of a proposition authorizing an excess tax levy to be made
14 annually for four years commencing in 2026 for collection in 2027 of
15 \$127,096,457, in 2027 for collection in 2028 of \$132,180,315, in 2028 for
16 collection in 2029 of \$137,467,528, and in 2029 for collection in 2030 of
17 \$142,966,229 for the District's General Fund to fund educational
18 programs and operations; designating the District's Chief Financial
19 Officer and special counsel to receive notice of the ballot title from the
20 Auditor of Pierce County, Washington; and providing for related matters.

21 Should Proposition No. 1 be:

22 Approved..... []

23 Rejected..... []
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PROPOSITION NO. 2

TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10
PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

REPLACEMENT OF EXPIRING LEVY FOR K-12 TECHNOLOGY
IMPROVEMENTS AND UPGRADES

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Directors of Tacoma School District No. 10, Pierce County, Washington, providing for the submission to the voters of the District at a special election to be held on February 10, 2026, of a proposition authorizing an excess tax levy to be made annually for four years commencing in 2026 for collection in 2027 through 2030 in the aggregate total amount of \$170,000,000, for the District's Capital Projects Fund to support the modernization and remodeling of school facilities; designating the District's Chief Financial Officer and special counsel to receive notice of the ballot title from the Auditor of Pierce County, Washington; and providing for related matters.

Should Proposition No. 2 be:

Approved..... []

Rejected..... []

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

City Attorney