



City of Tacoma

City Council Action Memorandum

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FROM: Council Member Olgy Diaz and Senior Council Policy Analyst Lynda Foster
COPY: City Clerk and City Council
SUBJECT: Resolution – Opposing Initiative Measure No. IL26-001 and Initiative Measure No. IL26-638 – July 28, 2026
DATE: July 15, 2026

SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:

A resolution expressing opposition for the passage of Initiative Measure No. IL26-001 and Initiative Measure No. IL26-638 on the November 3, 2026, general election ballot.
[Council Member Olgy Diaz]

COUNCIL SPONSORS:

Council Member Olgy Diaz, Latasha Palmer and Jamika Scott

BACKGROUND:

Washingtonians respect and care for each other. We may not always agree, but we work together to protect our children from violence, hate, and harassment.

Initiative Measure No. IL26-001

IL26-001 will force schools to hand over sensitive information about child abuse victims to their parents but contains inadequate safeguards in circumstances where those parents may also be abusers. This initiative does not allow disclosure to parents who are under active criminal investigation for abuse but does not consider circumstances outside an active criminal investigation including the complaint stage or when parents have been charged with or convicted for raping, assaulting, or otherwise harming their own child and mandates their access to sensitive information, including private social work and school counseling records, putting kids at greater risk. By removing record protections, IL26-001 discourages students facing domestic violence, sexual abuse or bullying from seeking help from trusted school counselors, who would be required to release students' confidential information. IL26-001 would also require schools to "out" LGBTQ+ kids.

Initiative Measure No. IL26-638

IL26-638 changes the law to require medical sex certification as part of sports physicals for all girls, and bans parents from using birth certificates instead. It could force tens of thousands of Washington girls each year to undergo genital exams just to play sports. Right now students stay fully clothed during sports physicals, but this could change for girls. Boys are completely exempt from this requirement – only girls will be subjected to the medical sex certification and genital exams - putting another barrier between girls and sports.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ CUSTOMER RESEARCH:

Residents of the City of Tacoma have expressed concerns to the Tacoma City Council regarding the effects of Initiative Measure No. IL26-001 and Initiative Measure No. IL26-638 and called on the council to oppose them.

2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Equity and Accessibility: *(Mandatory)*

According to the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department, In the Healthy Youth Survey, about 40% of Pierce County 10th graders reported an adult in their home swore at them, insulted them, put them down, or humiliated



them. 25% of Pierce County 10th graders report an adult had physically hurt them on purpose¹. Those students were significantly more likely to get into a fight. These forms of abuse are also associated with being bullied. According to researchers, 40% of LGBTQ+ homeless youth were kicked out of their home because of their identities². According to the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), more than 3.2 million girls participated in high school athletics last year, compared to 4.6 million boys³. While that number represents massive progress since 1972, it has plateaued for the past decade.

Education: *Equity Index Score:* Moderate Opportunity

Increase the number of quality out of school time learning opportunities distributed equitably across the city. All students will graduate from high school and be prepared to enter the workforce or pursue post-secondary education.

Civic Engagement: *Equity Index Score:* Moderate Opportunity

Increase the number of residents who participate civically through volunteering and voting. Increase the percentage of residents who believe they are able to have a positive impact on the community and express trust in the public institutions in Tacoma.

Livability: *Equity Index Score:* Moderate Opportunity

Improve health outcomes and reduce disparities, in alignment with the community health needs assessment and CHIP, for all Tacoma residents
Increase positive public perception of safety and overall quality of life.

ALTERNATIVES:

The City Council could choose not to adopt the proposed resolution expressing opposition to the initiatives or adopt a resolution expressing support for the initiatives.

EVALUATION AND FOLLOW UP:

No evaluation or follow up.

STAFF/SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:

Sponsors recommend the City Council adopt a resolution expressing opposition for the passage of Initiative Measure No. IL26-001 and Initiative Measure No. IL26-638 on the November 3, 2026, general election ballot.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact.

¹ <https://tpchd.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Violence-Prevention-Data-Report.pdf>

² <https://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/wp-content/archive/Serving-Our-Youth-July-2012.pdf>

³ <https://nfhs.org/stories/sports-participation-barriers-for-girls-challenges-and-solutions>