



## RESOLUTION NO. 41872

1 BY REQUEST OF MAYOR IBSEN AND COUNCIL MEMBERS BUSHNELL,  
2 SADALGE, AND WALKER

3 A RESOLUTION expressing support for the passage of Proposition No. 1,  
4 submitted by Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma, at the April 28, 2026,  
5 Special Election.

6 WHEREAS City Council sponsors ask for a resolution expressing support  
7 for the Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma's ("Parks Tacoma") 2026 Park  
8 Improvement and Safety Bond Measure ("Proposition No. 1") to be considered at  
9 the April 28, 2026, Special Election, and

10 WHEREAS if approved, Proposition No. 1 would authorize Parks Tacoma  
11 to issue up to \$155,000,000 in Unlimited Tax General Obligation Bonds for major  
12 capital improvements across the City's parks system with no increase in current  
13 taxes for parks, and

14 WHEREAS capital improvements include environmental sustainability  
15 projects, playground and spray ground upgrades, natural area and trail  
16 improvements, community center redevelopment and renovations, waterfront and  
17 zoo improvements, ADA upgrades, and critical infrastructure updates, and

18 WHEREAS RCW 42.17A.555(1) allows elected boards, councils and  
19 commissions to "express a collective decision, or to actually vote upon a motion,  
20 proposal, resolution, order, or ordinance, or to support or oppose a ballot  
21 proposition so long as (a) any required notice of the meeting includes the title and  
22 number of the ballot proposition, and (b) members of the legislative body, members  
23 of the board, council, or commission of the special purpose district, or members of  
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1 the public are afforded an approximately equal opportunity for the expression of an  
2 opposing view; Now, Therefore,

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

4 Section 1. That the City Council endorses and hereby expresses its support  
5 for the passage of the Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma's 2026 Park  
6 Improvement and Safety Bond Measure ("Proposition No. 1"), at the April 28, 2026,  
7 Special Election, for the purposes hereinabove enumerated.  
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9 Section 2. That the City Council urges Tacoma voters to vote "Approved"  
10 on Proposition No. 1 on the April 28, 2026, Special Election ballot, substantially  
11 in the form of the ballot title as follows:  
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PROPOSITION NO. 1  
 METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT OF TACOMA  
 PARK AND RECREATION FACILITY IMPROVEMENT AND SAFETY  
 UPGRADE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS  
 \$155,000,000

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The Board of Park Commissioners of the Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma adopted Resolution No. RR4-26 concerning safety and improvement bonds for neighborhood parks and recreation facilities.

This proposition authorizes the District to improve, construct and/or expand parks, trails, community centers, playgrounds, water-play areas, restrooms, ballfields, sport courts, skate parks, and zoological facilities; expand access to parks and open spaces; acquire new park property; update deteriorating infrastructure; fund sustainability projects to protect Puget Sound; issue \$155,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum term of 21 years; and levy annual excess property taxes to repay the bonds, as provided in Resolution RR4-26.

Should this proposition be:

Approved..... [ ]

Rejected..... [ ]

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

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 Mayor

Attest:

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 City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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 City Attorney