



RESOLUTION NO. 41972

1 BY REQUEST OF COUNCIL MEMBERS DIAZ, PALMER, AND SCOTT

2 A RESOLUTION expressing opposition to the passage of Initiative Measure
3 No. IL26-001, concerning parental rights relating to their children in
4 public school, and Initiative Measure No. IL26-638, concerning
5 participation in athletics at K-12 schools, on the November 3, 2026,
6 General Election Ballot.

7 WHEREAS Washingtonians respect and care for each other; we may
8 not always agree, but we work together to protect our children from violence,
9 hate, and harassment, and

10 WHEREAS City Council sponsors ask for a resolution expressing
11 opposition to the passage of Initiative Measure Nos. IL26-001, concerning
12 parental rights relating to their children in public school, and IL26-638,
13 concerning participation in athletics at K-12 schools, to be considered on the
14 November 3, 2026, General Election Ballot, and

15 WHEREAS Initiative Measure No. IL26-001 will force schools to hand
16 over sensitive information about child abuse victims to their parents but
17 contains inadequate safeguards in circumstances where those parents may
18 also be abusers, and

19 WHEREAS this initiative does not allow disclosure to parents who are
20 under active criminal investigation for abuse but does not consider circumstances
21 outside an active criminal investigation, including the complaint stage or when
22 parents have been charged with or convicted for raping, assaulting, or otherwise
23 harming their own child and mandates their access to sensitive information,
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1 including private social work and school counseling records, putting kids at
2 greater risk, and

3 WHEREAS, by removing record protections, IL26-001 discourages
4 students facing domestic violence, sexual abuse or bullying, from seeking help
5 from trusted school counselors, who would be required to release students'
6 confidential information, and
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8 WHEREAS IL26-001 would also require schools to "out" LGBTQ+ kids,
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11 WHEREAS Initiative Measure No. IL26-638 changes the law to require
12 medical sex certification as part of sports physicals for all girls, and bans
13 parents from using birth certificates instead, and
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15 WHEREAS it could force tens of thousands of Washington girls each
16 year to undergo genital exams just to play sports, and
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18 WHEREAS currently, students stay fully clothed during sports physicals,
19 but this could change for girls, and
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21 WHEREAS boys are completely exempt from this requirement – only
22 girls will be subjected to the medical sex certification and genital exams –
23 putting another barrier between girls and sports, and
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25 WHEREAS residents of the City of Tacoma have expressed concerns to
26 the Tacoma City Council regarding the effects of Initiative Measure No. IL26-001
and Initiative Measure No. IL26-638 and called on the Tacoma City Council to
oppose them; Now, Therefore,



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

That the City Council hereby expresses its opposition to the passage of Initiative Measure Nos. IL26-001, concerning parental rights relating to their children in public school, and IL26-0638, concerning participation in athletics at K-12 schools, and urges Tacoma voters to vote against the Initiative Measures, to be considered on the November 3, 2026, General Election Ballot.

Adopted _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

City Attorney