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SUBJECT: Resolution expressing support for the Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma's 2026 Park Improvement and Safety Bond Measure to be considered at the April 28, 2026 Special Election
DATE: March 11, 2026

SUMMARY AND PURPOSE

City Council sponsors have requested a resolution expressing support for the Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma's 2026 Park Improvement and Safety Bond Measure to be considered at the April 28, 2026 Special Election, which reads as follows:

PROPOSITION NO. 1
METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT OF TACOMA
PARK AND RECREATION FACILITY IMPROVEMENT AND SAFETY UPGRADE GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
\$155,000,000

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 []

COUNCIL SPONSORS

Council Member Kristina Walker, Council Member Joe Bushnell, Council Member Sandesh Sadalge, and Mayor Anders Ibsen

BACKGROUND

City Council sponsors ask for a resolution expressing support for Proposition 1, which is the Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma's 2026 Park Improvement and Safety Bond Measure that will be on the ballot for the April 2026 Special Election.¹ If approved, Proposition 1 would authorize the Metropolitan Park District to issue up to \$155,000,000 in Unlimited Tax General Obligation Bonds for major capital improvements across Tacoma's parks system with no increase in current taxes for parks.

¹ [2026 Park Bond - Parks Tacoma](#)



- Capital improvements include environmental sustainability projects, playground and spray ground upgrades, natural area and trail improvements, community center redevelopment and renovations, waterfront and zoo improvements, ADA upgrades, and critical infrastructure updates.

ALTERNATIVES

The City Council could choose not to adopt the proposed resolution expressing support for Proposition 1.

SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION

Sponsors recommend the City Council consider the resolution on March 24, 2026.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact related to advancing the proposed resolution.

What Funding is being used to support the expense?

N/A

Are the expenditures and revenues planned and budgeted in this biennium's current budget?

N/A

Are there financial costs or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?

NO

Will the legislation have an ongoing/recurring fiscal impact?

NO

Will the legislation change the City's FTE/personnel counts?

NO

ATTACHMENTS:

None