



**CITY OF KIRKLAND**

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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** David Ramsay, City Manager

**From:** Erin Leonhart, Intergovernmental Relations Manager  
Robin S. Jenkinson, City Attorney

**Date:** December 17, 2009

**Subject:** RESOLUTIONS SUPPORTING LAKE WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT MEASURES

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that City Council hold a public hearing and consider the attached Resolutions.

**BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:**

On February 9, 2010, Kirkland voters will be asked to vote on three ballot measures for the Lake Washington School District: an Educational Programs and Operations Levy; a Capital Projects Levy; and a Modernization Bond Measure.

Proposition No. 1, Renewal of Expiring Educational Programs and Operations Levy would: continue to provide local funding for programs and educational improvement efforts. The current levy provides about 19 percent of the District's operating budget, paying for about 40 percent of non-employee related costs such as utilities, supplies, insurance and textbooks. It also pays over and above the state payments for transportation, special education services, English Language Learning programs, classified staff and substitute costs. It provides student athletics and activities, including theaters and stadiums.

Proposition No. 2, Renewal of Expiring Capital Projects Levy, includes two components: technology and facilities projects. These dollars provide a systematic life cycle approach to replacing major systems in buildings, like roofs, flooring and heating systems. The technology portion includes replacement of computers, classroom projectors, and other hardware and network infrastructure. It also provides educational software, access to research databases, emergency alert systems, and other electronic communication to parents and students.

Proposition No. 3, would authorize the District to issue \$234 million of general obligations bonds to modernize Juanita High School and ensure that all high schools in the district have modern facilities and will take advantage of current favorable construction costs and interest rates. In addition, more space is needed to handle projected enrollment growth plus needs for space for programs like all-day kindergarten. The District is also moving to a four-year high school grade configuration, which will require more space at the high schools while relieving space in the

elementary schools. To accommodate both needs, the District proposes adding two elementary schools, adding on to Redmond High School and Eastlake High School plus expanding Environmental and Adventure School.

Additional information about the ballot measures can be found on the Lake Washington School District website, specifically here: <http://www.lwsd.org/News/2010-Levy-and-Bond-Measures-Information.aspx>.

The three attached resolutions correspond to and express the Council's support for each of the Lake Washington School District ballot measures. Under RCW 42.17.130, the Council may vote on a resolution to support or oppose a ballot proposition "so long as (a) any required notice of the meeting includes the title and number of the ballot proposition, and (b) members of the legislative body or members of the public are afforded an approximately equal opportunity for the expression of any opposing view; . . ."

The City Clerk published notice of the public hearing and included the ballot titles and proposition numbers in the notice.

Attachments

RESOLUTION R-4794

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND STATING THE CITY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT FOR LAKE WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 414'S PROPOSITION NO. 1 REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS LEVY.

WHEREAS, on February 9, 2010, voters in the City of Kirkland will decide whether to approve Lake Washington School District No. 414's Educational Programs and Operations Levy; and

WHEREAS, the Educational Programs and Operations Levy provides local funding for programs and educational improvement efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Educational Programs and Operations Levy provides about 19 percent of the District's operating budget, paying for about 40 percent of non-employee related costs such as utilities, supplies, insurance, and textbooks; and

WHEREAS, the Educational Programs and Operations Levy also pays over and above the state payments for transportation, special education services, English Language Learning programs, classified staff, and substitute costs; and

WHEREAS, the investment in top-quality education for our children is an important part of the quality of life enjoyed by Kirkland residents; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to State law, RCW 42.17.130, the City Council of Kirkland desires to show its support for the Lake Washington School District No. 414's Educational Programs and Operations Levy;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Kirkland as follows:

Section 1. The City Council hereby supports Lake Washington School District No. 414 Proposition No. 1, Replacement of Existing Educational Programs and Operations Levy.

Section 2. The City Council hereby urges Kirkland voters to support the Educational Programs and Operations Levy measure to ensure continued high quality education to the benefit of our community and quality of life.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010.

Signed in authentication thereof this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
2010.

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MAYOR

Attest:

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City Clerk

RESOLUTION R-4795

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND STATING THE CITY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT FOR LAKE WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 414'S PROPOSITION NO. 2 REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING CAPITAL PROJECTS LEVIES.

WHEREAS, on February 9, 2006, voters in the City of Kirkland will decide whether to approve replacement of the existing Lake Washington School District No. 414's Capital Projects Levy; and

WHEREAS, while the Capital Projects Levy appears on the ballot as one measure, it includes both technology and facilities components; and

WHEREAS, the facility items to be paid for through the renewal Capital Projects Levy include replacing major systems in building systems, such as roofs, flooring and heating systems at appropriate times through the life of a school building; and

WHEREAS, the technology portion provides tools that help students to learn and teachers to teach, provides for replacement of computers, classroom projectors, other hardware and network infrastructure, as well as providing educational software, access to research databases, emergency alert systems, and other electronic communication to parents and students; and

WHEREAS, the investment in top-quality educational facilities and technology for our children is an important part of the quality of life enjoyed by Kirkland residents; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to State law, RCW 42.17.130, the City Council of Kirkland desires to show its support for the Lake Washington School District No. 414's Capital Projects Levy;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Kirkland as follows:

Section 1. The City Council hereby supports Lake Washington School District No. 414 Proposition No. 2, Replacement of Existing Capital Projects Levies.

Section 2. The City Council hereby urges Kirkland voters to support the Capital Projects Levies measure to ensure continued high quality education to the benefit of our community and quality of life.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010.

Signed in authentication thereof this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
2010.

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MAYOR

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City Clerk

RESOLUTION R-4796

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND STATING THE CITY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT FOR LAKE WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 414'S PROPOSITION NO. 3 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS - \$234,000,000.

WHEREAS, on February 9, 2006, voters in the City of Kirkland will decide whether to approve Lake Washington School District No. 414's General Obligation Bonds - \$234,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the General Obligation Bonds would provide funding to modernize Juanita High School, make additions to Redmond High School and Eastlake High School, construct and equip two new elementary schools and an Environmental and Adventure School, and make other capital improvements; and

WHEREAS, more space is needed to handle projected enrollment growth, plus needs for programs such as all-day kindergarten, without which substantial overcrowding will result; and

WHEREAS, the District is moving to a four-year high school grade configuration, which will require more space at the high schools, but will free space in the elementary schools; and

WHEREAS, the investment in top-quality educational facilities for our children is an important part of the quality of life enjoyed by Kirkland residents; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to State law, RCW 42.17.130, the City Council of Kirkland desires to show its support for the Lake Washington School District No. 414's General Obligation Bonds - \$234,000,000;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Kirkland as follows:

Section 1. The City Council hereby supports Lake Washington School District No. 414 Proposition No. 3, General Obligation Bonds - \$234,000,000.

Section 2. The City Council hereby urges Kirkland voters to support the General Obligation Bonds measure to ensure continued high quality education to the benefit of our community and quality of life.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010.

Signed in authentication thereof this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010.

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MAYOR

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