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MEMORANDUM

To: Dave Ramsay, City Manager
From: Robin S. Jenkinson, City Attorney
Date: January 5, 2006
Subject: Resolutions Supporting Lake Washington School District Ballot Measures

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Council consider the attached resolutions following a public hearing.

BACKGROUND DISCUSSION:

On February 7, 2006, 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, the Educational Programs and Operations Levy would: provide local funding for programs and educational improvement efforts; provide over 19% of District operating funds; and support costs not fully funded by the state. The Educational Programs and Operations Levy would pay for: additional staff beyond those funded by the state; teacher planning and preparation time; and programs to meet student instructional needs such as Special Education, English Language Learners, gifted, and safety net. Further, the Educational Programs and Operations Levy would pay for: instructional materials and textbooks; all funding for extra curricular activities and athletics; safety and security; transportation; and facility maintenance. Because nearby districts (Bellevue and Northshore) have a higher levy lid or greater salary allocation from the legislature, the Lake Washington School District must use more of its Educational Programs and Levy dollars to keep salaries at a level that attracts quality staff.

Proposition No. 2, the Replacement of Existing Capital Projects Levy, has two sections: facilities improvement projects; and continuation of the District's technology plan. If approved, the facilities improvement portion of the Levy would provide funding for the following: safety (\$3.5 m); energy (\$5.0 m); building systems (\$16.7 m); fields and playgrounds (\$3.5 m); individual school projects (\$2.5 m) for a total of \$31.2 m. If approved, the technology plan portion of the Levy would provide funding for the following: classroom computers (\$12.0 m); network upgrades (\$2.5 m); training and software (\$7.4 m); support staff computers (\$1.0 m); technology projects (\$1.2 m); and supportive technologies (\$9.4 m) for a total of \$33.5 m.

Proposition No. 3, would authorize the District to issue \$436,000,000 of general obligations bonds to modernize: Lake Washington High; Finn Hill and Rose Hill Junior Highs; Bell, Frost, Keller, Muir, Rush, Sandburg, and Community Elementary Schools and International Community School. The funds would also be used to construct and equip a new elementary school on the Sammamish Plateau.

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.

RESOLUTION R-4545

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 7, 2006, 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 over 19% of District operating funds; and

WHEREAS, the Educational Programs and Operations Levy supports costs not fully funded by the state such as: additional staff; competitive teacher salaries; teacher planning and preparation time; and programs to meet student instructional needs such as Special Education, English Language Learners, gifted and safety net; and

WHEREAS, the Educational Programs and Operations Levy pays for: instructional materials and textbooks; all funding for extra curricular activities and athletics; safety and security; transportation; and facility maintenance; and

WHEREAS, nearby districts (Bellevue and Northshore) have a higher levy lid or greater salary allocation from the legislature and as a result the Lake Washington School District must use more of its Educational Programs and Operations Levy dollars to keep salaries at a level that attracts quality staff; 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 _____, 2006.

Signed in authentication thereof this ____ day of _____, 2006.

MAYOR

Attest:

City Clerk

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RESOLUTION R-4546

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 LEVY.

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2006, voters in the City of Kirkland will decide whether to approve Lake Washington School District No. 414's Capital Projects Levy; and

WHEREAS, the Capital Projects Levy has two sections: facilities improvement projects; and continuation of the District's technology plan; and

WHEREAS, the facility improvement projects include: safety (\$3.5 m); energy (\$5.0 m); building systems (\$16.7 m); fields and playgrounds (\$3.5 m); and individual school projects (\$2.5 m) for a total of \$31.2 m; and

WHEREAS, the District's technology plan includes: classroom computers (\$12.0 m); networking upgrades (\$2.5 m); training and software (\$7.4 m); support staff computers (\$1.0 m); technology projects (\$1.2 m); and supportive technologies (\$9.4) for a total of \$33.5 m; 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 Levy.

Section 2. The City Council hereby urges Kirkland voters to support the Capital Projects 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 _____, 2006.

Signed in authentication thereof this _____ day of _____, 2006.

MAYOR

Attest:

City Clerk

RESOLUTION R-4547

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 - \$436,000,000.

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2006, voters in the City of Kirkland will decide whether to approve Lake Washington School District No. 414's General Obligation Bonds - \$436,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the General Obligation Bonds would provide funding to modernize: Lake Washington High; Finn Hill and Rose Hill Junior Highs; Bell, Frost, Keller, Muir, Rush, Sandburg and Community Elementary Schools and International Community School; and

WHEREAS, under the current four-phase modernization plan, modernization is: upgrading all basic systems including heat, electricity, and water; building a new building on the old site where that is more cost-effective than fixing up the old building; realigning the school layout to accommodate current instructional programs; and building in instructional technology; 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 - \$436,000,000;

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 - \$436,000,000.

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 _____, 2006.

Signed in authentication thereof this ____ day of _____, 2006.

MAYOR

Attest:

City Clerk