



LAKWOOD CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Monday, January 22, 2024

7:00 P.M.

City of Lakewood

6000 Main Street SW

Lakewood, WA 98499

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

R E G U L A R A G E N D A

RESOLUTION

(2) Resolution No. 2024-02

Expressing support for the Clover Park School District Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy coming before the voters on February 13, 2024 as Proposition 1.

(7) Resolution No. 2024-03

Expressing opposition for the Clover Park School District Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy coming before the voters on February 13, 2024 as Proposition 1.

ADJOURNMENT

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REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

DATE ACTION IS REQUESTED: January 22, 2024	TITLE: Expressing a position on Proposition No. 1 Clover Park School District No. 400 Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy	TYPE OF ACTION: — ORDINANCE <u>X</u> RESOLUTION 2024-02 RESOLUTION 2024-03 — MOTION — OTHER
REVIEW: January 16, 2024	ATTACHMENTS: Resolution in opposition Resolution in support	

SUBMITTED BY: Heidi Ann Wachter, City Attorney

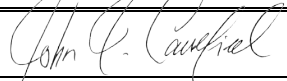
BACKGROUND: The is the date set to consider taking a position regarding Proposition No. 1 Clover Park School District No. 400 Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy, coming before the voters on February 13, 2024.

DISCUSSION: In order to express opposition or support for Proposition No. 1 Clover Park School District No. 400 Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy on behalf of the City, procedural steps proscribed by state law must be followed.¹ First, notice for the meeting at which action may be taken “must include the title and number of the ballot proposition,”² and second, “members of the legislative body or members of the public must be allowed an approximately equal opportunity to express an opposing view.”³

The City provided notice as required and offered the opportunity for public input at the public hearing held January 16, 2024 as part of the City Council meeting. These procedural steps having been met, the City Council may now consider adoption of a resolution taking a position on Proposition No. 1 Clover Park School District No. 400 Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy.

ALTERNATIVE(S): The City Council is not required to take any position on Proposition No. 1 Clover Park School District No. 400 Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy. Having satisfied the state proscribed predicate procedural steps, the City Council may adopt a resolution expressing either opposition or support for the Proposition.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.

Heidi Ann Wachter, City Attorney Prepared by	 City Manager Review
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¹ RCW 42.17A.555 (1) Use of public office or agency facilities in campaigns – Prohibition – Exceptions.

² Id.

³ Id.

DISCUSSION: (continued) The Board of Directors of Clover Park School District No. 400 adopted Resolution No. 24-029 concerning a proposition to finance educational programs and operations expenses. If approved, Proposition No. 1 will authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, in place of an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, for educational programs and operations expenses not funded by the State:

<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2025	\$2.36	\$25,725,495
2026	\$2.36	\$26,497,260
2027	\$2.36	\$27,292,178
2028	\$2.36	\$28,110,943

The above as provided in [Resolution No. 24-029](#) and subject to legal limits on levy rates and amounts at the time of the levy. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-02

A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Lakewood, Washington, expressing support for the Clover Park School District Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy coming before the voters on February 13, 2024 as Proposition 1.

WHEREAS, education is critical to the moral, emotional and intellectual development of all residents of the City of Lakewood; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that the Clover Park School District, with more than 12,600 enrolled students, has proposed this levy to replace the district's current programs and operations levy, which expires in December of 2024; and

WHEREAS, on February 13, 2024, the Clover Park School District has placed a Special Election on the following proposition:

Special Election - Proposition No. 1 Replacement Educational Program and Operations Levy

The Board of Directors of Clover Park School District No. 400 adopted Resolution No. 24-029 concerning a proposition to finance educational programs and operations expenses. If approved, Proposition No. 1 will authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, in place of an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, for educational programs and operations expenses not funded by the State:

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all as provided in Resolution No. 24-029 and subject to legal limits on levy rates and amounts at the time of the levy. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

WHEREAS, levy funds are needed to maintain reduced class sizes, to purchase textbooks and classroom instructional materials, to purchase library materials and fund librarians, to provide elementary and career guidance counselors, to provide educational program improvements (gifted, special education and assessments) and interventions, to provide districtwide teaching and learning activities, and after-school, extended learning programs; and

WHEREAS, levy funds will be used to provide school technology to support effective instruction and student learning, including classroom computer stations, instructional software and programs; and

WHEREAS, levy funds will be used for school safety and security, including school resource officers (police), campus supervisors, increased health room support, increased student safety, mental health and behavior intervention supports, emergency management preparation, and facility alarm and monitoring systems; and

WHEREAS, levy funds will be used for extracurricular programs and activities, including clubs, music, performing arts and sports; and

WHEREAS, levy funds will be used for facility maintenance and operations, including building maintenance and repairs, custodians and maintenance staff to maintain healthy and safe learning environments; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Lakewood believes that a strong public education system is not only essential for our children, but is vital to the health of our community as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Lakewood recognizes not all educational costs are fully funded by the state, and passage of this replacement levy is necessary to help properly prepare the youth of Lakewood for the challenges of the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES, as follows:

Section 1. That the City Council expresses its support for the passage of the Clover Park School District Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy, which will come before the voters on February 13, 2024.

Section 2. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon passage and signatures hereon.

PASSED by the City Council this 22nd day of January, 2024.

CITY OF LAKEWOOD

Jason Whalen, Mayor

Attest:

Briana Schumacher, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Heidi Ann Wachter, City Attorney

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-03

A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Lakewood, Washington, expressing opposition for the Clover Park School District Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy coming before the voters on February 13, 2024 as Proposition 1.

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that the Clover Park School District, with more than 12,600 enrolled students, has proposed this levy to replace the district's current programs and operations levy, which expires in December of 2024; and

WHEREAS, on February 13, 2024, the Clover Park School District has placed a Special Election on the following proposition:

Special Election - Proposition No. 1 Replacement Educational Program and Operations Levy

The Board of Directors of Clover Park School District No. 400 adopted Resolution No. 24-029 concerning a proposition to finance educational programs and operations expenses. If approved, Proposition No. 1 will authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, in place of an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, for educational programs and operations expenses not funded by the State:

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WHEREAS, the City Council has carefully considered the need for this replacement levy; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has provided an opportunity for the public to comment on Special Election - Proposition No. 1 Replacement Educational Program and Operations Levy.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES, as follows:

Section 1. That the City Council expresses its opposition for the passage of the Clover Park School District Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy, which will come before the voters on February 13, 2024.

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PASSED by the City Council this 22nd day of January, 2024.

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