

Ballot Title

The Board of Directors of Puyallup School District No. 3 adopted Resolution No. 55 2021-22, concerning funding for safety, security, infrastructure and technology improvements. If approved, Proposition No. 2 will authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes on all taxable property within the District to fund fire protection, security upgrades, site/building and technology improvements, transportation facilities consolidation, and maintenance facility replacement:

Collection Years	Estimated Levy Rate per \$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2023	\$0.82	\$20,833,000
2024	\$0.79	\$20,833,000
2025	\$0.75	\$20,833,000
2026	\$0.72	\$20,833,000
2027	\$0.70	\$20,833,000
2028	\$0.67	\$20,833,000

as provided in Resolution No. 55 2021-22. Should Proposition No. 2 be approved?

Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition No. 2 would allow the levy of taxes over a six year period to pay for infrastructure improvements and renovations that improve the safety, security and technology access throughout schools and facilities, including, but not limited to: (1) upgrading fire protection infrastructure and security intrusion systems; (2) improving heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems and equipment, lighting, roofing, and flooring; (3) expanding student access to technology through infrastructure enhancements and equipment improvements; (4) improving traffic safety at schools to address student pick-up and drop-off traffic flow; (5) enhancing school grounds, athletic tracks and fields; and (6) replacing critically deficient maintenance facility and consolidating transportation facilities for service efficiency. Further information is available at <https://www.puyallup.k12.wa.us/>.

The proposed six-year capital levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide \$20,833,000 each year from 2023 through and including 2028. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$0.82 in 2023, \$0.79 in 2024, \$0.75 in 2025, \$0.72 in 2026, \$0.70 in 2027, and \$0.67 in 2028 (estimated levy rate per \$1,000 of assessed value). Exemptions from taxes may be available, call Pierce County Assessor at 253.798.2169.

Statement For

This 6-year levy will ensure our schools are safe and secure learning environments for over 22,000 students over the next 6 years. This levy will only add an estimated \$23 per month for the average homeowner. As the 7th largest school district in the state, our learning spaces matter, because our students matter.

Creating Safe and Secure Schools

This levy will upgrade fire protection infrastructure, enhance security intrusion systems, improve HVAC systems, replace critically deficient roofs, address student pick-up and drop-off at schools with traffic flow issues, enhance school grounds, junior high athletic tracks, and elementary playgrounds.

Organizational Efficiency

This Capital Levy will expand technology access, consolidate transportation facilities which will improve bus service for students and families, and replace the critically deficient maintenance facility.

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Help us reimagine our 'tradition of excellence' today by preparing for tomorrow. Vote yes for kids and schools!

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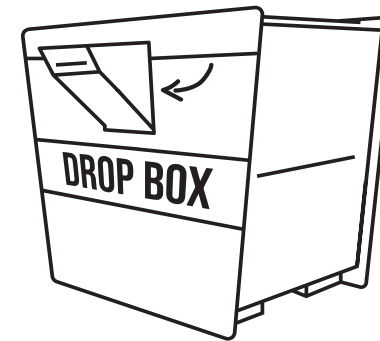
Statement Against

No statement was submitted against this issue.

SPECIAL ELECTION - FEBRUARY 8, 2022

Official Local Voters' Pamphlet published by the Pierce County Auditor's Office.

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(No stamp required)
Drop off ballot by 8 p.m.
February 8, 2022.

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Must be postmarked
February 8, 2022.



Scan to view drop box locations or visit PierceCountyWa.gov/334

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To register to vote, you must be:

- A citizen of the United States.
- A legal resident of Washington State.
- At least 18 years old by Election Day.
- Not serving a sentence of total confinement for a felony.

Three ways to register:

- Online - VoteWa.gov
- By mail - Call us at (253) 798-VOTE and we will mail you a form.
- In person - Pierce County Election Center, 2501 S 35th St, Suite C, Tacoma, WA 98409

Registration Deadlines: Online/Mail - January 31. In person - February 8.

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Pierce County Election Center
2501 S 35th St. Tacoma, WA 98409

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Open Monday - Friday
8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Extended hours on Election Day
8:30 AM - 8:00 PM

- PierceCountyElections.org
- 253-798-VOTE (8683)**
- Elections@PierceCountyWa.gov
- Pierce County Auditor**

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Disability Assistance



Center for Independence
(253) 582-1253 (voice)
(800) 724-8172

Hearing, Speech & Deafness Center
(253) 475-0782 (voice)
(253) 474-1748 (TTY)
(253) 292-2209 (videophone)

Tacoma Area Coalition of
Individuals with Disabilities
(253) 565-9000 (voice)
711 (TTY)

Ballot Title

The City Council of the City of Puyallup adopted Ordinance 3243 concerning a proposition for its public safety facilities. This proposition authorizes the City to construct, develop, equip, acquire, and improve City public safety facilities, including constructing a new Public Safety Facility to house police, jail and municipal court, and improve facilities to create a downtown police substation; issue up to \$81,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum of 25 years to finance such projects; and levy annual excess property taxes to repay the bonds, as provided in Ordinance 3243. Should this proposition be approved?

Explanatory Statement

The City of Puyallup seeks voter approval for financing for its public safety facilities. The City's existing police station and jail were built in the 1960s and the City leases space for municipal court. Existing facilities are not effective at meeting law enforcement needs in the modern policing era, or for municipal court operations.

Proceeds of the bonds will be used to construct public safety facilities to house the City's police station, jail, and municipal court on 3.5 acres of City land located on South Hill. To continue a visible police presence downtown Puyallup, proceeds will also be used to improve existing City facilities to create a police substation. Without voter approval, the City does not have funding to pay for these projects.

The bonds would mature within 25 years and would be paid by annual excess property taxes. The average levy rate is estimated to be approximately \$0.611/\$1,000 of assessed property value or, for a home with an assessed value of \$350,000, approximately \$214/year (\$17.80/month). Homeowners who are 61 years or older, disabled, and who meet low-income requirements may qualify for a property tax exemption.

Statement For

Why Puyallup needs a new public safety building. Due to significant tell-tale signs of failing infrastructure and costly maintenance, Proposition One funds the construction of a facility to consolidate the Police, Jail, and Municipal Court all in one location.

Growth in population, police workforce, and inmates have rendered the building inadequate. Built more than 50 years ago, the existing building was designed to hold 23 police officers and 21 inmates. Today, it is overcrowded and cannot physically sustain a police department that's grown four times the capacity to effectively serve a growing population.

A modern building is a critical investment in public safety and essential services. The existing facility is failing, outdated, and overcrowded. A modern and more efficient municipal court and jail allow our officers to hold criminals accountable. It also means greater access to mental health, medical, and counseling services.

Unanimously approved by the City Council and endorsed by the Puyallup Police Association. Puyallup residents have supported our schools and Fire Department for years, we need your support now to help our Police Officers maintain a safe community for generations to come. Your Yes vote is an investment in Puyallup's future. Thank you!

Rebuttal Statement

Public safety is paramount. Misdemeanor crimes are on the rise. The new jail can provide Puyallup citizens reassurance that criminals can be booked and held. Due to restrictions and overcrowding in Pierce County jail, Puyallup Police could lose control on who to arrest if it relies on the County. Transporting criminals from City to County also wastes time and resources. Furthermore, building costs will increase and lives severely impacted, if we don't address it now.

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Statement Against

Puyallup residents do not deserve a \$520/year property tax increase to build a public safety building that will require the city to bring criminals into our community from around the region to pay for the building.

The plan creates a regional jail. The city will depend on importing other city's offenders to finance the building.

There has been excess jail space in the region for years. Jail contracts typically run from three to five years, but the bond is for 25 years. The city's plan relies on an increasing population and an increasing crime rate.

The success of the city's plan requires jails to be a growth industry. Crime is down and costs of maintaining a jail rise every year. Other governments in Washington have tried this and lost money, and taxpayers have ended up paying the difference. *Residents deserve a thorough and transparent process.* The cost of the project has changed dramatically, and no estimates of the operating costs have been presented to the citizens. There has been no public outreach with the taxpayers who will be impacted.

Rebuttal Statement

It is cheaper to continue to rent court facilities than to build a court building. The City's estimate of future jail use assumes other cities will continue to use the Puyallup Jail. Contracts are short term. The taxpayers will be paying for this building for twenty-five years. Vote No on this Proposition and encourage the City Council to begin an open and public process as they have for the Shaw Road project

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Ballot Title

The Board of Directors of Puyallup School District No. 3 adopted Resolution No. 54 2021-22 concerning replacement levy for educational programs, operations and facility maintenance. If approved, Proposition No. 1 will authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes on all taxable property within the District to fund operations (teachers, aides, nurses, instructional materials, lower class sizes, arts, music, athletics, maintenance) not funded by the State's statutory program:

Collection Years	Estimated Levy Rate per \$1,000 of Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2023	\$2.49	\$62,976,738
2024	\$2.46	\$65,357,581
2025	\$2.46	\$67,998,879
2026	\$2.46	\$70,716,915

as provided in Resolution No. 54 2021-22. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the Puyallup School District to replace an existing educational programs and operations levy that will expire at the end of calendar year 2022. The proposed replacement levy will maintain K-12 programs and fund daily operations not funded by the State. The proposed levy would continue funding classroom teachers, instructional assistants, nurses, special education instruction, advanced classes for high-achieving students, supplemental programs to bring students up to grade level, textbooks and learning materials, reasonable class sizes, arts, music, extra-curricular programs and athletic programs, and maintain facilities and playgrounds and playfields. Further information is available at <https://www.puyallup.k12.wa.us/>.

The proposed replacement levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide up to \$62,976,738 in 2023, \$65,357,581 in 2024, \$67,998,879 in 2025 and \$70,716,915 in 2026. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$2.49 in 2023 and \$2.46 in 2024 through and including 2026 (estimated levy rate per \$1,000 of assessed value). The exact tax levy rate and amounts to be collected may be adjusted based upon the limitations imposed by State law at the time of the levy. Exemptions from taxes may be available, call Pierce County Assessor at 253.798.2169.

Statement For

Funds the Essentials

Local levies are vital. Federal and state funding does not fully cover the actual costs of providing critical services to students. This levy helps us recruit and retain highly qualified teachers, additional nurses and counselors, and maintain lower class sizes. It also pays for essential programs including athletics, music, and arts, and daily operations like transportation and maintenance. Without your yes vote, staff and programs would be limited.

No New Tax

This levy is not a new tax nor an increase. It renews a levy which will expire in 2022. Our children and teachers heavily rely on this local funding for the daily operations of each school.

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