

# Auburn School District No. 408

## Proposition No. 1

### Bonds for Replacement of Aging Schools - \$239,000,000



#### Official Ballot Title:

The Board of Directors of Auburn School District No. 408 approved a proposition for bonds. This proposition authorizes the District to plan, construct and equip the replacements of Auburn High School, Olympic Middle School and Terminal Park Elementary School and make other capital improvements, to issue \$239,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum term of 20 years, and levy excess property taxes annually to repay the bonds, as described in Resolution 1102. Should this proposition be approved or rejected?

#### Explanatory Statement:

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the issuance of \$239,000,000 of bonds by Auburn School District No. 408 (the "District") to provide funding for planning, constructing, and equipping the replacement of Auburn High School, Olympic Middle School and Terminal Park Elementary School and make other capital improvements. In accordance with Resolution No. 1102 approving this proposition, the bonds would be repaid out of annual property tax levies over a period of 20 years. The exact amount of such annual levies for these bonds would depend on the amount of principal paid each year and on the interest rates available at the time the bonds are sold, but levies are expected to average approximately \$1.57 per \$1,000 of assessed value for the term of the bonds.

#### Statement For:

The Auburn School District has had a long-term commitment to providing schools to house our growing student population to support quality education for our kids. A recent Citizens' Ad Hoc Committee recommended the school district examine all of its facilities and develop a master plan to upgrade and/or replace aging schools. Now is the time to invest in our existing schools and replace our aging ones. This proposition will replace some of our oldest schools: Auburn High School, Olympic Middle School and Terminal Park Elementary School, on their existing sites.

Rebuilding these schools will ensure the continuation of quality educational programs within a safe school environment. These schools will be built to new educational standards, provide modern learning environments, technology, improved health, safety, security, and access for persons with disabilities. The school designs will ensure environmental, energy efficient, and sustainable school construction, while maintaining a level school tax rate.

Committee Members: Ryan Anderson and Clarissa Ruston, Auburn Citizens for Schools, YesforAuburnSchools.org

#### Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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## Proposition No. 2

### Capital Improvements Levy



#### Official Ballot Title:

The Board of Directors of Auburn School District No. 408 adopted Resolution #1103 concerning a capital improvements levy. The proposition authorizes the modernization of District facilities by implementing facilities improvement projects; and authorizes the following excess levies for such purposes on all taxable property within the District:

| <u>Collection Years</u> | <u>Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value</u> | <u>Levy Amount</u> |
|-------------------------|---|--------------------|
| 2010                    | \$1.37  | \$14,100,000       |
| 2011                    | \$1.27  | \$13,400,000       |
| 2012                    | \$0.61  | \$ 6,600,000       |
| 2013                    | \$0.55  | \$ 6,100,000       |
| 2014                    | \$0.33  | \$ 3,850,000       |
| 2015                    | \$0.20  | \$ 2,350,000       |

all as provided in District Resolution #1103. Should this proposition be approved?

#### Explanatory Statement:

Passage of Proposition No. 2 would allow the levy of \$46,400,000 in property taxes within Auburn School District No. 408 (the "District") for collection in the school years 2009-2010 through 2015-2016. In accordance with Resolution No. 1103, these taxes would be deposited in the District's Capital Projects Fund to pay part of the cost of modernizing educational facilities at Alpac, Chinook, Dick Scobee, Evergreen Heights, Gildo Rey, Hazelwood, Ilako, Lea Hill, Lake View, Pioneer, Terminal Park and Washington Elementary Schools; Cascade, Mt. Baker and Rainier Middle Schools; Auburn, Auburn Riverside and West Auburn High Schools; Auburn Memorial Stadium, Auburn Pool, Administrative Annex, Administrative Building, Support Services and Transportation Centers. Improvements include, but not limited to, interior and exterior improvements, roofing, site, structural, mechanical and electrical work, modernization, construction of additions and acquisition of equipment. If authorized by the voters, property taxes would be collected at a rate estimated to be \$1.37 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2010, \$1.27 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2011, \$0.61 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2012, \$0.55 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2013, \$0.33 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2014 and \$0.20 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2015.

#### Statement For:

The most recent Citizen's Ad Hoc Committee recommended the school district examine all of its facilities and develop a master plan to upgrade facilities. This fall a steering committee reviewed over 2,700 items and recommended a plan to upgrade the district facilities. The resulting proposition will address essential needs of our schools and other district facilities: providing improved ADA access; essential improvements to building exteriors and interiors, roofing and structural; provide energy conservation measures with improvements to heating and ventilation systems and lighting systems and controls; as well as improvements to playgrounds and fields. These essential improvements will enhance the learning environments and facilities for our children and community, and are vital for all of our students. This proposition will implement the recommendations from the Citizens' Ad Hoc Committee and Steering Committee and while maintaining a level tax rate.

Committee Members: Ryan Anderson and Clarissa Ruston, Auburn Citizens for Schools, YesforAuburnSchools.org

#### Statement Against:

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