

Letter from the Auditor



Pierce County Auditor's Office

Dear Pierce County Voter:

The 2004 General Election Voters' Pamphlet is filled with valuable information about local candidates and issues. I hope you find it useful when making your voting decisions. For information about state and national races, look for the voters' pamphlet provided by the Secretary of State's Office.

Pat McCarthy
Pierce County Auditor

Before we discuss the General Election, let's take a quick look back at the Primary. Let me start by saying I'm proud of Pierce County voters for participating in the 2004 Primary Election. Even though the voting method was controversial, turnout was still 43.87% of registered voters. That's almost exactly the same percentage as the 2000 Presidential Primary Election. Evidently, the new primary model didn't stop those who wanted to cast their ballots.

Keri Rawlings-Rooney
Chief Deputy Auditor

Lori Grant
Fiscal Manager

My goal, and that of my team of dedicated election workers, was to carry out an accurate, open and efficient Primary under the new state law. To be successful, we created an extensive voter education program that included postcards, newspaper ads, TV public service announcements, ballot inserts, posters, speaking engagements and a primary response form.

Steve Kosche
Information Specialist

Lori Augino
Elections Manager

Thousands of the response forms were returned. Results show most did not like the new primary. Rest assured I'll be sharing that information with the decision makers in Olympia.

Pat McLean
Licensing Supervisor

Now, onto the 2004 General Election! Let me tell you what we're doing to make sure every vote counts. First, we're expecting a record voter turnout so we're making preparations to handle the increased volume. Second, we're working hard to see that everyone who wants to register is properly entered in the system and can participate. Third, we have expanded the testing of our voting systems and equipment to ensure accuracy.

Patti Shay
Licensing Supervisor

Suzi Kosche
Recording Manager

For those who voted in the Primary, you may recall the return envelope postage was paid. That was courtesy of a one time allocation of state funds. For the General Election ballot, you will be required to add your own 37¢ stamp. To save postage without sacrificing convenience, many voters drop their ballots off at one of our 12 Express Booths located throughout the county. (See locations inside.)

Let me close by telling you about the pamphlet cover. It's the winning poster of our county-wide Voting is Cool Poster contest. You can learn more about this fun contest and the Voting is Cool Program in this pamphlet. You can also find out more about our Military and Overseas Voting Program and our award winning College Outreach Program.

Remember, if you need assistance or have questions, give my office a call at the number on the back of the pamphlet or visit our website at www.piercecountywa.org/auditor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pat McCarthy".

Pat McCarthy



Executive



John W. Ladenburg
Democratic
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Education: Stadium High School 1967; Gonzaga University 1971, BS Degree Political Science; Gonzaga University, 1974, Doctor of Law

Occupation: Pierce County Executive

Professional Qualifications: Three years of experience as Pierce County Executive after having served fourteen years as Pierce County Prosecutor and five years as Tacoma City Council member.

Personal Information: John and his wife, Connie, are lifelong residents of Pierce County. They raised their five children here and are enjoying their three grandchildren. One of sixteen children, John knows the value of hard work. He has a personal and family stake in Pierce County.

Community Involvement: John helped found Safe Streets, the Food Bank, and the effort to save the South Tacoma Boys and Girls club. He and his family have also been active in Habitat for Humanity. John is active in the Chamber of Commerce and the Economic Development District.

Personal Views: John has been a committed Executive. He serves as the Vice President of the Puget Sound Regional Council. He serves as the President of the Central Puget Sound Economic Development District. He serves as the Chair of Sound Transit, and helped restore that agency to financial stability. He believes in cleaning up Pierce County through his creation of the Pierce County Responds Clean up program.

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Greg A. Bakamis
Republican
18610 70th Ave Ct E
Puyallup, WA 98375
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Education: Pullman Public Schools and WSU.

Occupation: General Manager Evergreen Entertainment

Professional Qualifications: 28 years business owner and/or manager.

Personal Information: Wife Bonnie: three children ages 13, 15, 24

Community Involvement:

Personal Views: The County Executive must have integrity, common sense, and the ability to regain the public's trust while restoring sound management principles. I'm not a career politician. This is my first entry into politics. I'm seeking the County Executive post to bring Pierce County a government we can trust and be proud of. At 50 years of age, I'm still young enough to care about tomorrow, but old enough to do something about it today. Born and raised in Washington, my family and I reside in Puyallup. My friends, neighbors and other working families share my concerns about the future of Pierce County. Pierce County could have a vibrant economy, with working families secure in their jobs. With the vast difference in the Pierce County Economy ranging from agriculture, aerospace, national/international trade and tourism, the County Executive needs to be more in touch with the citizens that drive all our industries. My promise to the voters is to use sound management principles to restore trust and confidence in County Government.

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Assessor-Treasurer



Ken Madsen
Democratic
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Roy, WA 98580
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Education: BA & MBA

Occupation: *Assessor-Treasurer for Pierce County*, Former Green Beret, Dunn & Bradstreet Account Manager, WA Natural Gas Employee

Professional Qualifications: Ken Madsen has a record of saving taxpayers money and axing government waste! His background includes: the Governor's *Efficiency* and *Accountability* Commission & the Committee on *Open Government*. Consider what Ken Madsen has accomplished so far: *Reduced* the Assessor-Treasurer's Budget by \$500,000, *Eliminated* Office Overtime, *Increased* Employee Productivity and Accountability, *Implemented* a Computer System for *Accuracy, Efficiency and Equity*.

Personal Information: Ken lives on a farm in Roy and has lived in Pierce County for 35 years.

Community Involvement: VFW, AMVETS, Kiwanis, Tacoma Sportsman's Club, Bates Technical College Foundation Board, Tacoma Elks, Roy Grange

Personal Views: *Ken is Committed to Making Every Cent Count!* He is a *responsible advocate* for taxpayers. He has a *common-sense* approach to management and the *experience* it takes to get the job done. We can't afford to have anyone but **Ken Madsen** as our Assessor-Treasurer. Join us, Tacoma Pierce County Realtors, Master Builders Association, Tacoma Longshoremen, Tacoma Fire Fighters #31, Pierce County Central Labor Council AFL-CIO, Joint Council of Teamsters #28, Pierce County Sheriff Deputy's Association and IBEW #483, in supporting **Ken Madsen**.
Vote Ken Madsen, Pierce County Assessor-Treasurer.

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Dale Washam
Republican
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Education: College Honors

Occupation: Retired Administrator

Professional Qualifications: Outstanding

Personal Information: 42 year Puyallup resident

Community Involvement: Extensive

Personal Views: The present assessor is using an excessive yearly real property revaluation program that allows the present Assessor to "*Tax To The Max*" each year. Without a real mandate of law, the present Assessor has arbitrarily increased the real property revaluation every year that he has been in office. It's time for a breath of Fresh Air in the Assessor's Office. When I'm assessor, I will implement a plan that will eliminate the present Assessor's excessive yearly real property revaluations program replacing it with a real property revaluation program pursuant to RCW 84.41.030. This would limit real property revaluations to a more just revaluation process. I have run for assessor before, I come prepared. I don't give up or sellout to special interest for money or endorsements. I'm intelligent, honest, have integrity and keep my word. I have extensive knowledge of government and law. As a pro se attorney I hold the distinction of personally arguing before the State Supreme Court and winning. My strong political and community service activities over the years have saved taxpayers millions. Please Hire me Assessor, I will serve you with integrity. In God I Trust, Dale Washam.

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Pierce County



Council, District No. 2



Calvin Goings
Democratic
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 Puyallup, WA 98373
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Education: Pierce College, Associates Degree; P.L.U., Bachelors Degree.

Occupation: County Councilmember.

Professional Qualifications: County Councilmember, 2001-Current; State Senator, 1995-2000; County Fire Commissioner, 1991-1996.

Personal Information: Calvin and his wife Amy own a home in Puyallup and are expecting their first child this December.

Community Involvement: Chamber of Commerce, Main Street Association, Pierce College Foundation.

Personal Views: It has been an honor to serve as your County Councilmember. My wife Amy and I are proud to call this community home. We want to ensure that it remains a **quality place to live, work, and raise our family**. Four years ago I pledged to put an end to business as usual. I have led the fight to improve public safety, ensure pro-active growth planning, and **restore fiscal responsibility**. By working with citizens like you progress has been made, but there is still much to be done. With your support, I will lead the charge to improve Pierce County's economy and relieve traffic congestion through a **balanced economic revitalization plan**. I will also work hard to give police and prosecutors the resources they need to fight crime. Finally, I will ensure that our hard-earned **tax dollars are spent wisely** and all taxpayers are treated fairly. I would be honored to have your support.

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Pierce County



Council, District No. 3



Kevin Wimsett
Democratic
2313 159th St Ct E
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Education: B.A.- Pacific Lutheran University; M.Ed.- City University

Occupation: County Councilmember

Professional Qualifications: Fire Commissioner (1995-2000); County Councilmember (2000-2004)

Personal Information: Married, 26 year resident

Community Involvement: Spanaway Lions Club, South Hill Community Council, South Hill Historical Society, & the Eastern Pierce County Chamber of Commerce

Personal Views: My parents came to the Pacific Northwest in 1978, when my father was assigned to duty at McChord Air Force Base. Since then, I have called Pierce County home. I learned at an early age about patriotism and service to others. I have had the privilege of working as a public school teacher, a local fire commissioner, and for the past four years as your representative on the Pierce County Council. Four years ago, I ran for office because I felt that our quality of life was being threatened by overdevelopment and a rising crime rate. During my term in office, I have led the fight for tougher regulations on growth, hiring more sheriff's deputies and prosecutors to combat crime, and restoring fiscal responsibility to county government. Progress has been made, but there is still much work to be done. I ask for the honor of your vote on Election Day. ***Let's keep working to improve our quality of life!***

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Roger Bush
Republican
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Education: B.A. (with teaching credentials), Seattle Pacific University; Master's degree, George Fox University.

Occupation: Educator/state representative.

Professional Qualifications: In addition to a successful career as an elementary teacher, Roger has served four terms in the state House of Representatives. In Olympia, Roger earned the reputation as a legislator who served his constituents well by finding reasonable ways to solve problems.

Personal Information: Roger and his wife of 35 years, Cheryl, have a married daughter who is a public school teacher, and a new grandchild.

Community Involvement: An active volunteer in many community organizations, Roger is a member of the Frederickson-Clover Creek Community Council, Graham Business Association, Eastern Pierce County Chamber of Commerce, and Church of the Nazarene.

Personal Views: *"My experience in Olympia will be an advantage in working with the state to help implement programs important to Pierce County families. For example, I worked successfully to fund local projects to improve schools and community colleges, expand recreational opportunities, and strengthen public safety by cracking down on drug dealers and drunk drivers. Protecting taxpayers by making government live within its means will continue to be one of my top priorities. I would be honored to receive your vote to serve as your county councilman. Thank you."*

Pierce County



Council, District No. 4



Tim Farrell
Democratic
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Education: B.A., Political Science; MBA, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo

Occupation: Chief of Staff, State Senator Jim Kastama, 1996-present

Professional Qualifications: Tacoma City Planning Commission (1998-2003), Legislative staff member, public relations representative, consultant on land use planning and budget issues.

Personal Information: My father's family homesteaded in Everett 110 years ago. Currently I'm renovating my home in Tacoma's North Slope Historic District. Member of BPOE #174, St. Leo's Parish, and the Sierra Club.

Community Involvement: Volunteer, Hilltop Action Coalition and Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Board member, North End Neighborhood Council. Active in the Democratic Party. Helped save Albers Mill and the Murray Morgan Bridge.

Personal Views: I believe we should 'Put People First' and preserve family farms, expand the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program, promote land-use conservation, protect the environment while improving our transportation system, and work with school districts and parks departments to expand after-school opportunities for our youth. I'll also work with Pierce County's new Economic Development Department to retain and expand existing businesses and create living-wage jobs. Harold Moss, Bill Evans, Clare Petrich, Spiro Manthou, Rosa Franklin, Ginny Eberhardt, Jeanie Peterson, Pierce County Central Labor Council, and Tacoma Firefighters Local 31 have endorsed me. Thanks for your consideration. I'd appreciate your vote on November 2.

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Pierce County



Council, District No. 6



Don Green
Democratic
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Education: Narrow View and Tillicum Elementary Schools; Woodbrook and Hudtloff Jr. Highs; Lakes High School; Ft Steilacoom (Pierce) College; B.S. Brigham Young University; Arizona State University

Occupation: Management Analyst, State of Washington

Professional Qualifications: 17 years reviewing and modifying State Government Operations. Letters of Commendation, Governor Gary Locke, 1998, 2000, 2001

Personal Information: Married 26 years to Tami Green, RN; Son, Joel 19, Lakes High School, preparing for 2-year church service; Daughter, Ginger, 24, Graduate, Evergreen State College; Grandchild, Genavive, 3

Community Involvement: Treasurer, Governor's Industrial Safety & Health Advisory Board; Chair, Pierce College Workforce Development Advisory Committee; Member, Board of Directors, Faith Homes; Member, BYU Management Society, Tacoma; Member, Site Council, Hudtloff Middle School; Past Member, Site Council, Lakes High School

Personal Views: I know Pierce County, moving to Pierce County in 1964, when my father retired from a 22-year military career. I currently reside in unincorporated Pierce County and can objectively mediate between the competing cities to meet the needs of all the citizens in Pierce County. I opposed extending the 2004 tax rate and would allow the 2005 property tax rate to decrease as is scheduled and reduce the tax burden of the businesses and citizens.

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Richard "Dick" Muri
Republican
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Steilacoom, WA 98388
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Education: Master's in Public Administration, Bachelor of Science in Environmental Health

Occupation: Parent, Pierce County Council, Wrestling Coach, Community Volunteer

Professional Qualifications: USAF 22 years, Lieutenant Colonel, Operations Officer, Director of state and national award-winning McChord AFB Quality Management Systems 1993-1997

Personal Information: Married to Mary (formerly Mary Burns of Lakes 1975) for 25 years, four children.

Community Involvement: Kiwanis Club, youth sports volunteer coach, veterans associations, Saint John Bosco Church.

Personal Views: Public safety will continue to be funded first and not used as an excuse for another sales tax increase. Property taxes are growing faster than incomes - any proposed increases or a rate freeze must be approved by the voters. As a veteran with 14 years of service experience at Fort Lewis and McChord, I understand that 40 to 60% of our Pierce County economy comes from our local military installations. I'll continue working to grow community partnerships that will ensure our bases remain strong. Our environment is important, my college degree in environmental health will help ensure legislation is based upon valid science. I have worked for Fort Steilacoom Park improvements, Tillicum sewer funding, and Clover Creek watershed improvements. I have the expertise to enhance cooperative community relationships. *I ask for your vote on November 2nd!*

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District Court



Position No. 3

Two Year Unexpired Term



Frank Dacca
PO Box 2152
Tacoma, WA 98402
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Education: Fife High School; University of Washington, BA; University of California, Davis, JD.

Occupation: Incumbent, Pierce County District Court Judge.

Professional Qualifications: Pierce County District Court Judge, Position 3; Attorney, 31 years; Pro Tem and Municipal Judge and Arbitrator for 25 years; Federal Prosecutor; Law Clerk, Washington Supreme Court; United States Army Reserves, 6 years.

Personal Information: Married to Terry for 30 years; raised 2 sons, Ryan and Joe, in Gig Harbor.

Community Involvement: Fife Park & Senior Services Board; Fife-Milton Rotary; Tacoma Urban League; Youth education & sports.

Personal Views: Judge Dacca was raised on his parents' farm in Pierce County. He attended local schools, served proudly in the military and was a small business owner. Frank's dedication to family and community values make him an exceptional judge. Judge Dacca has a reputation for common sense, hard work and fairness. He has unmatched integrity, compassion and commitment to public safety, accountability and justice for all citizens. Judge Dacca has broad-based support from public safety officials and the community, including **Tacoma Firefighters #31, Pierce County Sheriff's Guild, County Executive John Ladenburg, County Prosecutor Gerald Horne, Chief Justice Gerry Alexander, the Pierce County Central Labor Council, Senator Rosa Franklin and Rep. Jan Shabro.**

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Ron Heslop
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Education: Bachelor of Science from University of Utah and Law Degree from University of Puget Sound

Occupation: Attorney at law since 1983.

Professional Qualifications: Pro Tem Judge Pierce County District Court, Fife, Tacoma and Puyallup Municipal Courts, Pro Tem Superior Court Commissioner, prior Lakewood Municipal Judge. Attorney over 20 years, Pro Tem Judge 15 years. Extensive experience in family, real estate, personal injury, criminal and probate law.

Personal Information: Married 37 years, with four grown children; wife is a school-teacher. Army Infantry Officer, Airborne -Ranger, Military and Civilian aviator in fixed and rotary wing aircraft. Decorated Viet Nam Veteran; Prior to law school, owner of retail business consisting of three tire stores. Hobbies are travel and many outdoor sports.

Community Involvement: Scout leader over 30 years and former Fircest Council member. Volunteer regularly at the Pierce County Family Law Clinic and other free clinics. Coach of youth athletic teams and volunteers at many community activities.

Personal Views: The District Court is a very important institution. More people come in contact with the District Court than any other Court. It has greater influence and involvement with our citizens. The Court must stress fairness, impartiality, personal responsibility and follow the law.

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City of Auburn



Special Election – Proposition No. 1
Submitted by the City of Auburn
LEVY FOR LOCAL STREET IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Ballot Title: The City Council of the City of Auburn, Washington adopted Ordinance No. 5864 concerning approval of regular property tax limits to fund street improvements. This proposition would authorize a 2005 regular property tax rate of \$2.88/\$1,000 of assessed value, the same as 2004, and set the limit factor for computing the maximum levy amount in 2006-2010 at 103%. The estimated levy rate in 2010 is expected to decrease to approximately \$2.76/\$1,000 and that levy would be used to compute future levy limits under RCW 84.55. Revenues in excess of the RCW 84.55.0101 limits would be dedicated solely to a local street program. Should this proposition be approved?

Explanatory Statement: If approved by voters, this ballot measure would authorize the City to levy regular real property taxes at a rate of \$2.88 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation during 2005, the same as the current rate. The levy rate would then be subject to a 103% lid for the next five years, which means the total tax revenues cannot exceed the lid amount the following year. If the total assessed valuation of property in the City increases, as it is projected to do, the levy rates would decrease during this period. The additional funds collected would be dedicated to a local street improvement fund and would not supplant existing funds used for this purpose.

By Ordinance No. 5864, adopted on August 2, 2004, the Auburn City Council proposed establishing a plan, which if approved, would “fund a street improvement program to maintain and improve the City’s local streets system, including preservation, restoration and reconstruction of existing pavements, street drainage system, sidewalks, pedestrian walkways, handicap access ramps, provision of street lights, crosswalks, parking, traffic calming congestion improvements and other improvements determined by the City Council to provide meaningful and beneficial quality of life improvements to the City and local community.”

Statement For:

Our Streets are a Mess!

Our local Auburn streets are deteriorating—and there’s no money to fix them, thanks to dramatic decreases in State funding and loss of the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax following passage of Initiative 695.

A Dedicated Local Street Fund

Auburn Proposition 1 allows us to replace some of the lost funding needed to improve our local streets by establishing a **Dedicated Local Street Fund** to support the **Auburn Save Our Streets Program**.

These funds will be used **only** to create safe walking routes for children and seniors, repair and preserve local streets, and improve traffic flow—**without raising the levy rate**.

Levy Rates Will Decrease

This is not a new tax. A \$175,000 property will contribute \$19.25 to the Dedicated Local Street Fund from taxes already levied. **Levy rates will decrease** over the next five years as the city’s overall real property value increases.

Vote Yes for Proposition 1

Auburn citizens recognize that safe streets are essential. Please **vote Yes for Proposition 1**.

Committee Members Include: Chuck Booth, Ron Claudon, Jr. and Deanna Sader

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

This space is available each election for citizens and/or committees opposing measures to publish a Statement Against. For information, contact the Pierce County Auditor’s Office at (253) 798-7430.

City of Bonney Lake



Special Election - Proposition No. 1
Submitted by the City of Bonney Lake
PARKS AND TRAILS BONDS

Ballot Title: The City Council of the City of Bonney Lake, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 1260, concerning a proposition regarding acquisition and development of parks and trails. This proposition would authorize the City to acquire real property for parks and trails and to develop parks and trails, incur indebtedness, issue no more than \$5,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 25 years to pay the costs thereof, and levy annual excess property taxes to pay and retire such bonds, all as provided in Resolution No.1260. Shall this proposition be approved?

Explanatory Statement: This proposition would authorize the City of Bonney Lake to acquire real property for parks and trails and to develop parks and trails, incur indebtedness, issue no more than \$5,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 25 years to pay the costs thereof, and levy annual excess property taxes to pay and retire such bonds, all as provided in City Council Resolution No. 1260.

Statement For:

Parks add value to a community by providing places for active play, quiet reflection, community interaction, open spaces and preserving important environmental features such as creeks, wildlife habitat areas and open space corridors unique to our community.

Your support of this bond could: Provide land acquisition for future parks; Provide a city wide trail along Fennel Creek for bikes and pedestrians; Improve Allan Yorke Park with picnic facilities, a ball field, improved trails and additional parking; Improve property near Bonney Lake Elementary for new trails and picnic facilities; Improve Cedarview Park by adding a trike route, parking, relocate a basketball court, replace fencing and develop two t-ball/modified soccer fields; Improve Lake Bonney Park with regrading, playground equipment replacement and added picnic facilities.

This \$5 million bond would cost an average \$200,000 household \$47 per year for 25 years.

Please vote "Yes."

Committee Members Include: Laurie Carter, Marian Betzer, and Casey Stanley

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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City of Bonney Lake



Special Election - Proposition No. 2
Submitted by the City of Bonney Lake
COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTER BONDS

Ballot Title: The City Council of the City of Bonney Lake, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 1261, concerning a proposition to construct and equip a community recreation center. This proposition would authorize the City to construct and equip a community recreation center, incur indebtedness, issue no more than \$5,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 25 years to pay the costs thereof, and levy annual excess property taxes to pay and retire such bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 1261. Shall this proposition be approved?

Explanatory Statement: This proposition would authorize the City of Bonney Lake to construct and equip a community recreation center, incur indebtedness, issue no more than \$5,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 25 years to pay the costs thereof, and levy annual excess property taxes to pay and retire such bonds, all as provided in City Council Resolution No. 1261.

Statement For:

The community recreation center will set the tone for the rest of the city. Rapid growth in the past decade has created a need for expanded meeting facilities, a central location for public functions to foster communal spirit and a place to promote healthy lifestyles for all ages.

Amenities of this 40,000 square foot community center could include the following: Youth lounge, before/after school programs and summer day camps, expanded senior center, multipurpose room with complete kitchen, gym and stage, classrooms, exercise stations and a walking/bike path, picnic area and playground, fitness room, changing rooms, showers and lockers.

Completion of the community recreation center would be within three years of securing funding, which is a combination of this bond, grants and donations.

The facility will be built between the Sumner Buckley Highway and State Route 410 on 192nd. Construction will allow for future expansion.

Please vote yes.

Committee Members Include: Laurie Carter, Deborah Turner, and John Seltzer

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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City of Gig Harbor



Special Election – Proposition No. 1
Submitted by the City of Gig Harbor
LAND ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS - \$3,500,000

Ballot Title: The City Council of the City of Gig Harbor adopted Ordinance No. 970 concerning a proposition for bonds. This proposition authorizes the City to acquire waterfront space and land and initiate restoration of the Eddon boatyard for historical, cultural, educational and recreational purposes, to issue \$3,500,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum term of 20 years to finance such acquisitions, and to levy property taxes annually in excess of regular property tax levies to repay such bonds, all as provided in Ordinance No. 970. Should this proposition be approved or rejected?

Explanatory Statement: Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the issuance of \$3,500,000 of general obligation bonds by the City of Gig Harbor (the “City”) to finance acquisition of waterfront open space and land, commonly known as Eddon boatworks, which is the historic boatyard building and adjacent properties located at the foot of Stinson Avenue on Harborview Drive. This proposition will also authorize the City of Gig Harbor to undertake initial restoration of the Eddon boatyard and dock for historical, cultural, educational and recreational purposes. The bonds would be repaid out of annual property tax levies over a maximum 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.

Statement For:

Gig Harbor is at a major crossroads: *“Shall we invest in our future and preserve our disappearing waterfront access or let it go?”*

A **Yes** vote creates open space for a waterfront park and boardwalk. A **Yes** vote secures a location for community, cultural and educational activities for all ages, including shipwright and wooden boat programs. A **Yes** vote preserves the last remaining historically pristine, commercial structure on Gig Harbor Bay and maintains over 300 feet of walking view corridor along Harborview Drive and “water-access” for every household. The property is “For Sale”. This bond will cost \$90 on a \$300,000 home annually (less than 25¢/day).

Endorsements to preserve the site include Gig Harbor Peninsula Historical Society, Peninsula Art League, Fisherman’s Club, the Waterfront Merchants and others. A State Certified Historic Preservationist’s report says “Eddon Boat meets National Register of Historic Places criterion for exceptional significance.”

Committee Members Include: John English, Chuck Hunter, and Jack Bujacich, Jr.

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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City of Lakewood



Special Election - Proposition No. 1
Submitted by the City of Lakewood
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS - \$7,000,000

Ballot Title: The Lakewood City Council adopted Ordinance No. 355 concerning a proposition relating to a police facility. If passed, Proposition No. 1 would authorize the City to acquire, construct, improve and equip a new police station, issue up to \$7,000,000 of general bonds maturing within 20 years, and levy annual excess property taxes to pay and retire the bonds, all as provided in Ordinance No. 355. Should this proposition be approved or rejected?

Explanatory Statement: The City of Lakewood requests voters to approve General Obligation Bonds to construct a police facility. The Facility will bring together Lakewood’s police functions in one permanent location. The new facility is planned to co-locate police administration, investigations, patrol, and training, which are currently housed in three different locations, two of which are short term leases.

Bond proceeds will construct and equip these facilities. Without voter approval, the City does not have funding to pay for the project.

The bonds would mature within 20 years and would be paid by annual excess property taxes. The cost would be approximately 17 cents for every \$1,000 assessed property value. City property taxes will remain approximately 27% lower than prior to incorporation for the comparable portion of the tax bill.

Statement For:

The residents of Lakewood depend upon our local police for public safety. A “yes vote” for Proposition #1 will provide the City of Lakewood with a Law Enforcement Facility that will house both the current and future needs of the city. Proposition #1 consolidates all of the city’s law enforcement efforts in one location, allowing better management, reduced cost, and a more responsive public safety program.

Proposition #1 will allow the City to construct a new Law Enforcement Facility before the city’s current lease for the Law Enforcement Facility with Pierce County expires.

The City of Lakewood has hired quality personnel and passage of this proposition will provide the City quality facilities to match the quality law enforcement personnel that its residents demand.

We ask for your “yes vote” for this proposition – doing it right the first time saves time, money, and proves that quality is important to Lakewood.

Committee Members Include: Tony Robinson, Morris Quimby, and JoEthel Smith

Rebuttal of Statement Against:

Public safety comes first. Lakewood spends 60%, over \$13,000,000, of the general fund on Police. **The Council is making a \$3,800,000 “down payment”, but needs voters’ help to make the “mortgage” payments.** The \$7,000,000 bond is only part of the \$10,800,000 needed for a Police Station. The yearly “mortgage” on \$10,800,000 is about \$900,000 – Lakewood can’t afford that without cutting critical programs including Police. **Yes to Police, Yes to a Police Station!**

Committee Members Include: Tony Robinson, Morris Quimby, and JoEthel Smith

Statement Against:

No New Taxes!

Lakewood needs a new police station, **not** a new tax to pay for it. Here’s a better way.

Use Existing Revenues To Make Annual Bond Payments!

Since 2000, Lakewood has had revenue surpluses averaging more than \$600,000 per year. This is enough to pay the annual debt service of \$580,000 on a \$7,000,000 construction bond without resorting to new taxes.

Use Uncommitted Savings As Bond Down Payment!

Lakewood also has approximately \$10,000,000 in uncommitted funds and assets, including real estate, drug seizure money, reserves and surpluses that could be used as a down payment to reduce the bond amount. Yet, City Council has committed only \$1,500,000 of these savings towards that down payment.

Yes To A New Police Station—No To New Taxes!

If the new police station is a high priority, then let City Council make it a high budget priority. Use revenue surpluses to pay the annual debt service, and uncommitted savings to pay down the bond. **Lakewood needs a new police station, not a new tax to pay for it! Vote No!**

Committee Members Include: Ron Cronk and Lisa Shanahan

Rebuttal of Statement For:

The outcome of this election will not affect public safety or the quality of police services. The real question is: How do we pay for a new police station? A “no” vote on Proposition 1 will tell the city to do a better job; to sharpen their pencils and make better use of the resources we already have provided them. They have the money. Yes, build a police station, but without new taxes. **Vote No!**

Committee Members Include: Ron Cronk and Lisa Shanahan

City of Tacoma



Special Election - Proposition No. 1 Submitted by the City of Tacoma

Ballot Title: City Council adopted Resolution 36236 to amend the Charter. City Charter Section 2.5 states that City Council members may be removed from office by recall but does not extend the right of recall to other elected City officers. This proposition would amend Section 2.5 to allow for the recall of any elected officer of the City, including elected members of City boards and commissions. Should this proposition be approved?

Explanatory Statement: The current provision for the recall of elected officials covers members of the City Council only, without mention of other elected officials. If approved, any elected official could be removed from office by recall as provided by law. This would include members of the City Council and elected Civil Service Board members, in addition to any future elected positions that the City may establish.

Statement For:

Tacomans have placed accountability of our public officials on the top of our list of political concerns. Proposition 1 addresses some of these concerns by fixing an oversight in the Charter. Currently, the Charter provides for the recall of only the Members of the City Council. Approving Proposition 1 will make clear that the citizens of Tacoma have the right to recall not only Council Members, including the Mayor, but also the elected Members of the Tacoma Civil Service Board and the holders of any other elective City offices to be created in the future.

Recall is our citizens' most powerful tool for holding those we elect accountable for their actions.

Committee Members Include: Rick Cvitanich, Steve Galbraith, and Laurie Jenkins

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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City of Tacoma



Special Election - Proposition No. 2 Submitted by the City of Tacoma

Ballot Title: City Council adopted Resolution 36238 to amend the Charter. City Charter Section 2.13 requires that every passed ordinance be published in the City's official newspaper and provides that ordinances authorizing franchises and the issuance of revenue bonds are effective 30 days after publication. This proposition would amend Section 2.13 to allow publication of a summary of every passed ordinance and provide that the effective date of ordinances authorizing franchises and the issuance of revenue bonds would be set by ordinance. Should this proposition be approved?

Explanatory Statement: If approved, the City Council, by Ordinance, would set the effective date of ordinances authorizing franchises and issuing revenue bonds, and the City will publish a summary of every passed ordinance in the City's official newspaper rather than the full text. Information on how to obtain a full copy of the ordinance would be included in the summary.

Statement For:

Why support changes to Section 2.13 of the City of Tacoma Charter?

Current Limited Distribution

The complete text of all ordinances are currently published in the City's official newspaper, the Tacoma Daily Index. It has minimal distribution and you have to either have a subscription or be able to find and buy a copy.

Savings Of \$60,000-\$80,000 Per Year

\$60,000-\$80,000 per year is spent unnecessarily to publish the full text of ordinances that are seldom read by most citizens. Publishing a summary (as allowed by State law) would save these tax dollars and still assure that everyone has access to the full ordinance through publication on the City's website or through direct mailing by the City without charge if requested.

Provides For Higher Interest Rates For The City

Removing the 30-day requirement for granting a franchise or issuing revenue bonds over \$5,000,000 will allow the City to lock in the most favorable interest rates while assuring that there will still be a public hearing process and final approval by your elected members on the City Council.

Committee Members Include: Laurie Jenkins, Charles McKenna, and Rick Rosenblatt

Statement Against:

Ordinances are especially important because they impact the daily lives of citizens. Publishing mere summaries would not achieve the goal of keeping citizens fully informed of important changes in their community.

With this proposed change, citizens would be expected to go to city hall to get the full text of the ordinances. This entails finding time to travel to down town, attempting to find parking and hopefully finding an employee to make a copy of the ordinance. For the elderly and disabled, this could be considered a hardship. Currently citizens have the convenience of having the full text delivered to their doors in their newspaper.

With this change the city is attempting to save money on printing costs, but has not addressed the probable increase in their copying costs.

With this proposed change, the citizens of Tacoma gain nothing, but lose one venue of receiving the full text of ordinances.

Committee Members Include: Ken Spurrell

Rebuttal of Statement Against:

The City Clerk's Office makes copies and is on the main floor at City Hall, which has free parking and a bus stop in front. You can also call and have the copies mailed to your house without charge. Copying costs can't compare to the enormous costs of publishing ordinance texts in a small legal newspaper published by Ken Spurrell (Committee Against Prop. 2). Vote to save your tax dollars! Vote yes on Prop. 2!

Committee Members Include: Laurie Jenkins, Charles McKenna, and Rick Rosenblatt

Rebuttal of Statement For:

Copies of the Tacoma Daily Index can be found in most local libraries as well as by subscription and in newsstands. Total publishing cost for the city is approximately \$60,000 per year. This is for publishing ordinances, resolutions, meeting notices, bids and other city notices. Ordinances are only a portion of the city's publishing. The only way the city could save \$60,000 a year is if they published nothing, which is impossible.

Committee Members Include: Ken Spurrell

City of Tacoma



Special Election - Proposition No. 3
Submitted by the City of Tacoma

Ballot Title: City Council adopted Substitute Resolution 36239 to amend the Charter. The current City Charter does not require any periodic review of the Charter. This proposition would add new Section 2.26 to the Charter requiring that the City Council commence a review of the Charter at least once every ten years by appointing citizens to a charter review committee or by election of a board of freeholders. Should this proposition be approved?

Explanatory Statement: The City Charter currently does not provide for a regular review process of the Charter. If approved, this measure would provide for a review at least once every ten years, either by appointing citizens to a charter review committee or by election of a board of freeholders.

Statement For:

How often should we review our City Charter? Currently there is no review requirement! In July 2003, the City Club of Tacoma and the Municipal League of Tacoma/Pierce County recommended that Tacoma needs “a formal process to establish a commission to regularly review the city’s charter.” Likewise, the 2004 Tacoma Charter Review Committee argued, “the Charter should be reviewed on a regular basis and not because of crises or personality conflicts.” This proposition amends the Charter to require a review at least once every ten years.

Who would perform this review? The City Council could appoint a Charter Review Committee or call an election to elect a Board of Freeholders. Proposed amendments must be sent to the public for our approval or rejection. We retain the right to amend the Charter by initiative.

Vote yes to require a review of our Charter at least once every ten years.

Committee Members Include: Rick Cvitanich, Elvin Vandeberg, and Steve Wamback

Statement Against:

Citizens already have the ability to call for a formal review of the city charter at those times when there is a determined cause or the circumstances that necessitate a review of the city charter.

Similar to the federal constitution the city charter is the guiding document for the functioning of our city government. Conventional wisdom says “If it isn’t broken, don’t try fixing it.”

Forcing a formal arbitrary periodic review of the charter when there may be no discernable public interest in a review of the city’s charter could easily mean little or no public involvement in the process and ultimately prove to be a pointless and costly exercise.

We should continue to have charter reviews at anytime it is deemed necessary and require a formal review of the city charter only when there is real public interest in a charter review.

Vote No on Proposition 3.

Committee Members Include: Malcolm Russell

Rebuttal of Statement Against:

Historically, the City Council convened a Charter Review Committee in times of crisis or when conflict rocked the Municipal Building. The 2004 Charter Review Committee heard testimony requesting that our Charter be reviewed periodically, not only during times of stress. Vote yes on this proposition to provide the citizens of Tacoma with a regular opportunity to be involved in the Charter review process.

Committee Members Include: Rick Cvitanich, Elvin Vandeberg, and Steve Wamback

Rebuttal of Statement For:

We should review the city charter only when there is a realistic public interest in a review of the charter. We should not simply set some arbitrary timeframe forcing a generic review. Conducting a charter review only during those times when there is a true and meaningful public interest will ensure maximum public involvement in this important public process. Vote No on Proposition 3.

Committee Members Include: Malcolm Russell

City of Tacoma



Special Election - Proposition No. 4
Submitted by the City of Tacoma

Ballot Title: City Council adopted Resolution 36240 to amend the Charter. City Charter Sections 2.18 through 2.21 govern the process for amending ordinances by initiative petition and calling for referendums on ordinances. Section 9.6 governs amendments to the Charter. This proposition would amend the Charter by replacing Sections 2.18 through 2.21 with new Sections 2.18 through 2.20, providing a clear process for amending ordinances by initiative petition and for referendums, and repealing existing Sections 2.21 and 9.6. Should this proposition be approved?

Explanatory Statement: If approved, a step-by-step procedure, establishing clear points of contact, deadlines, and signature gathering requirements, would be established for the initiative and referenda processes as they pertain to City Ordinances.

Statement For:

Washingtonians treasure the right to petition via the initiative or referendum process. State Laws outline a clear process for submitting initiatives and referenda. We know how many signatures to gather, when they need to be turned in, and how a measure gets onto the ballot.

The Tacoma Charter is not equally clear. It is relatively confusing to place an initiative on the City ballot and nearly impossible to use the referendum process to challenge a law passed by the City Council.

This proposition rewrites the initiative and referendum sections of the Tacoma Charter with an eye toward making them easier to understand and use by petitioners. Clear points of contact, deadlines, signature gathering requirements, and due process set the rules so that, if needed, we can become more directly involved in the process of controlling the laws that affect our lives.

Vote yes to strengthen the powers of the people!

Committee Members Include: Laurie Jinkins, Malcolm Russell, and Steve Wamback

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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City of Tacoma



Special Election - Proposition No. 5
Submitted by the City of Tacoma

Ballot Title: City Council adopted Resolution 36241 to amend the Charter. City Charter Section 3.1 describes the relationship between the City Council and the City Manager. This proposition would amend Section 3.1 by adding language and require that the Council perform annual performance reviews of and vote every two years on whether to reconfirm the appointment of any City Manager. This proposition would authorize the City Council to directly retain an individual or organization to assist in recruiting or reviewing the performance of a City Manager. Should this proposition be approved?

Explanatory Statement: Currently there are no provisions in the Charter requiring the City Council to regularly assess the performance of the City Manager. If approved, the Council would be required to perform annual performance reviews of the City Manager, as well as vote in public every two years on whether to reconfirm the appointment of the City Manager, and the Council would be authorized to hire an individual or organization to assist in recruiting or reviewing the performance of a City Manager.

Statement For:

We elect members to the city council for a four-year term. If a member desires to serve beyond that term the voters in the re-election process evaluate his/her performance. The city council appoints a city manager who exercises the executive power, but the city charter does not require the city council to evaluate his/her performance or publicly confirm their initial decision and determine that his/her performance merits retention in office.

This proposition requires the city council to annually evaluate the performance of the city manager and to vote every two years on whether to confirm his/her appointment in a public meeting by an affirmative vote of five members of the city council. It also authorizes the city council to employ someone to assist in conducting a search for a city manager and in evaluating his/her performance.

Vote yes. We need accountability.

Committee Members Include: Pat Hammond, Malcolm Russell, and Elvin Vandeberg

Statement Against:

It's a good idea for the Council to review the Manager's performance. Using a facilitator can improve the process. However, the Council can do this already.

Tacoma benefits from strong, experienced, visionary leadership. This leadership has come from many sources including our City Managers who already serve at the pleasure of the Council.

Requiring a biennial retention vote will decrease the likelihood of attracting a really first-rate manager at the top of his/her career. And requiring a biennial retention vote with all the media hula-baloo and sensationalizing is a surefire way to see that the best city managers do not last. Vision, change, and firmness of purpose attract opposition. While it's unlikely a poor city manager would survive his/her second review, it's just as unlikely that a really good city manager would survive even three retention hearings and votes. We don't need this.

Committee Members Include: Steve Galbraith

Rebuttal of Statement Against:

The opponents of Proposition 5 concede that performance reviews are a good idea, but argue that the council can already conduct them. This argument ignores recent history, in which ten years went by without a single performance review. The opponents also concede that using a facilitator would be a good idea but argue the council can already hire one. That is not correct. Only the manager can hire a facilitator. Vote "Yes" on Proposition 5.

Committee Members Include: Pat Hammond, Malcolm Russell, and Elvin Vandeberg

Rebuttal of Statement For:

No Rebuttal Was Submitted.

City of Tacoma



Special Election - Proposition No. 6
Submitted by the City of Tacoma

Ballot Title: City Council adopted Resolution 36242 to amend the Charter. City Charter Section 4.8 governs removal of Public Utility Board members. Section 6.11 of the Charter governs removal of Civil Service Board members. The Charter does not provide for removal of the members of any other City boards or commissions. This proposition would add a new Section 3.13 to the Charter that provides a uniform process for removal of members of any City board or commission. Sections 4.8 and 6.11 would be amended for consistency. Should this proposition be approved?

Explanatory Statement: If approved, the City Charter will be made uniform with respect to the removal of appointed officials by including a provision for the removal of appointed members of any board, commission, or board of trustees. Currently these provisions apply only to members of the Civil Service and Public Utility Boards.

Statement For:

The citizens of Tacoma demand accountability from all who serve the community: employees; elected officials; and people appointed to the City's boards and commissions. Proposition 6 fills a gap in the Charter dealing with the accountability of appointees to the boards and commissions. The current Charter provides only for the removal of Utility Board members and the appointed Civil Service Board member.

Proposition 6 grants the City Council the authority to remove any appointed member from any of the City's boards and commissions for cause. This proposition defines the process and grounds for removal in a standard manner. Requiring notice, public hearing, and stated cause protects against arbitrary removal.

Combined with Proposition 1, the City's employment policies, and State Laws concerning the recall of elected officials, all employees, appointed board and commission members, and elected officials will be held accountable.

Vote yes to increase accountability and openness in government!

Committee Members Include: Steve Galbraith, Laurie Jenkins, and Steve Wamback

Statement Against:

The Public Utility Board and Civil Service Board have significant fiduciary and financial responsibilities to the city by way of election and to the city council, most of the other boards and commissions of the city are appointed by the council and serve in a much more advisory capacity.

In order to serve the council and to best act as independent advisors to the members of the city council these other city boards and commissions should retain a certain autonomous and independent ability to make their governing rules as to be appropriate to their specific duties and advisory responsibilities.

Most advisory boards and commissions report directly to the city council and have already developed their own similar and yet still independent rules and by-laws governing the compulsory removal of their appointed board or commission members.

Maintain the city's advisory boards and commissions autonomy and independence. Vote No on Proposition 6.

Committee Members Include: Malcolm Russell

Rebuttal of Statement Against:

Ultimately, all boards and commissions are advisory to the elected City Council and the people of Tacoma. Proposition 6 ensures accountability by allowing for removal of a board or commission member only after they receive a statement of cause and are offered a hearing. We hope that the need for this charter amendment will be rare, but it is important to assure that everyone representing the City be accountable for their actions. Vote yes!

Committee Members Include: Steve Galbraith, Laurie Jenkins, and Steve Wamback

Rebuttal of Statement For:

The members of board and commissions are already subject to removal from a position by due process via the established rules and procedures for their removal. This proposition focuses the strength toward the city council to remove our citizens from advisory boards and commissions. The city's advisory panels should maintain independence from the council's control in order to provide for the greatest level of diversity in opinions and representation. Vote No on Proposition 6.

Committee Members Include: Malcolm Russell

City of Tacoma



Special Election - Proposition No. 7
Submitted by the City of Tacoma

Ballot Title: City Council adopted Substitute Resolution 36243 to amend the Charter. City Charter Section 6.3 prohibits City officers and employees from holding any other public office except military or notary public. This proposition would amend Section 6.3 by removing the limiting language to allow City employees and officials to hold other public offices not in conflict with law or the City's policies and Code of Ethics. Should this proposition be approved?

Explanatory Statement: This provision will remove the restrictions of employees and City officers from holding other public offices. This will allow employees and City officers to hold other public offices not in conflict with law or the City's policies.

Statement For:

More than half of the City's employees live in communities outside Tacoma, as is their right under State law. The final sentence of Charter section 6.3 prohibits these employees from serving on their local school boards, fire district commissions, library boards etc. This prohibition unreasonably limits the freedom of our employees and potentially deprives other communities of valuable leadership without serving any City of Tacoma purpose. In addition, this change allows Tacoma officials to serve on public bodies such as the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Board and LESA and the Sound Transit Authority as part of their duties to the City of Tacoma.

Tacoma's Code of Ethics and employment policies sufficiently protect our City and citizens by prohibiting conflicts of interest and the use of City time and resources for non-City purposes. It's time to give our employees the same rights we all enjoy.

Committee Members Include: Steve Galbraith, Laurie Jenkins, and Clarence Lupu

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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City of Tacoma



Special Election - Proposition No. 8
Submitted by the City of Tacoma

Ballot Title: City Council adopted Resolution No. 36244 to amend the Charter. City Charter Section 6.6 prohibits officers and employees of the City from having a pecuniary interest, defined as a beneficial interest, in City contracts, purchases, and sales. This proposition would amend Section 6.6 to define pecuniary interest as a financial interest and provide an exception for remote interests as defined by state law. Should this proposition be approved?

Explanatory Statement: If approved, the language in the Charter that prohibits city officers and employees from having a beneficial interest in city contracts would be clarified by redefining a “beneficial interest” as a “financial interest” and providing an exception to the prohibition for remote interests as defined by state law.

Statement For:

Proposition 8 affects an important section of the City Charter that prohibits city employees, elected officials, and other officers from conflicts of interest. Unfortunately, the current charter language is in conflict with both State law and Tacoma’s Municipal Code. The current charter language is also overly broad and too subjective. Proposition 8 fixes that problem.

By clearing up the confusion over what constitutes a conflict of interest, Proposition 8 would make it easier to recognize conflicts and act on them. The Charter Review Committee voted unanimously to reform this section of the Charter. Please vote Yes on Proposition 8.

Committee Members Include: Steve Galbraith, Laurie Jenkins, and Pat Hammond

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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City of Tacoma



Special Election - Proposition No. 9
Submitted by the City of Tacoma

Ballot Title: City Council adopted Resolution 36245 to amend the Charter. City Charter Section 6.8 prohibits City employees in classified service from participating in election campaigns for City officials. This provision is contrary to state law and unenforceable. This proposition would amend Section 6.8 by deleting language contrary to state law and adding new language prohibiting dual office-holding by elected City officials. Should this proposition be approved?

Explanatory Statement: If approved, the current language in Section 6.8, which is legally unenforceable, will be deleted. The new language will limit elected officers from holding other publicly elected positions, and mandate that no employee or elected officer shall hold another City of Tacoma office.

Statement For:

The provisions of Charter section 6.8 were held to be unconstitutional a number of years ago. Tacoma does not and can not enforce this broad ban on political activity. Today, City policy properly prohibits the use of City time and resources in campaigns. It is time to drop the unenforceable language of sections 6.8 and replace it with enforceable provisions that address our legitimate concerns.

The new language makes it clear the elected Tacoma officials are not allowed to work for the city and that elected Tacoma officials may not hold a second elective position.

Committee Members Include: Rick Cvitanich, Steve Galbraith, and Clarence Lupo

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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City of Tacoma



Special Election - Proposition No. 10
Submitted by the City of Tacoma

Ballot Title: City Council adopted Resolution 36248 to amend the Charter. City Charter Section 7.9 provides that disbursement of City funds shall be by check or warrant of the City Treasurer audited and certified by the Director of Finance. This proposition would amend Section 7.9 to allow for a broader range of electronic funds processing, delete the language regarding the Finance Director, and reaffirm the responsibilities of the City Treasurer. Should this proposition be approved?

Explanatory Statement: If approved, this change will remove the restrictive language of disbursing City funds by check or warrant only, and allow for payments to be made via Automated Clearing House (ACH) transfers or by other electronic (paperless) methods. This change will also transfer direct responsibility for payments from the Finance Director to the City Treasurer.

Statement For:

Proposition 10 makes two changes in the way the City pays its bills. First the current charter requires the City to make payments by check or warrant only. By removing this requirement the city will be allowed to use a range of electronic payment methods such as Account Clearing House (ACH) including direct deposit of paychecks. This is less expensive for the city. It allows the City to retain funds longer thereby earning additional interest. It also increases efficiency by minimizing "lost checks in the mail." Electronic payment systems are widely used, secure and provide an audit trail.

Second, this proposition removes the Director of Finance from the payment process while continuing to require appropriate documentation for payments. The City Treasurer is responsible for payments and auditing is actually done by the State Auditor. This change maintains the segregation of duties between the Treasurer and the Director of Finance.

Committee Members Include: Steve Galbraith, Laurie Jenkins, and Charles McKenna

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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City of Tacoma



Special Election - Proposition No. 11
Submitted by the City of Tacoma

Ballot Title: City Council adopted Resolution 36250 to amend the Charter. City Charter Section 9.1 governs disposal of real and personal property belonging to the City, including a limitation that leases of City-owned waterfront property not exceed 30 years. This proposition would amend Section 9.1 to allow City-owned waterfront property to be leased for up to 75 years and provide that leases of one year or less, without renewal options, do not need Council approval. Should this proposition be approved?

Explanatory Statement: If approved, this change will allow the City to enter into long-term leases of City-owned waterfront property by changing the current 30 year limit on leases to up to 75 years in length, and will remove the need for Council approval of leases lasting less than one year in length.

Statement For:

Tacoma has embraced a vision to recapture its urban waterfront along the Foss Waterway. A grand vision, developed by citizens, ensures public access along the length of the waterway and investment on the uplands that revitalizes and activates our front porch. Exciting new developments have given us a glimpse of what can be, with the best yet to come. With each new project, the public sees restored shorelines and an extension of the public boardwalk.

But for this dream to be realized, antiquated restrictions that constrain progress need to be re-worked. The current thirty year limit on the length of leases makes it nearly impossible to secure financing on City owned parcels. Changing the charter restriction to 75 years preserves City ownership while encouraging competitive proposals and better designs, allowing the merits and the public benefits, to determine which projects make sense.

Let's keep the vision intact and progress continuing.

Committee Members Include: Jack Fabulich, Paul Miller, and Terry Paine

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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Town of Wilkeson



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Special Election – Proposition No. 1
Submitted by the Town of Wilkeson
AUTHORIZING PROPERTY TAX LEVIES FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Ballot Title: Shall the Town of Wilkeson be authorized to impose regular property tax levies of 25¢ or less per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for each of six (6) consecutive years, beginning in 2004, to provide funding for emergency medical services?

Explanatory Statement: A vote for the above proposition will extend the existing EMS (Emergency Medical Services) Levy for another six years.

Statement For:

This levy is a continuance of an existing six year levy that expires in 2004. It is not a new tax. By passing this levy you are agreeing to continued support of Emergency Medical Services in the town of Wilkeson through the year 2010. It is greatly urged that all citizens support this EMS levy.

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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Fire Protection District No. 23



Special Election - Proposition No. 1
Submitted by Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 23
AUTHORIZING PROPERTY TAX LEVIES FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Ballot Title: Shall Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 23 be authorized to impose regular property tax levies of \$.25 or less per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for each of six consecutive years, beginning in 2004, to provide funding for emergency medical services?

Explanatory Statement: The Board of Commissioners of Pierce County Fire District 23 has passed a resolution requesting an election to authorize a levy of a property tax in an amount not to exceed twenty-five cents per \$1000.00 of assessed valuation, each year for six (6) consecutive years. This particular property tax levy would only be for the provision of emergency medical services. It would provide funds necessary to obtain, operate and maintain emergency medical aid vehicles and facilities manned by properly trained emergency medical technicians and other medically trained personnel. The funds would also be used to obtain medical supplies and appliances to equip such vehicles and facilities. This EMS levy would be in addition to the regular levy for maintenance and operation costs, and the funds raised by such levy can only be used for the provision of emergency medical care and emergency medical services. The funds raised would be used for personnel, training, equipment, supplies, vehicles and other facilities needed for emergency medical services. Annually, the Commissioners would establish the amount of the levy, which may be less than, but may not exceed, twenty-five cents per \$1000.00 of assessed value.

Statement For:

Pierce County Fire District 23 is asking voters to continue providing emergency medical services funding. Six years ago, voters approved a six-year, twenty-five cents per \$1000.00 assessed valuation Emergency Medical Services levy to be used solely for these services. That levy will end at the conclusion of 2004. To keep the levy revenue from ending, commissioners for the district are requesting a replacement levy, which will go into effect in 2005.

This levy request is at twenty-five cents per \$1000.00 assessed valuation. The cost for a house assessed at \$100,000.00 would be \$25.00. These monies are necessary to supplement the district's budget in training Emergency Medical Technicians, purchasing supplies, and maintaining and purchasing equipment. These funds are necessary since tax monies gathered for fire protection may not be spent on emergency medical services.

This levy is not an additional amount to the taxpayers, but will maintain the current level that taxpayers have been paying.

Committee Members Include: Gene Casey, Steve Miller, and Alan Nelson

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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Fire Protection District No. 27



Special Election – Proposition No. 1
Submitted by Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 27
FIRE PROTECTION BONDS

Ballot Title: The Board of Commissioners of Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 27 adopted Resolution No. 2004-24, concerning a proposition to finance and undertake certain capital projects. This proposition would authorize the District to acquire a fireboat, public access defibrillators, brush truck, tender units, generator and life-safety and communications equipment, remodel, expand and equip the Fire Station, undertake other capital projects throughout the District, incur indebtedness, issue no more than \$960,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 12 years, and levy annual excess property taxes to pay and retire such bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 2004-24. Shall this proposition be approved or rejected?

Explanatory Statement: A vote for Proposition No. 1 will authorize Pierce County Fire District 27 to incur debt and to issue and sell bonds for no more than \$960,000 to finance capital improvements throughout the District. The bond proceeds will be used to pay the capital costs of acquiring a fireboat, public access defibrillators, brush truck, tender units, generator and life-safety and communications equipment, remodeling, expanding and equipping the District's Fire Station, and undertaking other capital projects throughout the District so as to maintain and/or improve District service levels to its residents. If approved, the bonds will mature within twelve years of the issuance of the bonds and be repaid through annual levies of excess property taxes.

Statement For:

The Anderson Island Fire-Rescue District has proposed a levy of \$0.62 per thousand for the November 2, 2004 general election. This levy funds upgrades to equipment and facilities that are required to meet current and future emergency services needs on Anderson Island. **The levy will provide the following long-term benefits to the Anderson Island community:** Improvements to Emergency Medical Services and transport for the island's residents; Placing of Automated External Defibrillators (AED's) at key locations serving the island population (such as General Store, Restaurant, Ferry, Community Center, etc.); Improvements to water delivery capabilities for fighting fires on the island, by upgrading critical equipment that is at end-of-life; Improvements to Life Safety equipment and training for the island's volunteer firefighters; Upgrades to the existing fire station (such as roof repair, emergency generator, expanded training space).

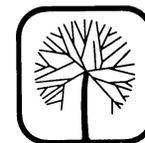
Committee Members Include: Dave Galentine, Anthony Tognazzini, and Ralph Barsanti

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma



Special Election – Proposition No. 1 Submitted by the Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS - \$60,000,000

Ballot Title: The Board of Park Commissioners of the Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma adopted Resolution No. RR41-04 concerning capital improvement bonds. This proposition authorizes the District to make safety, restroom, playground and other infrastructure improvements at neighborhood parks and Point Defiance Park; improve existing parks and facilities, including community centers and waterfront access; purchase open space; refinance existing bond debt; issue \$60,000,000 in general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum of 20 years; and levy property taxes annually in excess of regular property tax levies to repay such bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. RR41-04. Should this proposition be approved or rejected?

Explanatory Statement: Metropolitan Park District #1 of Tacoma is asking voters to decide whether to increase taxes to pay for a \$60 million bond package of parks and recreational facility improvements and enhancements. If approved, approximately \$35 million will fund safety, lighting, restroom, playground and infrastructure improvements to over 70 neighborhood parks; similar improvements to community centers and aquatic and athletic complexes; open space acquisition; and an arts center. Approximately \$17.5 million will fund Pt. Defiance Park infrastructure improvements including restoration of Owen Beach, the Lodge and Pagoda and picnic area improvements; improved waterfront park access, facilities, dock repairs, trails and boat ramps; and two new Zoo exhibits. Approximately \$7.5 million is provided to issue new bonds and refinance bonds issued in 1996 and 2002. If approved, no more than \$60 million of bonds will be issued and the annual property tax rate is not expected to exceed \$0.25 per \$1,000 value of the twenty-year life of the bonds. Property taxes for a home valued at \$150,000 are expected to increase by approximately \$18 per year. The annual property taxes per household necessary to pay the bonds will depend upon interest rates, the timing and amount of bonds issued, and property assessed valuation changes.

Statement For:

Neighbors for Parks urges a *Yes* vote on Proposition #1 – a \$60 million capital projects bond to improve Tacoma’s parks and our quality of life for generations to come.

Prop 1 reflects feedback from taxpayers about how to best enhance and maintain the parks and recreational facilities we already have for an affordable price.

Prop 1 makes important safety and equipment improvements at over 70 neighborhood parks. It preserves Tacoma’s crown jewel, Pt. Defiance Park, including its historic buildings. Community centers, recreational facilities, open space and waterfront park access receive critical attention. And it upgrades two Zoo exhibits.

With bond rates at historic lows, Prop 1 offers significant savings for taxpayers by refinancing current debt. Overall the price is very fair – a home valued at \$150,000 will pay only \$18 annually for this community investment.

Visit www.yesparks.com for project and funding details.

Vote *Yes* on Prop 1.

Committee Members Include: Debbie Regala, Dick Moe, and Willie C. Stewart

Statement Against:

Taxed To The Max

Washington State has the 9th highest per capita tax burden in America. Pierce County has the highest sales tax in Washington. Tacoma’s property tax rate is the highest in Washington.

Why? One reason is the way Tacoma funds its park system.

History of Metro Parks

In 1907 the Tacoma City Council reached the legal limit of money they could borrow so (then) Tacoma Mayor Stuart Rice convinced the Legislature to pass a law that would allow cities to form a Metropolitan Park District. By creating another legal taxing district, the City Council could try to convince voters to allow “elected” public officials to go further in debt than the current legal limits allowed. Today, 97 years later, no other Washington city funds its parks through a Metropolitan Park District thereby avoiding another costly layer of bureaucracy. On September 19, 2000, voters in Pierce County and Tacoma voted to **permanently** raise the county sales tax to fund parks.

Committee Members Include: Will Baker and Tony Riccobono, The Taxes Rangers

Rebuttal of Statement Against:

Tacoma deserves the best neighborhood parks and recreation opportunities we can offer. It’s been 17 years since taxpayers invested in bonds to repair and improve Tacoma’s parks. Proposition 1 provides funds to make our community better for a very modest cost. A legacy of quality parks begins with your *Yes* vote on Prop 1. Visit www.yesparks.com for more information.

Committee Members Include: Debbie Regala, Dick Moe, and Willie C. Stewart

Rebuttal of Statement For:

On September 19, 2000, voters increased the county sales tax – **permanently** – to raise over **\$90 million** in the first ten years for parks. **More than half of this money was supposed to go to Tacoma for the Zoo and Trek.** However, about **two weeks after that tax increase**, Tacoma **started** diverting its funding for parks to other city programs. Basically, **this property tax is to replace the money that was already supposed to go to parks.**

www.TheTruthRocks.com

Committee Members Include: Will Baker and Tony Riccobono, The Taxes Rangers

Lakewood Water District



Special Election - Proposition No. 1
Submitted by the Lakewood Water District
FLUORIDATION OF THE LAKEWOOD WATER DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY

Ballot Title: The Board of Commissioners of the Lakewood Water District adopted Resolution No. B-1365 concerning fluoridation of the Lakewood Water District's water supply. If passed, Proposition No. 1 would authorize the District to add fluoride to the water supply of the Lakewood Water District. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved or rejected?

Explanatory Statement: The law of the State of Washington permits, but does not require, the addition of fluoride to public water supplies in accordance with regulations adopted by the Washington Department of Health. Water Districts are further authorized to submit the question of fluoridation to District voters. The water supply of the Lakewood Water District comes from groundwater that is not currently treated by the addition of fluoride. If the proposition is approved, the Lakewood Water District will add fluoride to the District's water supply in accordance with regulations of the State Department of Health. If the proposition is not approved, the Lakewood Water District will not add fluoride to the District's water supply.

Statement For:

Did you know?

In 2000, the U.S. Surgeon General said "*tooth decay is the most common chronic childhood disease*" and "*it affects more than half of those aged 5 to 17.*" In 2001, the US Centers for Disease Control said "*fluoridated water has reduced tooth decay by up to 60% in the U.S. since WW II.*" In 1999, the CDC called fluoridation "*one of the top 10 public health achievements of the 20th century.*" And in 2000, the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research said that after 50 years of research, "*it's clear fluoride is safe and effective when used properly.*"

Cost

According to Lakewood Water, it only will cost about *\$14 per household per year*, that's about *\$1.15 a month*, to obtain the benefits of fluoride for your family and others.

You choose

If you believe the experts, and if you think \$14 a year is reasonable, vote *yes* to fluoridate Lakewood's water.

Committee Members Include: Linda Farmer, Raymond Schuler, and Linda VanDyk

Statement Against:

Fluoridation does not reduce tooth decay and is costly

The most recent Medicaid records show per capita dental care costs for fluoridated Tacoma kids is \$2.93 *higher* than Lakewood kids who drink pure water! Fluoridation is promoted on the basis of being the only way to prevent cavities in the poor children who have no access to dental care. This claim is a cruel hoax. Inner cities throughout the US are rampant with dental decay, even though they have been fluoridated for decades.

98% of Western Europe has rejected Fluoridation

The European governments acting on the advice of their scientists (some of whom were Nobel Prize winners) rejected fluoridation or did not start it. Some passed legislation forbidding the use of fluoridation.

Fluoridation chemicals added to your drinking water are toxic

They are unprocessed toxic industrial waste products recovered from pollution control equipment, and contain contaminants such as arsenic and lead. Fluoride has never been approved by the U S Food and Drug Administration for ingestion.

See for references: www.purepublicwater.org
Committee Members Include: Carol Else, Ursula Hall, and James Peterson

Rebuttal of Statement Against:

Fluoridation does not reduce tooth decay. *Hogwash. Water fluoridation is intended to mimic, at 1PPM, areas where natural fluoride, and fewer cavities, were noted over 100 years ago. 98% of Western Europe has rejected Fluoridation. 60% of US public water suppliers have not. Who's right? Fluoridation chemicals are toxic. A whole bottle of vitamin pills is toxic, too, but only one is beneficial. Lakewood proposes using Sodium Fluoride, the additive found in most toothpaste.*

Committee Members Include: Linda Farmer, Raymond Schuler, and Linda VanDyk

Rebuttal of Statement For:

Newer, better studies clearly show Fluoride is effective only on the surface of the teeth, not by ingestion. Many studies of excellent quality indicate Fluoride carries with it many long term dangers such as fluorosis of children's teeth. "Experts" are not those bureaucrats issuing press releases to defend an outdated public policy. The real experts are those who have actually been involved with the science and politics of fluoridation. Please see www.purepublicwater.org

Committee Members Include: Carol Else, Ursula Hall, and James Peterson