



Special Election - Proposition No. 1
Submitted by Pierce County
On Behalf of the City of Auburn
PINNACLE PROPERTIES ANNEXATION AND
ADOPTION OF PROPOSED ZONING REGULATIONS

Ballot Title: The City Council of the City of Auburn, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 3514 concerning the proposed annexation of an area adjacent to the city’s south-eastern boundary and described as the Pinnacle Properties Annexation. This proposition, if approved, would annex to the City of Auburn an area of approximately 32.1 acres with approximate boundaries: Eastern – Old Man Thomas Road East; Southern – Lake Tapps Parkway; Western and Northern – Auburn City limits. Following annexation, the area shall become subject to the City’s property tax levy and proposed zoning regulation of R-1, Single Family Residential District. Should this annexation proposal be approved?

Explanatory Statement: If Proposition No. 1 is approved by the voters, the area known as “Pinnacle Properties Annexation,” located in unincorporated Pierce County contiguous to the City of Auburn, would become part of the City of Auburn. All property within the annexation area would, upon annexation, be assessed and taxed on the same basis and at the same rate as property within the City of Auburn is assessed and taxed. Also, upon annexation, all property within the annexation area shall be subject to the City’s zoning regulation of R-1, Single Family Residential District. Proposition No. 1 will be authorized if a majority of all votes are cast in favor of the proposition.

Statement For:

No statement was submitted for this issue.

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Statement Against:

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Submitted by Peninsula School District No. 401

SCHOOL CAPITAL FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT BONDS - \$45,000,000

Ballot Title: The Board of Directors of Peninsula School District No. 401 adopted Resolution No. 03-02, concerning a proposition to finance and construct school capital facilities improvements. This proposition would authorize the District to modernize, renovate, complete and equip existing school facilities, demolish certain facilities and carry out other capital purposes, incur indebtedness and issue no more than \$45,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 20 years to pay the costs thereof, and levy annual excess property taxes to pay and retire such bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 03-02. Should this proposition be approved or rejected?

Explanatory Statement: Peninsula School District is requesting approval of a capital improvement bond measure for modernization and/or facility upgrades at each of the District’s schools. Approval of this proposition would authorize the District to incur debt and issue and sell no more than \$45 million of bonds for such projects. The bonds would be repaid from annual property tax levies which would mature within 20 years. The bond proceeds would pay for a major modernization of Purdy Elementary, and modernization of the music building and lower gym at Harbor Ridge Middle School. At schools throughout the District, bond proceeds would also pay for: air quality/ heating and ventilation improvements; technology, communications and electrical upgrades; replacement of pre-1980 portable buildings with modular classrooms; classroom upgrades and safety improvements; and replacement of old boilers with energy efficient systems along with locker room refurbishing at both high school pools. Resolution No. 03-02 of the District’s Board of Directors identifies the specific projects at each school that would be funded by the bonds.

Statement For:

Like any other prudent investor, the Peninsula School District must maintain its substantial investment in school properties. With the passage of this modest bond issue, the District will put into place the four “E’s” of their investment: 1) **Enhance** building safety and access; 2) **Extend** the physical life of school facilities; 3) **Ensure** educational equity across the District; and 4) **Expand** instructional and support spaces. Voter approval of these bonds will confirm the community’s expectation that **all** Peninsula schools meet the basic standards set by our community.

With the expenditure of these bond funds, and the completion of the projects and enhancements they support, our District and community can move forward into the 21st century knowing that they have put in place the facilities and equity of opportunity for all of our students now and in the future. Please vote Yes and support our students.

Committee Members Include: Steve Floyd, Jill Johnson, Joelene Lemke

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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Submitted by Eatonville School District No. 404

FACILITY IMPROVEMENT

GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS - \$24,000,000



Ballot Title: The Board of Directors of Eatonville School District #404 adopted Resolution #473 concerning a proposition for bonds. The proposition authorizes the District to remodel and make improvements to the District high, middle and elementary schools, bring all schools up to fire, safety, earthquake, Americans with Disabilities Act and building code compliance; to issue \$24,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum of 20 years; and to levy excess property taxes annually to repay the bonds, as provided in Resolution #473. Should this proposition be approved or rejected?

Explanatory Statement: Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the issuance of \$24,000,000 of bonds by Eatonville School District No. 404 (the “District”) to provide funding to remodel and make improvements to the District high, middle and elementary schools and bring all schools up to fire, safety, earthquake, Americans with Disabilities Act and building code compliance. 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 \$2.06 per \$1,000 of assessed value for the term of the bonds.

Statement For:

There is no better time to invest in our children’s future: The time is now. The interest rate is at an all-time low. Construction costs are down. If we don’t pass the bond this time, it will be 2 years before we can try again. In two years, the needs will be greater and so will the costs. We get more bang for our buck, if we act now!

Concern – Why don’t we just build a new high school?: The bonding capacity prevents us from building an all-new high school. This bond will completely rebuild EHS structurally, mechanically, and aesthetically, while preserving the historic look and campus identity of the main structures.

Concern – Will the administration manage the project well enough?: A citizen’s oversight committee will ensure the money is spent as promised.

Our children need a safe, secure and healthy place to learn. They deserve a school that will offer an education that will allow them to compete in today’s world. We must provide them with that.

Together we can do this for the kids.

Committee Members Include: Bob Homan, Gwen Judd, and Phil Nordstrom

Statement Against:

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Submitted by Peninsula Park and Recreation District

GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS - \$6,530,000



Ballot Title: The Board of Commissioners of Peninsula Park and Recreation District adopted Resolution #2003-1 concerning this proposition for bonds. This proposition authorizes the District to construct a sports complex for baseball, soccer and other athletic and recreational purposes, at the site of Homestead Park; and to make other infrastructure improvements including the construction of playfields, playgrounds, picnic areas, shelters, structures, restrooms, paved access and parking areas, issue \$6,530,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum of 20 years, and levy additional property taxes annually to repay the bonds, as provided in Resolution #2003-1. Should this proposition be approved or rejected?

Explanatory Statement: Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the issuance of \$6,530,000 of bonds by Peninsula Park and Recreation District (the "District") to provide funding for constructing a sports complex for baseball, soccer and other athletic and recreational purposes at the site of Homestead Park, and for making other infrastructure improvements, including the construction of playfields, playgrounds, picnic areas, shelters, structures, restrooms, paved access and parking areas. 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 the initial levy rate is expected to be approximately \$.11 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

Statement For:

Park planning over the last decade has shown that the Gig Harbor Peninsula is sadly deficient in parks.

Responding to the need for more parks, Peninsula citizens worked for several years to purchase 98 acres of property now known as Homestead Park. The money to purchase the land came from Pierce County Conservation Futures funds, Washington State IAC funds, and contributions from hundreds of individuals.

Now that the community owns the property, Peninsula Park and Recreation District Proposition 1 will provide the opportunity to transform the raw land into a multi-use park.

Plans for the park include baseball, softball and soccer fields, picnic and play areas, an arts area, gardens, trails in the 78 acres of open space, parking, and more.

So much has been done, but we still have a little further to go.

Park bonds require 60% approval and your vote is critical.

Vote Yes for Parks.

Committee Members Include: Eric Guenther, Shirley Kenney-Tomasi, Joel Wingard

Statement Against:

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Special Election - Proposition No. 2

Submitted by Peninsula Park and Recreation District

RECREATIONAL PROGRAM LEVY



Ballot Title: The Board of Commissioners of Peninsula Park and Recreation District passed Resolution #2003-2 concerning this proposition for an additional regular tax levy. This proposition authorizes the District to levy a regular property tax on all taxable property within the District at a rate of \$.05/\$1,000 of assessed value for collection in the years 2004 through 2009 in order to maintain and operate the District's recreation facilities and programs. Should this proposition be approved?

Explanatory Statement: Passage of Proposition No. 2 would allow the levy of an additional regular tax of not to exceed \$.05 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation each year for six years commencing in 2003 for collection in the years 2004 through 2009. In accordance with Resolution No. 2003-2 approving this proposition, these taxes would pay for the maintenance and operation of the District's recreation programs, including in particular the costs of maintenance, operation and upkeep of new playfields and other facilities at Homestead Park.

Statement For:

Local citizens worked to acquire the Homestead Park property and the Peninsula Park and Recreation District is sponsoring a bond to build the park facilities.

Money from the construction bonds in PPRD Proposition 1 is limited to construction expenses. Therefore, PPRD is sponsoring Proposition 2, a levy for operations and maintenance of park properties.

Parks are an important element in our quality of life, and park operations and maintenance funding is an important element in the quality of parks.

Homestead Park will be a tremendous addition to the community, and will serve a variety of public recreational interests.

Hundreds of your fellow citizens from over 30 community organizations have worked diligently for many years to make Homestead Park a reality. Please do your part to help build and maintain our new park.

We are so close.

Park levies require 60% approval and your vote is critical.

Vote Yes for Parks.

Committee Members Include: Eric Guenther, Shirley Kenney-Tomasi, Joel Wingard

Statement Against:

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