

**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION**

Resolution supporting King County Proposition No. 1, Parks, Recreation, Trails and Open Space Levy.

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This resolution expresses support for King County Proposition 1, Parks, Recreation, Trails and Open Space Levy on the primary election ballot on August 6, 2019.

**RECOMMENDATION**

N/A

If approved, effective date: 07/15/2019

**BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS**

At the July 8<sup>th</sup> Extended Study Session, Council directed staff to draft a resolution taking a position on King County Proposition 1, Parks, Recreation, Trails and Open Space Levy, to be considered under Agenda Item 11, *Other Ordinances, Resolutions and Motions*.

If passed, King County Proposition 1 would replace the current levy that expires at the end of 2019 and would generate an estimated \$810 million over six years, costing approximately \$7.60 per month for the owner of a home with an assessed property value of \$500,000. According to King County, the revenue generated by this levy would mean county-wide investments in parks, trails, recreation, and open space protection for the benefit of all King County residents.

To meet the requirements of RCW 42.17A.555, representatives of the pro campaign have been invited to make a ten-minute presentation. No con campaign has been identified as of the writing of this memo, but if one is found to exist it will be given equal time to present. Presentations will be followed by additional time for public comment consisting of 15 minutes per side. Time will be allocated for up to five speakers, three minutes per speaker, on each side of the issue. Sign-up sheets will be posted outside of Council Chambers for members of the public to sign up for public comment.

Chapter 42.17A RCW generally prohibits the use of public resources in support or in opposition of a ballot proposition. However, RCW 42.17A.555 provides that local legislative bodies may take an official position on a ballot proposition if the following requirements are met:

- The action must be taken in an open public meeting.
- The intention to take action is listed on the meeting agenda and the agenda includes the title and number of the ballot proposition.
- Prior to taking action, "members of the legislative body, members of the board, council, or commission of the special purpose district, or members of the public are afforded an

approximately equal opportunity for the expression of an opposing view.”

Once any presentations and public comment is complete, Council may take an action on the attached resolution.

## **POLICY & FISCAL IMPACTS**

### **Policy Impact**

RCW 42.17A.555 Use of public office or agency facilities in campaigns – Prohibition – Exceptions:

- 1) Action taken at an open public meeting by members of an elected legislative body or by an elected board, council, or commission to express a collective decision, or to actually vote upon a motion, proposal, resolution, order, or ordinance, or to support or oppose a ballot proposition so long as (a) any required notice of the meeting includes the title and number of the ballot proposition, and (b) members of the legislative body, members of the board, council, or commission of the special purpose district, or members of the public are afforded an approximately equal opportunity for the expression of an opposing view.

### **Fiscal Impact**

There is no fiscal impact associated with implementing these changes.

## **OPTIONS**

1. Adopt the Resolution supporting King County Proposition 1, Parks, Recreation, Trails and Open Space Levy.
2. Do not adopt the Resolution.

## **ATTACHMENTS & AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS**

- A. Official ballot title language contained in King County Proposition 1, Parks, Recreation, Trails and Open Space Levy

## **AVAILABLE IN COUNCIL LIBRARY**

N/A