

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE: Resolution No. 294 Declaring Support for Shoreline School District
Ballot Propositions 1, 2 and 3
DEPARTMENT: CMO
PRESENTED BY: Robert Olander, City Manager

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

Councilmembers Doris McConnell and Chris Eggen have requested that this item be placed on the City Council agenda for consideration. The attached resolution would declare City Council support for the Shoreline School District's ballot proposition scheduled for a vote on February 9, 2010.

BACKGROUND:

Generally Washington State law prohibits the use of any public records in support or opposition to candidates or ballot issues. However, RCW 42.17.130 provides an exception that allows a city to take a position on a ballot issue as long as: 1) the notice of the Council meeting includes the title and number of the ballot proposition, and 2) an equal opportunity is provided to both sides to speak.

The details of the ballot propositions are contained in the attached information brochure from the School District.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council review and consider the adoption of Resolution No. 294.

Approved By: City Manager _____ City Attorney _____

ATTACHMENT A: Resolution No. 294

ATTACHMENT B: Shoreline School District Levy and Bond Proposition

RESOLUTION NO. 294

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON, SUPPORTING SHORELINE SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSITION 1, A LEVY FOR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS; PROPOSITION 2, BONDS FOR MODERNIZATION AND REPLACEMENT OF SHORECREST AND SHOREWOOD HIGH SCHOOLS; AND PROPOSITION 3 A LEVY FOR TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENTS AND SUPPORT

WHEREAS, the Shoreline School District Board has approved three propositions for a February 9, 2010 special election; and

WHEREAS, the District's Proposition 1 levy would replace the existing operations and maintenance levy which will expire in 2010 and will fund basic education programs and instructional materials as well as other programs and activities, such as nurses, librarians and family advocates; and

WHEREAS, the Proposition 3 capital levy will provide needed funding for ongoing technology expenses and support for equipment replacement, software, licensing, subscriptions, training, and infrastructure to support current and emerging information technology; and

WHEREAS, Shorecrest and Shorewood High School buildings are in need of replacement and upgrades to create safe and secure learning environments, and the Proposition 2 bond issue will provide \$150 million for construction of upgrades and replacements to modernize both high schools, culminating the two year planning and design process begun with the 2006 District bond; and

WHEREAS, the Shoreline School District deeded the Ronald School building located on the Shorewood High School property to the Shoreline Historical Museum in 1989 for use by the community as a museum, and the City Council believes there is a continuing opportunity for the Shoreline Historical Museum to be a valuable resource to the Shoreline School District at its current location in the heart of our future "town center" district, where it could incorporate the Museum's exhibits and programs into school curriculum; and

WHEREAS, the City Council passed Resolution No. 286 urging the Shoreline School District to include the Shoreline Historical Museum at its current location in the historic Ronald School in its replacement and modernization plans for Shorewood High School, and

WHEREAS, the City Council supports both the mission and current location of the Shoreline Historical Museum and the Shoreline School District's current planning efforts to replace and modernize the Shorecrest and Shorewood High School buildings, and

urges the Shoreline School District and Shoreline Historical Museum to work toward a solution which allows the Shoreline Historical Museum to continue operation at its current location and configuration as part of the modernization plans for Shorewood High School, now therefore

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON,
HEREBY RESOLVES:**

That The City Council of the City of Shoreline hereby expresses its support for Propositions 1, Shoreline School District levy for educational programs, maintenance and operations; Proposition 2, bonds for modernization and replacement of Shorecrest and Shorewood High Schools; and Propositions 3, levy for technology improvements and support and encourages voters to approve these three propositions at the special election to be held on February 9, 2010.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON January 25, 2010.

Keith A. McGlashan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Scott Passey, City Clerk

Property Tax Information

If all three proposals are approved, the estimated new combined levy and bond rate in 2011 and 2012 would be \$5.25 per \$1,000 of assessed value, and a stable \$5.15 in the years following. The District may collect only up to the amount approved by voters regardless of assessed valuation changes. Senior citizens or disabled persons may qualify for tax exemptions. Contact the King County Assessor's Office for information, 206.296.3920.

The estimated Combined Tax Rate If all three measures were approved

Year	Estimated Rate*
2010 (Current)	\$5.29
2011 (Projected)	\$5.25
2012 (Projected)	\$5.25
2013 (Projected)	\$5.15
2014 (Projected)	\$5.15

Proposition 1 - Replacement of Expiring Educational Programs, Maintenance and Operations Levy

Year	Levy amount	Estimated Rate*
2011	\$21.5 million	\$2.48
2012	\$21.75 million	\$2.48
2013	\$22.2 million	\$2.49
2014	\$22.65 million	\$2.49

Proposition 3 - Capital Levy for Technology Improvements and Support

Year	Levy Amount	Estimated Rate*
2011	\$3 million	\$0.35
2012	\$3 million	\$0.34
2013	\$3 million	\$0.34
2014	\$3 million	\$0.33

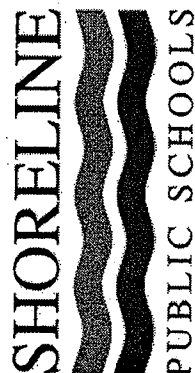
*Rates are estimated per \$1,000 of assessed value

Voting Information

This will be an all-mail election. Ballots will be mailed by January 22 and must be postmarked by February 9, 2010.

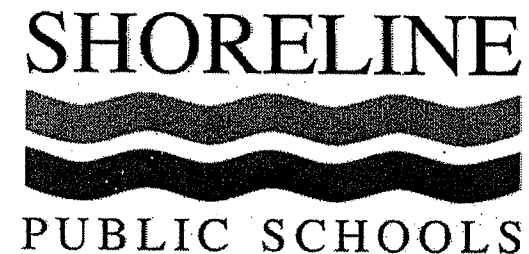
If you are a new voter to the state of Washington, you may register in person at the King County Elections Division office up to eight days before the election. Call 206-296-VOTE (8683) for more information.

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Proposition 2 • Bonds for Modernization/ Replacement of Shorecrest and Shorewood High Schools

Proposition 3 • Capital Levy for Technology Improvements and Support

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Proposition 1: Replacement of Expiring Levy for Educational Programs, Maintenance and Operations

The Replacement of Expiring Levy for Educational Programs, Maintenance and Operations averages \$22 million per year for each of the four years, 2011 through 2014.

The maintenance and operations levy, which replaces the four-year levy passed by voters in 2006, would provide the district with about 21 percent of its general operating budget.

The current levy, expiring in 2010, pays for the basic education programs not supported by state and federal funding.

The levy helps support special education, highly capable, remedial and vocational education programs, building maintenance and utilities, and transportation.

The levy currently funds the "Shoreline model" of service to our students and families, which includes:

- A registered nurse at each school during all student hours
- A full-time certificated librarian in every school
- A half-time family resource advocate in all elementary schools
- Security monitors in every secondary school
- A 350-to-1 ratio for all secondary counselors.

Funds are also used to support extra-curricular student activities, such as music, drama and athletics.



FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Visit the Shoreline School District Web site at www.shorelineschools.org or call the Public Information Office at 206-361-4412.

Proposition 2: Bonds for Modernization/Replacement of Shorecrest and Shorewood High Schools

These bonds would provide \$150 million for modernization/ replacement of Shorecrest and Shorewood High Schools. Shorecrest was opened in 1961, while Shorewood was created by remodeling Butler Junior High (built in 1953) and Ronald Elementary School (built in 1951).

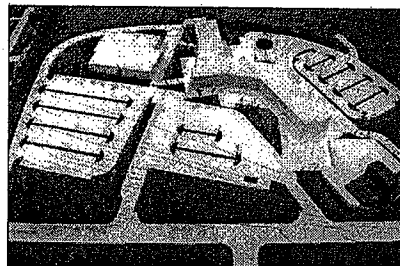
When Shoreline School District voters approved the 2006 bond, it included funds for the initial planning and designs for both high schools, but not for the actual construction.

The Shorecrest and Shorewood design teams were made up of faculty, staff and parents from each high school and community representatives from each of the middle schools and elementary schools on the respective sides of the District. The School Board adopted educational goals for the projects. Three community meetings were held at each school to gather input from the public, which the architects used to help create the preferred designs for Shorecrest and Shorewood.

Why is the District asking the community for a bond issue now?

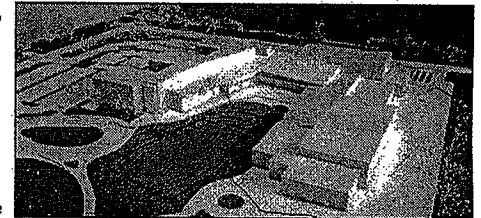
- Construction costs are considerably lower than in recent years;
- \$35 million in state funding has been committed to Shoreline for the two projects if the bond monies are secured by Spring 2010;
- Good bond market with low rates for borrowing money;
- Improved bond rating based upon the District's strong financial condition;
- The bonds that have been paid off to date create capacity to sell more in future years while retaining level tax bills.

At Shorecrest, the modernization would occur in two phases, with students occupying the portions of the building not under construction. The existing Shoreline Performing Arts Center would remain in its present location at the north end of the campus.



Shorecrest conceptual model

At Shorewood, the preferred design is centered in the northeast portion of the campus. The current design incorporates the historic Ronald School for shared



Shorewood conceptual model

use with the Shoreline Historical Museum. Shorewood students would be able to continue using the majority of the existing building while the new school is built on the remainder of the site.

If the bond issue is approved in February, construction would begin at both sites in 2011, with estimated completion in time for the beginning of the 2013-14 school year.

Proposition 3: Capital Levy for Technology Improvements and Support

The Capital Levy for Technology Improvements and Support would provide a technology funding source for all aspects of the District's program.

Currently, the general fund is required to provide approximately \$2 million in technology-related expenses annually.



These costs include software, licenses for software and online subscriptions, technology equipment, repair and replacement, professional development and training for staff.

Additional funds are needed for replacement of equipment, staff training and support above what is currently provided.