

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	Explanatory Statement and Appointment of Pro and Con Committees for City of Shoreline Proposition 1, Operations and Maintenance Levy for Basic Public Safety, Park Maintenance and Operations and Community Services
DEPARTMENT:	Finance
PRESENTED BY:	Bob Olander, City Manager and Debbie Tarry, Finance Director

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

On July 26, 2010, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 307, placing an operations and maintenance levy for basic public safety, park maintenance and operations, and community services on the November 2, 2010, ballot.

For the primary and general election, King County publishes a voters' pamphlet. Districts placing measures on the ballot are automatically included in the voters' pamphlet.

The City must provide an explanatory statement of the ballot title for the voter's pamphlet. The statement describes the effect of the measure if it is passed into law, and cannot intentionally be an argument likely to create prejudice either for or against the measure. The explanatory statement is limited to 250 words, must be signed by the City Attorney, and submitted to King County Elections by August 13, 2010. Staff is providing the explanatory statement (Attachment A) to the City Council for informational purposes.

The City is also responsible for appointing committees to prepare statements in favor of and in opposition to the ballot measure. There is a limit of three members per committee. The committee appointments must be filed with King County by August 13, 2010. This evening the City Council will make those appointments.


Staff started advertising for members to serve on both the Pro and Con committees on Tuesday, July 27, 2010. Information was made available on the City's website, Shoreline Area News, the City's Facebook site, Channel 21, and at City Hall. Applications are due August 3, 2010. Staff will be forwarding a recommendation of committee appointments along with a listing of information about those who applied on Friday, August 6, 2010.

The committees are responsible for writing statements in favor of or in opposition to the ballot measure. These statements must be submitted to King County Elections no later than August 18, 2010. These statements are limited to 200 words. Rebuttal

statements by each of the respective committees must be submitted to the County no later than August 20, 2010. Rebuttal statements are limited to 75 words.

RECOMMENDATION

Appoint 3 members to the Pro committee and 3 members to the Con committee regarding Shoreline Proposition No. 1.

Approved By: City Manager  City Attorney ____

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A – Explanatory Statement

CITY OF SHORELINE PROPOSITION 1

BASIC PUBLIC SAFETY, PARKS & RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS LEVY

The Shoreline City Council adopted Resolution No. 307 concerning basic public safety, parks and recreation, and community services. If approved, this proposition would maintain current police/emergency protection including neighborhood patrols and crime prevention; preserve safe parks, trails, playgrounds/playfields and the Shoreline pool; and maintain community services including senior center and youth programs.

This proposition would restore Shoreline's property tax rate to \$1.48/\$1000 of assessed valuation for collection in 2011; limit levy increases for 2012-2016, not to exceed inflation (Seattle CPI-U); and use the 2016 levy amount to calculate subsequent levy limits.

Should this proposition be approved?

YES ☐

NO ☐

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The City of Shoreline has taken aggressive steps to reduce costs and assure efficiency, including more than one million dollars in budget cuts, staff reductions and elimination of cost-of-living pay raises. Since 2001, Shoreline's property tax levy increase has been limited to 1% a year, while inflation has gone up nearly 3 times as fast, and as a result funding has not kept pace for basic City services. If approved, Proposition 1 would maintain current levels of police and emergency services including neighborhood safety patrols, traffic enforcement in school zones and neighborhoods; east and west-side police store-front programs, school safety officer in Shorewood and Shorecrest high schools, enforcement of drug and vice laws, and community crime prevention programs. Proposition 1 would preserve safe, well-maintained and accessible parks and trails; playgrounds and play equipment that meet safety standards, playfields, restrooms and the Shoreline pool; and preserve recreation programs for youth, families and seniors. Proposition 1 would continue funding for community services including the Shoreline senior center and youth programs.

If approved, any increase in the annual levy would not exceed inflation (Seattle region CPI-U) for 2012-2016. Proposition 1 would set the City's property tax rate below the legal limit of \$1.60 at \$1.48/\$1,000 assessed valuation for collection in 2011 and will use the 2016 levy amount to calculate subsequent levy limits. The typical homeowner would pay an additional average of \$9.25 per month to maintain police and emergency protection, parks and recreation, and community services.

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