

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**  
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

<b>AGENDA TITLE:</b>	Appointment of Pro and Con Committee Members for City of Shoreline Proposition 1: Maintenance and Operations Levy for Public Safety and Community Services
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	City Manager's Office
<b>PRESENTED BY:</b>	Eric Bratton, Communications Program Manager
<b>ACTION:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing

**PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:**

On July 18, 2022, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 492, placing a levy lid lift for maintenance and operations of public safety and community services on the November 8, 2022 ballot. For the primary and general election, King County publishes a voters' pamphlet. Jurisdictions placing measures on the ballot are automatically included in the voters' pamphlet.

Council is responsible for appointing committees to prepare statements in favor of and in opposition to the ballot measure. These statements will be published in the voters' pamphlet. Council must select Pro Committee members from persons known to advocate for voters' approval of Proposition 1, and they must select Con Committee members from persons known to advocate voters' rejection of Proposition 1. There is a limit of three members per committee. The committee appointments must be filed with King County Elections by August 2, 2022. Tonight, the City Council will make those appointments.

Staff started advertising for members to serve on both the Pro and Con Committees on Tuesday, June 28, 2022. Staff posted information to the City's website and on the City's social media accounts and sent it through our eNotification system. Staff also sent information about the committee appointments to *Shoreline Area News*.

Applications were due July 21, 2022 by 10:00 a.m. Staff made this deadline so staff would have time to produce this staff report and make it available to the Council and public by Friday, July 22, ahead of tonight's meeting.

By the application deadline, staff received applications from the following people for the Pro Committee:

- Lincoln Ferris
- Mary Ellen Stone
- John Thielke

The applications of all the applicants to the Pro Committee are attached to this staff report as Attachment A.

Staff did not receive any applications for the Con Committee.

The committees are responsible for writing statements in favor of or in opposition to the ballot measure. These statements, which are limited to 200 words, must be submitted to King County Elections no later than August 9, 2022. Rebuttal statements by each of the respective committees must be submitted to the Elections no later than August 11, 2022. Rebuttal statements are limited to 75 words.

The City must also provide an explanatory statement of the ballot title for the voters' pamphlet. The statement describes the effect of the measure if it is approved 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 5, 2022. Although the Council does not need to take any action on the explanatory statement, a draft of the statement is included as Attachment B.

**RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

There is no resource or financial impact to appoint the Pro and Con Committees for the City of Shoreline Proposition 1.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the City Council appoint Lincoln Ferris, Mary Ellen Stone, and John Thielke to the Pro Committee regarding Shoreline Proposition 1.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A – Pro/Con Committee Applications  
Attachment B – Draft Proposition 1 Explanatory Statement

Approved By: City Manager **DT**                      City Attorney **MK**

PRO/CON	Salutation	Name	Shoreline resident or property owner	Length of residence or ownership of property	Educational background	Please state your occupational background, beginning with your current occupation and employer.
Pro	Mr.	John Thielke	Yes	46 years	PhD from UW  MS from Stanford  BS from Stevens Institute of Technology	Currently retired Company owner: Graham Arc, Inc. - Manufactured orbital welding equipment Director: Puget Sound Power & Light - Environmental Affairs Consultant: URS Corporation - Air pollution consultant University of Washington: Assistant professor, Civil Engineering Environmental Department US Peace Corps: Peace Corps volunteer in Brazil - Helped set up air pollution control program in Rio de Janeiro US Public Health Service: Commissioned Officer in air pollution control program
Pro	Ms.	Mary Ellen Stone	Yes	3 years	Masters in Counseling	Executive Director, King County Sexual Assault Resource Center ( KCSARC). I have held this position since 1979. KCSARC is a private non-profit organization assisting victims of sexual assault and their families.
Pro	Mr.	Lincoln Ferris	Yes	6.5 years	I hold a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Wisconsin.	I retired as the Vice President of Administrative Services for Seattle Central College in December of 2021. I was responsible a wide array of departments for the college, including facilities, capital projects, business office, security, and auxiliary services. I continue as a consultant to the three Seattle Colleges on several planned capital projects, the updating of the major institution master plan and the replacement of the Broadway campus' power plant with a new, de-carbonized EcoDistrict. Prior to 2013 when I joined the staff, I was a 25+ year volunteer with the Seattle Colleges Foundation. My career spanned a number of entrepreneurial ventures in the public affairs, medical staffing and composite materials manufacturing industries. My volunteer service spans many non-profits, including serving on the Municipal League and the Seattle Chamber of Commerce board of directors.

Describe your involvement in the Shoreline community.	Describe any special expertise you have which would be applicable to this position.	Describe your experience serving on any public or private boards or commissions.
<p>Member of the City's 2022 Financial Stability Committee Formerly served on the Richmond Beach Community Association board Former editor of the Richmond Beach News and I currently help distribute the paper Member of the committee that helped form the City of Shoreline Former chair and board member of the Friends of the Richmond Beach Library</p>	<p>I believe I have an understanding of the City's financial model used for projecting future revenues and expenses upon which the proposal for the levy lid lift request has been based.</p>	<p>I served on the City's 2022 Financial Stability Committee. I previously served on a similar effort for an earlier levy lid lift study.</p> <p>I have served as an officer and board member for a number of non-profit organizations including the KSER Foundation, the Washington Lung Association, the Air &amp; Waste Management Association (national professional association), Friends of Richmond Beach Library, and the Richmond Beach Community Association.</p>
<p>Volunteered for the Richmond Beach Community Association in 2021 and 2022, Assisted on the Prop I for Parks campaign 2021 including serving on the Pro committee. PCO 32-470. Member of the Levy Lift committee 2022. I served this year on the city of Shoreline's Financial Sustainability Advisory Committee (FSAC) reviewing the city's projected financial needs and evaluating whether to seek a renewal of the levy lid lift.</p>	<p>Experience in writing for public consumption, working in a team and meeting deadlines. Familiarity with the subject.</p> <p>From my time on the FSAC I am very well versed in the city's services funded thru the property tax and the projections by city staff on revenue shortfalls when compared to anticipated growth in population, demand for services and the still-to-be-negotiated contracts for public safety services and union contracts. I was a registered lobbyist with the state of Washington for the better part of 18 years and am very familiar with the state's legislative process.</p>	<p>I have been on various board and committees at the Richmond Beach Boards including the Municipal League and Women's Funding Alliance. State taskforces related to my field of work in sexual assault services. Search committee for Seattle Chief of Police.</p> <p>Besides my recent service on the FSAC, I currently serve on the board of the Seattle Chinese Garden, the EDGE Foundation and the Aurora District Committee of the BSA Chief Seattle Council. I am currently the president of the University Sunrise Rotary Club. As mentioned above, I served for over 25 years on foundations for the Seattle Colleges, during which time I was chair of the foundation during two different capital campaigns. My volunteer service over a four decade career spanned both national and state business and industry-specific associations, as well as various chambers of commerce.</p>

Affiliated with any organizations which receive direct funding from the City of Shoreline	If you answered "Yes" to the question above, please name the group.	Describe why you are interested in serving in this position.
No	I help distribute the Richmond Beach Community News	Having been a member of the 2022 Financial Stability Committee, I believe I have a responsibility to share the information and understanding I gained from this work reviewing the City's financial situation and forecasts.
Yes	King County Sexual Assault Resource Center	Served on the levy lift committee (spring 2022) and I believe it is important to bring to the voters.
No		I see this as a natural follow-on to my service on the FSAC.

**BALLOT TITLE**

**CITY OF SHORELINE PROPOSITION 1  
MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS LEVY  
FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

The Shoreline City Council adopted Resolution No. 492 concerning a property tax levy for public safety and community services. If approved, this proposition would restore Shoreline’s levy rate to help fund police/neighborhood services, including RADAR and crime prevention; preserve parks, trails, playgrounds/playfields; and provide human services.

This proposition sets Shoreline’s maximum regular property tax rate to \$1.39/\$1,000 for collection in 2023; sets the limit factor for levy increases in 2024-2028 at 100% plus annual inflation (Seattle CPI-U); uses the 2028 levy amount to calculate subsequent levy limits; and exempts qualifying seniors and persons with disabilities per RCW 84.36.381.

Should this proposition be approved?

YES .....[ ]  
NO .....[ ]

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

In 2016, Shoreline voters approved a six-year maintenance and operations levy for basic public safety, parks and recreation, and community services. That levy will expire on December 31, 2022. The proposed maintenance and operations levy would replace the expiring levy. Replacing the levy would maintain current levels of police and community safety services, including neighborhood safety patrols; traffic enforcement in school zones and neighborhoods; and community crime prevention programs. It would also enhance the RADAR Program by adding mental health professional teams to provide 24/7 response with police to community members in behavioral health crisis. Proposition 1 would also preserve safe, well-maintained, and accessible parks and trails; playgrounds and play equipment that meet safety standards; playfields and restrooms; and preserve recreation programs for youth, adults, families, and seniors. Proposition 1 would continue funding for community services for seniors, youth, and individuals and families in need, including homelessness response services. The levy would also sustain the City’s code enforcement and customer response programs. If approved, any increase in the annual levy would not exceed inflation (Seattle region CPI-U) for 2024-2028. Proposition 1 would set the City’s property tax rate below the legal limit of \$1.60 at \$1.39/\$1,000 assessed valuation for collection in 2023 and will use the 2028 levy amount to calculate subsequent levy limits. The typical homeowner would pay an additional average of \$30.00 per month to provide basic public safety, parks, recreation, and community services.