RESOLUTION NO. 24-1992

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST PARK, WASHINGTON, IN [SUPPORT/OPPOSITION] OF SHORELINE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND NORTHSHORE FIRE DEPARTMENT PROPOSITION 1

WHEREAS, a ballot measure titled "Shoreline Fire Department Northshore Fire Department Proposition 1" is scheduled to go to the voters at the Special Election on February 11, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 1 reads as follows: The Shoreline and Northshore Fire Departments have adopted a Joint Resolution approving the Shoreline Regional Fire Authority Plan ("Plan"), creating a Regional Fire Authority ("RFA"). This proposition would approve the Plan to create the Shoreline Fire Department RFA, effective May 1, 2025, to provide fire protection and emergency medical services. The RFA funding is based on a property tax of \$.70 per thousand of assessed value, and a fire benefit charge. The funding would replace the current property tax levies and fire benefit charges collected by the Shoreline and Northshore fire districts; and

WHEREAS, RCW 42.17A.555(1) authorizes the City Council to take action to express a collective decision, or to actually vote upon a motion, proposal, or ordinance, or to support or oppose a ballot measure so long as (a) the agenda includes the title and number of the ballot proposition, and (b) members of the public and councilmembers are afforded an approximately equal opportunity to express an opposing view; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the procedural mandates of RCW 42.17A.555, the City Council considered a resolution in support or opposition of Proposition 1 at its December 12, 2024, Regular Meeting, during which the public and Councilmembers were given approximately equal opportunity for expression of a supporting or opposing view on Proposition 1; and

WHEREAS, the Lake Forest Park City Council desires to [support/oppose] Proposition 1.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Lake Forest Park, as follows:

<u>SECTION 1. SUPPORT/OPPOSE.</u> The City Council of the City of Lake Forest Park, Washington, adopts this resolution to officially [support/oppose] Proposition 1 concerning creating a Regional Fire Authority from the Shoreline Fire Department and the Northshore Fire Department.

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<u>SECTION 2. CORRECTIONS.</u> The City Clerk is authorized to make necessary corrections to this resolution, including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener's/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers, and any references thereto.

PASSED BY A MAJORITY VOTE of the members of the Lake Forest Park City Council this 12th day of December, 2024.

	APPROVED:	
	Thomas French Mayor	
ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:		
Matt McLean City Clerk		

PASSED BY THE CITY CUNCIL: RESOLUTION NO.: 24-1960