

**RESOLUTION NO. R2026-003**

**A RESOLUTION** of the City Council of the City of Tumwater, Washington, expressing support for the Tumwater School District Safety, Technology, and Capital Improvements Levy on February 10, 2026, Special Election Ballot.

**WHEREAS**, voters within the Tumwater School District will be presented with a proposition authorizing a six-year replacement levy of property taxes for the purpose of supporting dozens of projects across school safety, technology and capital improvements in the Special Election on February 10, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, the local levy significantly contributes to student learning by providing additional funding to fund digital safeguards for student and staff data, security cameras to monitor campus safety, replace aging projectors and audio in classrooms and fund major repairs and renovations on roofs, fields, playgrounds, bathrooms, parking lots and other school and community spaces in all 11 schools to help the facilities and technology meet each child's educational needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the rates for this levy will range from 53 cents to 74 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value to keep combined taxes stable and provide necessary funding across Tumwater schools; and

**WHEREAS**, the Tumwater School District adopted Resolution No. 05-25-26 on November 5, 2025, to submit to the qualified voters of Tumwater, at a special election to be held on February 10, 2026, a proposition with the following official Ballot Title:

**PROPOSITION NO. 1  
TUMWATER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 33  
REPLACEMENT SAFETY, TECHNOLOGY AND  
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS LEVY**

The Board of Directors of Tumwater School District No. 33 adopted Resolution No. 05-25-26, authorizing a replacement levy to continue support for educational programs. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, for educational programs and operations not fully funded by the State (including special education, nurses, counselors, safety staff, graduation readiness, career/technical, athletics, extracurricular activities):

<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value</u>	<u>Maximum Levy Amount</u>
2027	\$.53	\$5,900,000
2028	\$.53	\$6,200,000
2029	\$.70	\$8,500,000
2030	\$.72	\$9,000,000
2031	\$.73	\$9,500,000
2032	\$.74	\$10,000,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 05-25-26. Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of Tumwater places great importance on youth education and acknowledges that excellent schools are an asset to the Tumwater Community; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to taking action on this resolution, the City of Tumwater provided an opportunity for those supporting and opposing the measure to provide testimony at this, the February 3, 2026, City Council meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that it is in the best interest of Tumwater residents and the City to express its collective position in support of Tumwater School District Proposition No. 1 Safety, Technology and Capital Improvements Levy.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUMWATER AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The City of Tumwater City Council supports the Tumwater School District Proposition No. 1 Safety, Technology and Capital Improvements Levy which will be presented to the voters on the February 10, 2026, Special Election Ballot.

**Section 2. Ratification.** Any act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this Resolution is hereby ratified and affirmed.

**Section 3. Severability.** The provisions of this Resolution are declared separate and severable. The invalidity of any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or portion of this Resolution or the invalidity of the application thereof to any person or circumstance, shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the Resolution, or the validity of its application to other persons or circumstances.

**Section 4. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption and signature as provided by law.

**RESOLVED** this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2026.

CITY OF TUMWATER

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Leatta Dahlhoff, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Melody Valiant, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Karen Kirkpatrick, City Attorney