

Ordinance No. 123567

Council Bill No. 117103

AN ORDINANCE relating to regular property taxes; requesting that a special election be held concurrent with the November 8, 2011 general election for submission to the qualified electors of the City of a proposition to lift the limit on regular property taxes under Chapter 84.55 RCW and authorize the City to levy additional taxes for up to seven years for the purpose of providing Seattle School District No. 1 public school students, Seattle children, and their families education-support services designed to improve academic achievement; authorizing creation of a new subfund; creating an oversight committee; and authorizing implementing agreements for this levy lid lift commonly known as the Families and Education Levy.

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Full Council Action:

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Law Department

1 WHEREAS, in 1990 Seattle residents came together in an Education Summit convened by
2 Mayor Norm Rice to develop strategies so Seattle children could take advantage of their
3 educational opportunities and the School District could focus its resources on teaching;
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5 WHEREAS, in 1990 Seattle voters approved a \$69 million, seven year property tax lid lift which
6 became known as the Families and Education Levy (Levy) which invested in health,
7 academic enrichment and support services for Seattle children and their families with the
8 stated goal of helping children be safe, healthy and ready to learn; and

9 WHEREAS, in 1997 Seattle voters approved a \$69 million, seven year renewal of the Levy with
10 the continued goal of helping children be safe, healthy and ready to learn; and

11 WHEREAS, in 2004 a citizen advisory committee convened to review the 1997 Levy-funded
12 strategies and services, and recommended deeper Levy investments with a clearer stated
13 goal of helping students succeed academically; and

14 WHEREAS, in 2004 Seattle voters approved a \$117 million, seven year renewal of the Levy
15 with the expanded goal of helping children be ready to learn, succeed academically and
16 graduate from high school; and

17 WHEREAS, since 1990 Seattle voters have generously approved three successive seven year
18 Families and Education levies to support and improve student academic achievement
19 within the city by significant margins of 56% in 1990, 61% in 1997 and 62% in 2004;
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21 WHEREAS, the 2004 Levy focuses on programs and services intended to prepare children for
22 kindergarten, improving academic achievement, closing the achievement gap, and
23 increasing high school graduation rates; and measures all Levy investments by their
24 ability to contribute to these goals; and

25 WHEREAS, in 2010 Seattle residents participated in a series of community meetings throughout
26 the city and a day-long Congress to identify challenges faced by Seattle's youth and
27 families and resources and strategies to address them, in an effort that became known and
28 continues forward as the Youth and Families Initiative (YFI); and

WHEREAS, helping all students succeed academically in school was identified as an important
goal by parents and community members participating in the YFI; and

WHEREAS, in 2010 the City adopted Resolution 31206 setting forth a structure, process and
schedule to develop and place a seven year renewal of the Levy on the November 8,
2011, ballot, and providing for a Families and Education Levy Advisory Committee
(Levy Advisory Committee) to make recommendations regarding a Levy renewal; and



1 WHEREAS, the 24 member Levy Advisory Committee is comprised of the 12 member Levy
2 Oversight Committee (LOC), which oversees the current Levy, and 12 additional
3 citizens. The LOC members are the School Board President, a School District
4 representative, the chair of the Council's Public Safety and Education Committee, a
5 representative of the Mayor and eight citizens. The 20 citizen members on the Levy
6 Advisory Committee, including the eight who serve on the LOC, collectively have
7 professional and personal experience working with students and families, and in
8 evaluating evidence-based programs and education strategies. The members include
9 parents, community-based service providers, former teachers and researchers; and
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11 WHEREAS, in 2010 the Levy Advisory Committee spent six months reviewing current Levy
12 programs, research on best practices and evidence-based programs, education reform
13 efforts and School District data and recommends that the Levy goals again be expanded
14 and Levy investments be deepened because graduation from high school is no longer
15 sufficient; post secondary work is necessary in the current and future economy and
16 students must graduate with the skills necessary to succeed in college or their chosen
17 career path; and
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19 WHEREAS, the Levy Advisory Committee Report is contained in Clerk File 311309, in which
20 all research references cited in this ordinance may be found; and
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22 WHEREAS, the Levy Advisory Committee recommends the overarching goal for our children
23 should be that all students will graduate from Seattle high schools ready for college
24 and/or career; and
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26 WHEREAS the Levy Advisory Committee further recommends that the goals for the 2011 Levy
27 should be to: 1) help children be ready for school, 2) help all students succeed
28 academically and reduce the academic achievement gap, and 3) help all students graduate
from high school college and career ready; and

WHEREAS, the Levy Advisory Committee recommends the City place on the November 8,
2011, ballot a measure to renew the Families and Education Levy for seven years, at a
funding level that requires a Levy of \$231,562,000, which would add approximately
\$0.27 per \$1,000 of assessed value of additional taxes and cost the owner of a home with
2012 average residential assessed value of \$462,000 approximately \$124 annually; and

WHEREAS, the Seattle School Board and School District actively participated in the Levy
Advisory Committee, held a retreat to discuss how the Levy investments could align with
and strengthen the School District's core mission of helping all children succeed
academically and endorsed the recommendations of the Levy Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, Proceeds from the Families and Education Levies are supplemental to the basic
education financed by the State of Washington and the Seattle School District Levies and
do not displace nor reduce State or School District funding for Seattle Public Schools;
and



1 WHEREAS, the collection of taxes from the current Levy will end in 2011 and services funded
2 by the Levy will end unless the Levy is renewed; and

3 WHEREAS, because the School District alone cannot address all barriers to academic
4 achievement, and because Seattle residents support the economic, social and civic well-
5 being of the city, supplemental funding provided through the Levy is a legitimate City
6 purpose; NOW THEREFORE,

6 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:**

7 **Section 1. Findings and Declarations.** The City Council makes the following findings and
8 declarations:

- 9 A. Seattle's children are its future and the quality of that future depends on providing all
10 students a high quality education.
- 11 B. Seattle needs an educated population that is actively engaged in its civic life and
12 contributes to the economic and social well-being of the city.
- 13 C. Graduating from high school and completing college or post-secondary training improves
14 an individual's earnings potential and economic self-sufficiency. A high school diploma
15 alone is insufficient to prepare our children to succeed in the 21st century economy.
- 16 D. The need for all our children to succeed academically and the challenges to their doing so
17 are even greater in 2011 than in 1990 when a Families and Education Levy was first
18 approved by Seattle voters.
- 19 E. In order to earn a high school diploma, students must now pass standardized tests or
20 approved alternatives to those tests that show competency in math, science, reading, and
21 writing.
- 22 F. According to School District data of the 46,000 students enrolled in the School District in
23 the 2009-2010 academic year, 40% qualified for the free and reduced lunch program,
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1 14% qualified for special education services, 12% qualified for the transitional bilingual
2 program and 0.6% were in foster care.

3 G. The School District has developed and published a District Scorecard. For the 2009-2010
4 academic year it reports 67% of the students graduated from high school in four years or
5 less, 70% graduated in 6 years and only 46% of the high school graduates were prepared
6 for admission to a four-year college.

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8 H. The School District has also developed and published a school report on the performance
9 of each school in the district. Many of the lowest performing schools are predominately
10 in the central, southeast and southwest parts of Seattle and these schools have a
11 concentration of students who face difficult barriers and encounter significant challenges
12 to academic achievement.

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14 I. The Seattle School District has adopted a new student assignment plan that emphasizes
15 enrollment in neighborhood schools.

16 J. In recent years, research on child development has informed new strategies and across the
17 nation there are examples where well-executed, research-based interventions can
18 effectively improve a child's academic achievement.

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20 K. Since the 2005-2006 school year, Levy-funded programs and services have provided
21 preschool support for approximately 4,000 children, out-of-school activities for more
22 than 20,000 children and youth, parent engagement and family support services to at least
23 12,000 students' families, academic support and intervention to more than 19,000
24 students, and physical and mental health services to over 40,000 students.

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26 L. Research findings have underscored the importance of quality early childhood education
27 by identifying critical periods when a child's brain development facilitates the acquisition

1 of certain skills, such as language, and the need to capitalize on those learning
2 opportunities. Children acquire a larger vocabulary and stronger language skills if
3 exposed to adults with a larger vocabulary. Since the 2005-2006 school year, Levy
4 investments in providing high quality preschools, professional development for preschool
5 workers, and assisting at-home childcare givers have helped 1,600 children enter
6 kindergarten ready to succeed in school.

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8 M. Education experts and advocates stress the need to provide a continuum of services from
9 cradle to college. For example, Geoffrey Canada, founder of the Harlem Children's Zone,
10 emphasizes that such services need to be consistent and provide appropriate support for
11 children through each developmental stage and through key school transition years.

12 N. This understanding of the need for consistent and sustained supportive services has led to
13 the development of "road maps" from birth to the completion of college or career
14 certification which identify key education milestones and transition years, and helps
15 focus efforts to improve education outcomes. The Community Center for Education
16 Results (CCER) in Seattle has developed such a road map for students in South Seattle
17 and South King County which is modeled after those adopted in other parts of the
18 country. CCER has brought together government, education, philanthropic and
19 community partners who have endorsed the CCER project and its goal of doubling the
20 number of students in our region who are on track to graduate from college or earn a
21 career credential by 2020. Mayor Michael McGinn and all members of the current City
22 Council have endorsed the CCER approach, and the City of Seattle's Office for
23 Education and the School District are collaborating with CCER and its partners in this
24 effort.
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1 O. Mary Beth Celio's recent studies of School District students has found that while most
2 students don't drop out of school until their junior or senior year of high school, there are
3 dropout early warning signs as early as 6th grade. These include a high rate of unexcused
4 absences; very low scores on state proficiency tests in 7th and 10th grades; a grade point
5 average below 1.5 in middle school; more than one out-of-school suspension during
6 middle or high school; and failing one or more grades in any one year from 6th through
7 10th grades. The School District and Levy-funded programs use these key indicators to
8 identify and respond to students who have these early warning signs.
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10 P. Research also shows there are key indicators of whether a child is on the path to
11 academic achievement. For example, there is an instructional shift in 3rd grade from
12 teaching children to read to having children learn through reading. Instruction relies
13 increasingly on assigned written materials, including math directions and word problems.
14 If a child is not reading at grade level in 3rd grade they are at great risk of never catching
15 up and dropping out of school.
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17 Q. Many students enter middle school with reading and math skills several years behind
18 their grade level. Data from the current Levy's investments in middle school show the
19 effectiveness of extended learning opportunities that provide students additional time to
20 master the academic skills they're lacking. Since the 2005-2006 school year Levy
21 investments have helped 2,500 middle school students meet the required standard on state
22 proficiency tests for the first time. In addition, Levy investments have helped 1,500
23 elementary school students meet the required standard on state proficiency tests so they
24 enter middle school ready to succeed academically.
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1 R. Healthy eating and an active lifestyle are fundamental components of being ready to
2 achieve academically. Levy investments should incorporate strategies that promote
3 healthy eating and active living for students and their families when feasible and
4 appropriate.

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6 S. Since 1990, the Levy has invested in health services for Seattle students. Research
7 findings in a 2009 study by Sarah Cusworth Walker and others at the University of
8 Washington show that school-based health centers improve student health and emotional
9 well-being, and that these in turn aid academic performance by increasing attendance
10 rates and student grade point averages over time.

11 T. Increasing the academic skill level of high school graduates is as important as increasing
12 the number of students who graduate. Today, many high school graduates do not have the
13 academic skills necessary for apprenticeship programs or college level work and must
14 take remedial courses. The need for remedial coursework increases the financial barriers
15 to post-secondary education for these students. Top administrators of Seattle post-
16 secondary institutions confirmed this problem in testimony to Council on November 15,
17 2010.

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19 U. The School District's graduation requirements are not presently aligned with
20 requirements for entering or succeeding in post-secondary institutions.

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22 V. The School District Board of Directors agrees that students should leave high school
23 college and career ready and adopted the following Instructional Policy in March 2010:

24 "The Board of Directors of Seattle Public Schools believes that every student can
25 and must learn at grade level and beyond, and that all students will be afforded the
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1 opportunity to reach their potential and graduate from high school ready for
2 college, career, and life. We recognize that in today's global economy, college
3 ready and career ready standards are the same and are appropriate for all students.
4 It is the responsibility of the School Board and the Superintendent to ensure that
5 all students receive an education that meets these goals.”

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7 W. The academic and financial challenges facing the School District and its students have
8 been and are being experienced throughout the country. Bold initiatives have been
9 undertaken and positive results are possible. The management of the current Levy has
10 relied heavily on the evaluation of outcomes and future investments should and will be
11 made in areas of demonstrated effectiveness.

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13 X. An urgent need exists to continue the provision of City Education-Support Services that
14 support academic achievement to be funded by regular property taxes. This urgency
15 requires submission of a proposition authorizing regular property tax levies for up to
16 seven years in excess of the levy limitations in Chapter 84.55 RCW. The proposition
17 should be submitted to the qualified electors of The City of Seattle at a special election to
18 be held in conjunction with the general election on November 8, 2011.

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20 **Section 2. Statement of Policy.** It is the paramount duty of the State “to make ample provision
21 for the education of all students.” The School District is directly responsible for providing a
22 quality education for all students. However, the School District cannot do this essential work
23 alone. Government, business, community and families should collaborate and together all can
24 contribute to the academic success of Seattle's children. The City endorses the following
25 Priorities for Levy Funding and Implementation Principles adopted and recommended by the
26 Levy Advisory Committee. The School District and its Board were active participants on the
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1 Levy Advisory Committee, endorsed these Priorities and Principles and agreed that they are
2 aligned with the School District's strategic goals.

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4 **Priorities for Levy Funding:**

- 5 1. Children at risk, including English Language Learners,
6 2. Children, birth to age 5, likely to attend low performing schools,
7 3. Students with the highest level of academic need,
8 4. Schools with the highest level of academic need,
9 5. Maximizing impact by funding a targeted number of schools and students,
10 6. Build on the success of previous investments, where possible,
11 7. Use evidence-based and/or promising practices to improve academic outcomes,
12 and
13 8. Invest in family strengthening practices.

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15 **Implementation Principles:**

- 16 1. Use an accountability structure based on student outcomes, indicators and
17 performance-based contracts,
18 2. Encourage course corrections to improve outcomes; defund projects that do not
19 achieve outcomes,
20 3. Report on student performance at least annually,
21 4. Continue data-sharing agreement with Seattle Public Schools,
22 5. Maximize partnerships to achieve outcomes,
23 6. Provide support for innovative academic strategies aimed at dramatically
24 improving academic achievement, and
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- 1 7. Help support academic elements of place-based community strategies for
2 transformation of schools or feeder patterns of schools.

3 **Section 3. Definitions.** As used in this ordinance, the following words when capitalized have
4 the following meanings:
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- 6 A. "City" means The City of Seattle.
7 B. "Education-Support Services" means the array of programs and activities referred to in
8 Section 6, with such modifications as the City Council may from time to time authorize
9 by ordinance.
10 C. "Proceeds" means that portion of regular property taxes levied and collected as
11 authorized by voter approval pursuant to this ordinance that are above the limits on levies
12 provided for in RCW 84.55.010, and all interest and other earnings derived from that
13 portion of the Levy.
14 D. "Seattle School Board" and "School Board" mean Seattle School District No. 1 Board of
15 Directors.
16 E. "Seattle School District" and "School District" mean Seattle School District No. 1.

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18 **Section 4. Levy of Regular Property Taxes - Submittal.** The City hereby submits to the
19 qualified electors of the City a proposition as authorized by RCW 84.55.050 to exceed the levy
20 limitation on regular property taxes contained in Chapter 84.55 RCW, as it now exists or may
21 hereafter be amended, for property taxes levied in 2011 through 2017 for collection in 2012
22 through 2018, respectively, raising up to \$231,562,000 in aggregate over a period of up to seven
23 years. The proposition shall be limited so that the City shall not levy more than \$32,101,000 in
24 the first year, in addition to the maximum amount of regular property taxes it would have been
25 limited to by RCW 84.55.010 in the absence of voter approval under this ordinance, plus other
26 authorized lid lifts. Proceeds shall be used to provide Education-Support Services for Seattle
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1 School District students, Seattle youth, and their families. Pursuant to RCW 84.55.050(4), the
2 maximum regular property taxes that may be levied in 2018 for collection in 2019 and in later
3 years shall be computed as if the levy lid in RCW 84.55.010 had not been lifted under this
4 ordinance.

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6 **Section 5. Application of Proceeds.** Unless otherwise directed by ordinance, Proceeds shall
7 be deposited in the Education-Support Services Fund. The Director of Finance and
8 Administrative Services, or the Director's designee, is authorized to create subfunds or accounts
9 within the Education-Support Services Fund as may be needed or appropriate to implement the
10 purposes of this ordinance. Proceeds may be temporarily deposited or invested in such manner
11 as may be lawful for the investment of City money, and interest and other earnings shall be used
12 for the same purposes as the Proceeds.

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14 **Section 6. Education-Support Services.** Education-Support Services funded by Proceeds are
15 intended to promote school readiness and learning, support academic achievement and reduce
16 the academic achievement gap, and prepare graduates for college and the career of their choice.
17 Levy investments shall be guided by the Statement of Policy, Priorities for Funding and
18 Implementation Principles in Section 2. Initially, these core strategies will be pursued through a
19 variety of Education-Support Services that include the following:

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21 **A. School readiness and early learning.** Major program elements include preschool for
22 low-income three and four year olds; access for low-income families to high quality
23 childcare; professional development for early education providers; school readiness
24 support for children in home day-care situations, including home visits; health
25 screenings; and preschool to kindergarten transition services.



- 1 **B. Academic achievement in elementary school.** Major program elements include
2 extended learning time, out-of-school time activities, and summer learning programs; and
3 school- and community-based family support services.
- 4 **C. Academic achievement and college/career preparation in middle school.** Major
5 program elements include extended learning time; out-of-school time activities; social,
6 emotional, and behavioral supports; summer learning programs; and advising, guidance
7 and related support for college readiness.
- 8 **D. Academic achievement and college/career preparation in high school.** Major program
9 elements include extended learning time; social, emotional, and behavioral supports;
10 summer learning programs; and advising, guidance and related support for college
11 readiness.
- 12 **E. Student health.** Major program elements include school-based student health clinics and
13 physical, mental and dental support services at clinic sites in middle and high schools,
14 school based health services at high need elementary schools, and health services for
15 high-risk middle and high school students in alternative school settings.
- 16 **F. Community partnership fund.** Major program elements include funding for community
17 and school-based partnerships to achieve Levy goals.
- 18 **G. Research and Evaluation.** Major program elements include research and evaluation of
19 the individual programs and services in the foregoing categories and of the overall
20 outcomes of Education-Support Services funded by Proceeds.

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22 These program elements are illustrative examples. In the annual City budget or by
23 separate ordinance, the City shall from year-to-year determine the Education-Support Services
24 and funding allocations that will most effectively achieve the Levy goals and outcomes. Within a
25 budget year the City is authorized to reallocate unexpended and unencumbered funds from one
26 core strategy to another by making operating budget transfers consistent with SMC 5.08.020.



1 The Council requires that before the Executive submits to the Council any proposed changes in
2 Levy funding requiring Council approval by ordinance, the Executive will seek the
3 recommendation of the Oversight Committee.

4 Unexpended appropriations of Proceeds shall carry forward to subsequent fiscal years
5 until they are exhausted or abandoned by ordinance.

6 The City's expenditures on administrative costs over the seven-year period of the Levy
7 shall not exceed a total of five percent of the total expenditure authority of the Proceeds.

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9 **Section 7. Oversight Committee.** Conditioned upon voter approval of the ballot proposition
10 submitted by this ordinance, there is established an Oversight Committee (Committee) to make
11 recommendations on the design and funding of Levy programs and to monitor the progress of
12 Levy programs in meeting Levy outcomes and goals.

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14 A. The Committee shall make recommendations on the Implementation and Evaluation Plan
15 called for in Section 8 and on the Partnership Agreement called for in Section 10.

16 B. The Committee shall each year:

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- 18 • By February review the annual report of Levy outcomes and indicators for the previous
19 school year;
 - 20 • By April review mid-year indicators of progress for the first semester of the current
21 school year;
 - 22 • By May review and advise on proposed course corrections, program modifications, or
23 program eliminations;
 - 24 • By September review and advise the City Council on proposed expenditures and
25 reallocations, including the annual Levy budget; and
 - 26 • Periodically review and advise on program evaluations.
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1 C. The Council requires that before the Executive submits to the Council the
2 Implementation and Evaluation Plan, Partnership Agreement or proposes any changes in
3 Levy funding requiring Council approval by ordinance, the Executive will seek the
4 recommendation of the Committee.

5 D. The Committee shall consist of twelve (12) members: the Mayor, the Chair of the City
6 Council's Public Safety and Education Committee or its successor with respect to
7 education issues, the Superintendent of the School District, a member of the School
8 District Board, and eight (8) citizens. The Mayor and City Council shall each appoint
9 four (4) of the citizen Committee members. All members appointed by the Mayor shall
10 be confirmed by the City Council.

11 E. The eight citizen members shall be appointed to three (3) year staggered terms subject to
12 reappointment, except that two of them (one Mayoral appointee and one Council
13 appointee) shall be initially appointed for a single year term, three (two Mayoral
14 appointees and one Council appointee) for a two (2) year term, and three (one Mayoral
15 appointee and two Council appointees) for a three (3) year term. Upon the resignation,
16 retirement, death, incapacity or removal of a Committee member, the authority
17 appointing such member may appoint a replacement for the balance of the term. The
18 appointing authority may remove any member who is absent from two or more
19 consecutive meetings without cause. The appointing authority may remove any member
20 for other good cause shown or to ensure compliance with subsection F of this section.

21 F. The eight citizens should have professional, personal or research experience associated
22 with the growth and development of children, including their academic success. For
23 example, this experience may come from classroom teaching, student mentoring, or
24 education policy research. The City will also seek candidates to serve on the Committee
25 who have an understanding of and experience working with new immigrants and
26 refugees, communities of color, Native American tribes, children of different abilities,
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1 and others who have historically not been academically successful in traditional
2 education programs.

3 G. At all times no more than three (3) Committee members shall be an officer, director,
4 board member, trustee, partner or employee of an entity that receives or competes for
5 funding under this ordinance; or be a member of the immediate family of, or an
6 individual residing with, an officer, director, board member, trustee, partner or employee
7 of an entity that receives or competes for funding under this ordinance; or be a person
8 seeking or having an arrangement concerning future employment with an entity that
9 receives or competes for funding under this ordinance. For the purposes of this ordinance
10 an individual's "immediate family" means an individual's spouse or domestic partner,
11 child, child of a spouse or domestic partner, sibling, sibling of a domestic partner,
12 brother-in-law, sister-in-law, parent, parent of a spouse or domestic partner, a person for
13 whom the individual is a legal guardian, or a person claimed as a dependent on the
14 individual's most recently filed federal income tax return. Subject to the preceding
15 sentence and applicable law, an individual serving as an officer, director, board member,
16 trustee, partner or employee of an entity that receives or competes for funding under this
17 ordinance, or who has an interest in such an entity, shall not thereby be disqualified from
18 serving on the Committee, but shall fully disclose any such relationships and shall not
19 vote on any matter in which the interest of such entity is directly involved. For purposes
20 of this section, "entity" does not include a City department or office. The provisions of
21 this section are in addition to the requirements of SMC chapter 4.16.

22 H. The Mayor and the Chair of the City Council's Public Safety and Education Committee
23 or successor committee overseeing education, or their respective designees, will co-chair
24 the Committee. The Committee will generally meet every other month or as needed
25 beginning January 2012. The Office for Education shall provide staff and logistical
26 support for the Committee. Members shall serve without pay. The Committee shall
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1 continue in existence through December 31, 2018, and thereafter if so provided by
2 ordinance.

3 **Section 8. Implementation and Evaluation Plan.** Proceeds may be spent only in accordance
4 with the Implementation and Evaluation plan (the Plan) approved by ordinance. The Plan may be
5 amended by ordinance.

6 The Plan shall set forth the criteria, measurable outcomes and methodology by which
7 programs funded by Proceeds will be selected and evaluated. The evaluation methodology shall
8 measure both individual programs and overall effects of the Education-Support Services. The
9 achievement of all stated outcomes shall be evaluated and no one component will be
10 determinative of an individual programs' effectiveness or the overall effectiveness of the
11 Education-Support Services.

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13 **Section 9. Implementing Agreements.** If this proposition is approved by the voters, the City
14 may carry out the Education-Support Services with City staff or by agreements with the School
15 District, with Public Health Seattle-King County, and with such other agencies and persons as
16 may be appropriate. It is the intent of the City Council that all 2011 Levy investments, including
17 services previously funded in the 2004 Levy, shall be awarded through a competitive process.
18 The Implementation and Evaluation Plan will set out a process and schedule for how programs
19 will be selected and contracted.

20 The Mayor or the Mayor's designee is authorized to enter into such agreements,
21 consistent with Section 10 below. The City shall, when soliciting businesses for goods or
22 services agreements, perform outreach to small, economically disadvantaged businesses,
23 including those owned by women and minorities. City agreements with other public entities shall
24 encourage those entities to actively solicit bids for the subcontracting of any goods or services,
25 when such subcontracting is required or appropriate, from qualified small businesses, including
26 those owned by women and minorities. City agreements with businesses for goods and services
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1 and with other public entities and non-profits shall encourage these entities to employ a
2 workforce reflective of the region's diversity. All City agreements for goods and services shall
3 require the contracting entities to comply with all then-applicable requirements for non-
4 discrimination in employment in federal, state, and City of Seattle laws and regulations.
5 All City agreements funded by Proceeds will stipulate that no assurances are made of
6 continuation beyond the 2018-2019 school year after the levy lid lift authorized by the voters has
7 expired.

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9 **Section 10. City of Seattle/Seattle School District Partnership Agreement.** There shall be a
10 Partnership Agreement (the Partnership Agreement) developed by the City and the Seattle
11 School District in which the roles and responsibilities of the City and the School District in
12 developing the Implementation and Evaluation Plan, referenced in Section 8, and in
13 implementing Education-Support Services are established. The Partnership Agreement shall set
14 forth the parties roles and responsibilities for achieving the desired outcomes for Education-
15 Support Services. It shall outline, in a variety of areas, ways in which both the City and the
16 School District shall work collaboratively toward better results for children and youth. The
17 Partnership Agreement shall cover items including, but not limited to: data sharing necessary to
18 implement program evaluations and course corrections, standards for delivery of services, and
19 methods for identifying and targeting students and schools most in need of support.

20 The City cannot enter into the Partnership Agreement, or materially amend the
21 Partnership Agreement, until the Partnership Agreement or the amendment, as the case may be,
22 is approved by the Seattle City Council and the School District's Board of Directors. Proceeds
23 may be spent on School District programs or functions only in accordance with an effective
24 Partnership Agreement.



1 **Section 11. Reporting.** The Director of the Office for Education will prepare and submit to the
2 Oversight Committee, City Council, the Mayor and citizens of Seattle annual progress reports on
3 the implementation of the Education-Support Services covering each of the core strategies and
4 the actions taken as a result of the adopted City of Seattle/School District Partnership
5 Agreement.

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7 **Section 12. Election - Ballot Title.** The City Council directs that the City Clerk file this
8 ordinance with the Director of Elections of King County, Washington, as ex officio supervisor of
9 elections, requesting that the Director of Elections call and conduct a special election in the City
10 in conjunction with the state general election to be held on November 8, 2011, for the purpose of
11 submitting to the qualified electors of the City the proposition set forth in this ordinance. The
12 City Clerk is directed to certify to the King County Director of Elections the ballot title approved
13 by the City Attorney in accordance with his responsibilities under RCW 29A.36.071. The
14 following ballot title is submitted to the City attorney for his consideration:

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16 THE CITY OF SEATTLE

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18 PROPOSITION NUMBER _____

19 REGULAR TAX LEVY INCLUDING

20 FAMILIES AND EDUCATION

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22 The City of Seattle's Proposition concerns renewing and enhancing Education-Support Services
23 to improve academic achievement.

24 This proposition would fund City services, including school readiness, academic achievement in
25 elementary, middle and high school, college/career preparation, and student health and
26 community partnerships as provided in Ordinance _____. It authorizes regular property taxes



1 above RCW 84.55 limits, allowing additional 2012 collection of up to \$32,101,000
2 (approximately \$0.27/\$1000 assessed value) and up to \$231,562,000 over seven years. In 2012,
3 total City taxes collected would not exceed \$3.60 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

4 Should this Levy be approved?

5 Levy, Yes

6 Levy, No

7 Those in favor shall vote "Yes;" those opposed shall mark their ballots "No."
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9 **Section 13. Ratification.** Certification of such proposition by the City Clerk to the King County
10 Director of Elections in accordance with law prior to the date of such election on November 8,
11 and any other act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this ordinance,
12 are hereby ratified and confirmed.
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14 **Section 14. Severability.** In the event any one or more of the provisions of this ordinance shall
15 for any reason be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any other provision of this
16 ordinance or the levy of the taxes authorized herein, but this ordinance and the authority to levy
17 those taxes shall be construed and enforced as if such invalid provisions had not been contained
18 herein; and any provision which shall for any reason be held by reason of its extent to be invalid
19 shall be deemed to be in effect to the extent permitted by law.
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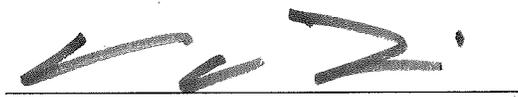


1 **Section 15.** This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by
2 the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it
3 shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

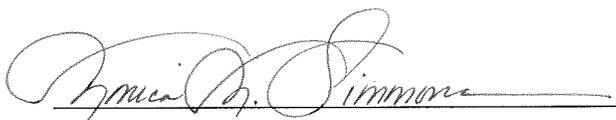
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5 Passed by the City Council the 28th day of March, 2011, and
6 signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this
7 28th day of March, 2011.

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10 President _____ of the City Council

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12 Approved by me this 4th day of April, 2011.

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15 Michael McGinn, Mayor

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17 Filed by me this 4th day of April, 2011.

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20 City Clerk

21 (Seal)



FISCAL NOTE FOR NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS

Department:	Contact Person/Phone:	CBO Analyst/Phone:
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Legislation Title:

AN ORDINANCE relating to regular property taxes; requesting that a special election be held concurrent with the November 8, 2011 general election for submission to the qualified electors of the City of a proposition to lift the limit on regular property taxes under Chapter 84.55 RCW and authorize the City to levy additional taxes for up to seven years for the purpose of providing Seattle School District No. 1 public school students, Seattle children, and their families education-support services designed to improve academic achievement; authorizing creation of a new subfund; creating an oversight committee; and authorizing implementing agreements for this levy lid lift commonly known as the Families and Education Levy.

Summary of the Legislation:

The proposed ordinance would submit a \$231,562,000 seven-year Education-Support Services Levy ("Levy") package to the voters of Seattle for their approval in the fall of 2011. The proposed Levy would be raised under the provisions of RCW 84.55.050, which allows a city to obtain voter approval to exceed the "lid" on regular property taxes for any purposes. Levy proceeds would be intended for the following programs for the period September 2012-August 2019:

- 1) **School readiness and early learning: \$61,050,064**
High quality preschool for low-income 4-year-olds, access for low-income families to high quality childcare, professional development for early education providers, school readiness support for children in home day-cares, health screenings, and preschool to kindergarten transition services.
- 2) **Academic achievement in elementary school: \$54,007,694**
Includes extended learning time, out-of-school time activities, summer learning programs, and school-and community-based family support services.
- 3) **Academic achievement and college/career preparation in middle school: \$44,593,762**
Program elements include extended learning time, out-of-school time activities, social, emotional, and behavioral supports, guidance and related support for college readiness.
- 4) **Academic achievement and college/career preparation in high school: \$20,728,408**
Programs include extended learning time, social, emotional, and behavioral supports; summer learning programs; and advising, guidance and related support for college readiness.



5) Student health: \$44,365,128

Program elements include school-based student health clinics and physical, mental, and dental support and other health services at clinic sites in middle and high schools; school-based health services at high need elementary schools.

6) Community partnerships: \$0*

Major program elements include funding for community and school-based partnerships to achieve Levy goals.

*This item is noted as a placeholder item in the event that programming dollars from other areas are used for these purposes.

7) Research and Evaluation: \$1,400,000

Major program elements include evaluation of the individual programs and research in the foregoing components and the overall effects of Education-Support Services funded by Levy proceeds.

The proposed Levy also includes **\$9,364,377** (or approximately 4% of the total 7-year Levy amount) for administration. The Levy would have a 5% overall administration cap over its 7-year life, though administration percentages may be higher or lower than 5% in any given year.

Background: (Include a brief description of the purpose and context of legislation and include record of previous legislation and funding history, if applicable.)

The current educational and developmental services Levy, approved by voters in 2004, expires in mid-2012. Despite the success of the 2004 and prior levies, Seattle still has an urgent need to continue the provision of services to address deficiencies in school readiness, academic achievement, drop-out prevention, and college readiness. The proposed Levy recommended by the Levy Planning Committee will enable the City to continue and more effectively address Seattle's educational needs.

Previously, Seattle voters have approved:

- a \$69.5 levy in 1990;
- a \$69.5 million levy in 1997; and
- a \$116.8 million levy in 2004

Please check one of the following:

This legislation does not have any financial implications.

This legislation has financial implications. (Please complete all relevant sections that follow.)

This legislation does not directly result in appropriation or position changes. If the proposed Levy is passed by Seattle citizens, the Education-Support Services Levy 2012 budget appropriation as adopted by the City Council will reflect the corresponding appropriation and revenue amounts in 2012 and subsequent years. Passage of the proposed Levy would likely



result in staffing changes and additions, and these staffing changes would be included in a future ordinance authorizing the proposed Levy's implementation plan. The Levy rate and average cost to a homeowner of the proposed Levy are highlighted in Attachment 1 to this fiscal note. Projected Expenditure and Revenues for the 2011 Education-Support Services Levy are included in Attachment 2.

What is the financial cost of not implementing the legislation?

The current 2004 Educational and Developmental Services Levy expires with the collection of 2011 property taxes. The City's capacity to respond to Seattle children's educational needs will be significantly reduced starting in mid-2012 if this legislation is not implemented.

Does this legislation affect any departments besides the originating department?

This legislation would impact the Human Services Department, Department of Neighborhoods, and Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation as there are staffing positions in each of these departments that are currently funded by the 2004 Educational and Developmental Services Levy. These positions are proposed to be maintained should the proposed Levy be passed by the voters. Staff members in these departments are aware that the current Levy expires in mid-2012 and that the positions may not be maintained if the proposed Levy is not passed. Staff are aware that the Levy Planning Committee has recommended this legislation to the Executive and City Council.

What are the possible alternatives to the legislation that could achieve the same or similar objectives?

There are no other funding sources available to the City that will accomplish these objectives. Our declining economy has decreased the amount of General Subfunds available for general government activities, making it an unfeasible funding source for supplemental educational levy programs.

Is the legislation subject to public hearing requirements?

The City Council has prepared a Special Committee on Educational Achievement for Seattle Schoolchildren schedule to review the proposed Levy from January-March 2011. A public hearing is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, February 17 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Public comment will also be available during each meeting.

Other Issues: (Include long-term implications of the legislation.)

List attachments to the fiscal note below:

Attachment 1: Levy Rate and Annual Cost to Homeowner

Attachment 2: Projected Expenditures and Revenues for 2011 Education-Support Services Levy



Attachment 1: Levy Rate and Annual Cost to Homeowner

Levy Rate and Annual Cost to Homeowner

Total Levy Amount:	\$231,562,000
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Tax Year	Assessed Value Estimate	% Growth	Annual Levy Amount	Rate per \$1,000 of Assessed Value	Annual Cost to Owner of Average Residential Assessed Value	Average Residential Assessed Value
2011	119,466,161,527	-2.92%				\$452,985
2012	119,298,908,901	-0.14%	\$32,100,950	\$0.269	\$124.33	\$462,045
2013	123,199,983,222	3.27%	\$32,421,960	\$0.263	\$125.85	\$478,216
2014	128,596,142,487	4.38%	\$32,746,180	\$0.255	\$126.04	\$494,954
2015	134,382,968,899	4.50%	\$33,073,641	\$0.246	\$126.08	\$512,277
2016	140,430,202,499	4.50%	\$33,404,378	\$0.238	\$126.12	\$530,207
2017	146,749,561,612	4.50%	\$33,738,421	\$0.230	\$126.16	\$548,764
2018	153,353,291,884	4.50%	\$34,075,806	\$0.222	\$126.21	\$567,971



Attachment 2: Projected Expenditures and Revenues for 2011 Education-Support Services Levy

2011 LEVY EXPENDITURES:	CY 2012	CY 2013	CY 2014	CY 2015	CY 2016	CY 2017	CY 2018	CY 2019	Total
Early Learning	\$1,706,007	\$5,765,435	\$7,249,028	\$8,178,208	\$9,153,954	\$10,173,376	\$11,084,099	\$7,739,956	\$61,050,064
Elementary	\$1,394,262	\$4,610,427	\$5,759,323	\$6,965,430	\$8,234,147	\$9,484,236	\$10,383,276	\$7,176,592	\$54,007,694
Middle Schools	\$1,421,180	\$4,695,173	\$5,656,949	\$6,213,582	\$6,694,169	\$7,184,799	\$7,564,130	\$5,163,780	\$44,593,762
High Schools	\$ 831,385	\$2,546,532	\$2,605,103	\$2,719,222	\$2,946,049	\$3,182,518	\$3,425,816	\$2,471,783	\$20,728,408
Health	\$1,711,236	\$5,509,470	\$6,187,471	\$6,335,971	\$6,494,370	\$6,656,729	\$6,816,491	\$4,653,391	\$44,365,128
Administration	\$ 409,396	\$1,253,981	\$1,282,823	\$1,313,611	\$1,346,451	\$1,380,112	\$1,413,235	\$964,768	\$9,364,377
Research and Evaluation	\$66,667	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$133,333	\$1,400,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	\$7,540,134	\$24,581,019	\$28,940,696	\$31,926,024	\$35,069,140	\$38,261,770	\$40,887,046	\$28,303,603	\$235,509,433
2011 LEVY ESTIMATED/ACTUAL REVENUES:	CY 2012	CY 2013	CY 2014	CY 2015	CY 2016	CY 2017	CY 2018	CY 2019	Total
Levy Legal Allocation (per Ordinance)	\$32,100,950	\$32,421,960	\$32,746,180	\$33,073,641	\$33,404,378	\$33,738,421	\$34,075,806	\$0	\$231,561,336
Estimated property taxes to be collected	\$31,659,216	\$32,195,453	\$32,565,347	\$32,916,694	\$33,257,454	\$33,597,548	\$33,934,150	\$508,897	\$230,634,758*
Investment Earnings (Est)	\$264,175	\$573,199	\$682,361	\$908,013	\$894,941	\$811,131	\$663,642	\$77,213	\$4,874,675**
TOTAL REVENUES:	\$31,923,391	\$32,768,652	\$33,247,708	\$33,824,706	\$34,152,395	\$34,408,679	\$34,597,792	\$586,110	\$235,509,433

*estimate assumes anticipated cash receipts for the period 2012-2024

**Annual investment earning assumption ranges from 1.72% to 2.5%

ORDINANCE _____

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WHEREAS, providing equal access to a quality education is a cornerstone of our democracy, which thrives on an engaged and educated citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Seattle is a dynamic city, with a strong arts and literature community, and enjoys a strong economic base with a variety of industries and a skilled and educated workforce; and

WHEREAS, in order to maintain its competitiveness, keep existing employers and attract new family-wage jobs and economically sustainable industries, Seattle needs to provide a well educated and trained workforce with the advanced skills and abilities needed to compete in the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, a 2010 Georgetown University study of workforce needs found “that by 2018 the United States economy will need 22 million new workers with college degrees but will fall short by at least 3 million. In addition, nationwide we will need at least 4.7 million new workers with postsecondary certificates.” The Georgetown University study analyzed workforce needs by state and forecasts that by 2018 67% of the jobs in Washington state will require a college degree or career credential; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon the Seattle School District No. 1 (“School District”) and the community at large to ensure all children within Seattle have the opportunity to attain the skills and education needed to participate in their community, be effective civic actors, and contribute to a strong Seattle economy; and

WHEREAS, while the School District is directly responsible for promoting academic excellence in our schools and classrooms, the support and assistance of families, businesses, non-profit and community organizations and the City is also needed to help children realize their full academic potential; and

THIS VERSION IS NOT ADOPTED



1 WHEREAS, in 1990 Seattle residents came together in an Education Summit convened by
2 Mayor Norm Rice to develop strategies so Seattle children could take advantage of their
3 educational opportunities and the School District could focus its resources on teaching;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, in 1990 Seattle voters approved a \$69 million, seven year property tax lid lift which
6 became known as the Families and Education Levy (Levy) which invested in health,
7 academic enrichment and support services for Seattle children and their families with the
8 stated goal of helping children be safe, healthy and ready to learn; and

9 WHEREAS, in 1997 Seattle voters approved a \$69 million, seven year renewal of the Levy with
10 the continued goal of helping children be safe, healthy and ready to learn; and

11 WHEREAS, in 2004 a citizen advisory committee convened to review the 1997 Levy-funded
12 strategies and services, and recommended deeper Levy investments with a clearer stated
13 goal of helping students succeed academically; and

14 WHEREAS, in 2004 Seattle voters approved a \$117 million, seven year renewal of the Levy
15 with the expanded goal of helping children be ready to learn, succeed academically and
16 graduate from high school; and

17 WHEREAS, since 1990 Seattle voters have generously approved three successive seven year
18 Families and Education levies to support and improve student academic achievement
19 within the city by significant margins of 56% in 1990, 61% in 1997 and 62% in 2004;
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21 WHEREAS, the 2004 Levy focuses on programs and services intended to prepare children for
22 kindergarten, improving academic achievement, closing the achievement gap, and
23 increasing high school graduation rates; and measures all Levy investments by their
24 ability to contribute to these goals; and

25 WHEREAS, in 2010 Seattle residents participated in a series of community meetings throughout
26 the city and a day-long Congress to identify challenges faced by Seattle's youth and
27 families and resources and strategies to address them, in an effort that became known and
28 continues forward as the Youth and Families Initiative (YFI); and

WHEREAS, helping all students succeed academically in school was identified as an important
goal by parents and community members participating in the YFI; and

WHEREAS, in 2010 the City adopted Resolution 31206 setting forth a structure, process and
schedule to develop and place a seven year renewal of the Levy on the November 8,
2011, ballot, and providing for a Families and Education Levy Advisory Committee
(Levy Advisory Committee) to make recommendations regarding a Levy renewal; and

THIS VERSION IS NOT ADOPTED



1 WHEREAS, the 24 member Levy Advisory Committee is comprised of the 12 member Levy
2 Oversight Committee (LOC), which oversees the current Levy, and 12 additional
3 citizens. The LOC members are the School Board President, a School District
4 representative, the chair of the Council's Public Safety and Education Committee, a
5 representative of the Mayor and eight citizens. The 20 citizen members on the Levy
6 Advisory Committee, including the eight who serve on the LOC, collectively have
7 professional and personal experience working with students and families, and in
8 evaluating evidence-based programs and education strategies. The members include
9 parents, community-based service providers, former teachers and researchers; and

10 WHEREAS, in 2010 the Levy Advisory Committee spent six months reviewing current Levy
11 programs, research on best practices and evidence-based programs, education reform
12 efforts and School District data and recommends that the Levy goals again be expanded
13 and Levy investments be deepened because graduation from high school is no longer
14 sufficient; post secondary work is necessary in the current and future economy and
15 students must graduate with the skills necessary to succeed in college or their chosen
16 career path; and

17 WHEREAS, the Levy Advisory Committee Report is contained in Clerk File 311309, in which
18 all research references cited in this ordinance may be found; and

19 WHEREAS, the Levy Advisory Committee recommends the overarching goal for our children
20 should be that all students will graduate from Seattle high schools ready for college
21 and/or career; and

22 WHEREAS the Levy Advisory Committee further recommends that the goals for the 2011 Levy
23 should be to: 1) help children be ready for school, 2) help all students succeed
24 academically and reduce the academic achievement gap, and 3) help all students graduate
25 from high school college and career ready; and

26 WHEREAS, the Levy Advisory Committee recommends the City place on the November 8,
27 2011, ballot a measure to renew the Families and Education Levy for seven years, at a
28 funding level that requires a Levy of \$231,562,000, which would add approximately
\$0.27 per \$1,000 of assessed value of additional taxes and cost the owner of a home with
2012 average residential assessed value of \$462,000 approximately \$124 annually; and

WHEREAS, the Seattle School Board and School District actively participated in the Levy
Advisory Committee, held a retreat to discuss how the Levy investments could align with
and strengthen the School District's core mission of helping all children succeed
academically and endorsed the recommendations of the Levy Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, Proceeds from the Families and Education Levies are supplemental to the basic
education financed by the State of Washington and the Seattle School District Levies and
do not displace nor reduce State or School District funding for Seattle Public Schools;
and

1 WHEREAS, the collection of taxes from the current Levy will end in 2011 and services funded
2 by the Levy will end unless the Levy is renewed; and

3 WHEREAS, because the School District alone cannot address all barriers to academic
4 achievement, and because Seattle residents support the economic, social and civic well-
5 being of the city, supplemental funding provided through the Levy is a legitimate City
6 purpose; NOW THEREFORE,

6 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:**

7 **Section 1. Findings and Declarations.** The City Council makes the following findings and
8 declarations:

- 9 A. Seattle's children are its future and the quality of that future depends on providing all
10 students a high quality education.
- 11 B. Seattle needs an educated population that is actively engaged in its civic life and
12 contributes to the economic and social well-being of the city.
- 13 C. Graduating from high school and completing college or post-secondary training improves
14 an individual's earnings potential and economic self-sufficiency. A high school diploma
15 alone is insufficient to prepare our children to succeed in the 21st century economy.
- 16 D. The need for all our children to succeed academically and the challenges to their doing so
17 are even greater in 2011 than in 1990 when a Families and Education Levy was first
18 approved by Seattle voters.
- 19 E. In order to earn a high school diploma, students must now pass standardized tests or
20 approved alternatives to those tests that show competency in math, science, reading, and
21 writing.
- 22 F. According to School District data of the 46,000 students enrolled in the School District in
23 the 2009-2010 academic year, 40% qualified for the free and reduced lunch program,
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THIS VERSION IS NOT ADOPTED



1 14% qualified for special education services, 12% qualified for the transitional bilingual
2 program and 0.6% were in foster care.

3 G. The School District has developed and published a District Scorecard. For the 2009-2010
4 academic year it reports 67% of the students graduated from high school in four years or
5 less, 70% graduated in 6 years and only 46% of the high school graduates were prepared
6 for admission to a four-year college.

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8 H. The School District has also developed and published a school report on the performance
9 of each school in the district. Many of the lowest performing schools are predominately
10 in the central, southeast and southwest parts of Seattle and these schools have a
11 concentration of students who face difficult barriers and encounter significant challenges
12 to academic achievement.

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14 I. The Seattle School District has adopted a new student assignment plan that emphasizes
15 enrollment in neighborhood schools.

16 J. In recent years, research on child development has informed new strategies and across the
17 nation there are examples where well-executed, research-based interventions can
18 effectively improve a child's academic achievement.

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20 K. Since the 2005-2006 school year, Levy-funded programs and services have provided
21 preschool support for approximately 4,000 children, out-of-school activities for more
22 than 20,000 children and youth, parent engagement and family support services to at least
23 12,000 students' families, academic support and intervention to more than 19,000
24 students, and physical and mental health services to over 40,000 students.

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26 L. Research findings have underscored the importance of quality early childhood education
27 by identifying critical periods when a child's brain development facilitates the acquisition

1 of certain skills, such as language, and the need to capitalize on those learning
2 opportunities. Children acquire a larger vocabulary and stronger language skills if
3 exposed to adults with a larger vocabulary. Since the 2005-2006 school year, Levy
4 investments in providing high quality preschools, professional development for preschool
5 workers, and assisting at-home childcare givers have helped 1,600 children enter
6 kindergarten ready to succeed in school.
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8 M. Education experts and advocates stress the need to provide a continuum of services from
9 cradle to college. For example, Geoffrey Canada, founder of the Harlem Children's Zone,
10 emphasizes that such services need to be consistent and provide appropriate support for
11 children through each developmental stage and through key school transition years.
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13 N. This understanding of the need for consistent and sustained supportive services has led to
14 the development of "road maps" from birth to the completion of college or career
15 certification which identify key education milestones and transition years, and helps
16 focus efforts to improve education outcomes. The Community Center for Education
17 Results (CCER) in Seattle has developed such a road map for students in South Seattle
18 and South King County which is modeled after those adopted in other parts of the
19 country. CCER has brought together government, education, philanthropic and
20 community partners who have endorsed the CCER project and its goal of doubling the
21 number of students in our region who are on track to graduate from college or earn a
22 career credential by 2020. Mayor Michael McGinn and all members of the current City
23 Council have endorsed the CCER approach, and the City of Seattle's Office for
24 Education and the School District are collaborating with CCER and its partners in this
25 effort.
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1 O. Mary Beth Celio's recent studies of School District students has found that while most
2 students don't drop out of school until their junior or senior year of high school, there are
3 dropout early warning signs as early as 6th grade. These include a high rate of unexcused
4 absences; very low scores on state proficiency tests in 7th and 10th grades; a grade point
5 average below 1.5 in middle school; more than one out-of-school suspension during
6 middle or high school; and failing one or more grades in any one year from 6th through
7 10th grades. The School District and Levy-funded programs use these key indicators to
8 identify and respond to students who have these early warning signs.
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10 P. Research also shows there are key indicators of whether a child is on the path to
11 academic achievement. For example, there is an instructional shift in 3rd grade from
12 teaching children to read to having children learn through reading. Instruction relies
13 increasingly on assigned written materials, including math directions and word problems.
14 If a child is not reading at grade level in 3rd grade they are at great risk of never catching
15 up and dropping out of school.
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17 Q. Many students enter middle school with reading and math skills several years behind
18 their grade level. Data from the current Levy's investments in middle school show the
19 effectiveness of extended learning opportunities that provide students additional time to
20 master the academic skills they're lacking. Since the 2005-2006 school year Levy
21 investments have helped 2,500 middle school students meet the required standard on state
22 proficiency tests for the first time. In addition, Levy investments have helped 1,500
23 elementary school students meet the required standard on state proficiency tests so they
24 enter middle school ready to succeed academically.
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1 R. Since 1990, the Levy has invested in health services for Seattle students. Research
2 findings in a 2009 study by Sarah Cusworth Walker and others at the University of
3 Washington show that school-based health centers improve student health and emotional
4 well-being, and that these in turn aid academic performance by increasing attendance
5 rates and student grade point averages over time.

6 S. Increasing the academic skill level of high school graduates is as important as increasing
7 the number of students who graduate. Today, many high school graduates do not have the
8 academic skills necessary for apprenticeship programs or college level work and must
9 take remedial courses. The need for remedial coursework increases the financial barriers
10 to post-secondary education for these students. Top administrators of Seattle post-
11 secondary institutions confirmed this problem in testimony to Council on November 15,
12 2010.

13 T. The School District's graduation requirements are not presently aligned with
14 requirements for entering or succeeding in post-secondary institutions.

15 U. The School District Board of Directors agrees that students should leave high school
16 college and career ready and adopted the following Instructional Policy in March 2010:

17 "The Board of Directors of Seattle Public Schools believes that every student can
18 and must learn at grade level and beyond, and that all students will be afforded the
19 opportunity to reach their potential and graduate from high school ready for
20 college, career, and life. We recognize that in today's global economy, college
21 ready and career ready standards are the same and are appropriate for all students.

22 It is the responsibility of the School Board and the Superintendent to ensure that
23 all students receive an education that meets these goals."
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THIS VERSION IS NOT ADOPTED



1 V. The academic and financial challenges facing the School District and its students have
2 been and are being experienced throughout the country. Bold initiatives have been
3 undertaken and positive results are possible. The management of the current Levy has
4 relied heavily on the evaluation of outcomes and future investments should and will be
5 made in areas of demonstrated effectiveness.

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7 W. An urgent need exists to continue the provision of City Education-Support Services that
8 support academic achievement to be funded by regular property taxes. This urgency
9 requires submission of a proposition authorizing regular property tax levies for up to
10 seven years in excess of the levy limitations in Chapter 84.55 RCW. The proposition
11 should be submitted to the qualified electors of The City of Seattle at a special election to
12 be held in conjunction with the general election on November 8, 2011.

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14 **Section 2. Statement of Policy.** It is the paramount duty of the State “to make ample provision
15 for the education of all students.” The School District is directly responsible for providing a
16 quality education for all students. However, the School District cannot do this essential work
17 alone. Government, business, community and families should collaborate and together all can
18 contribute to the academic success of Seattle’s children. The City endorses the following
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20 **Priorities for Levy Funding and Implementation Principles** adopted and recommended by the
21 Levy Advisory Committee. The School District and its Board were active participants on the
22 Levy Advisory Committee, endorsed these Priorities and Principles and agreed that they are
23 aligned with the School District’s strategic goals.

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25 **Priorities for Levy Funding:**

- 26 1. Children at risk, including English Language Learners,
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2. Children, birth to age 5, likely to attend low performing schools,
3. Students with the highest level of academic need,
4. Schools with the highest level of academic need,
5. Maximizing impact by funding a targeted number of schools and students,
6. Build on the success of previous investments, where possible,
7. Use evidence-based and/or promising practices to improve academic outcomes,
and
8. Invest in family strengthening practices.

Implementation Principles:

1. Use an accountability structure based on student outcomes, indicators and performance-based contracts,
2. Encourage course corrections to improve outcomes; defund projects that do not achieve outcomes,
3. Report on student performance at least annually,
4. Continue data-sharing agreement with Seattle Public Schools,
5. Maximize partnerships to achieve outcomes,
6. Provide support for innovative academic strategies aimed at dramatically improving academic achievement, and
7. Help support academic elements of place-based community strategies for transformation of schools or feeder patterns of schools.

Section 3. Definitions. As used in this ordinance, the following words when capitalized have the following meanings:

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- 1 A. "City" means The City of Seattle.
- 2 B. "Education-Support Services" means the array of programs and activities referred to in
3 Section 6, with such modifications as the City Council may from time to time authorize
4 by ordinance.
- 5 C. "Proceeds" means that portion of regular property taxes levied and collected as
6 authorized by voter approval pursuant to this ordinance that are above the limits on levies
7 provided for in RCW 84.55.010, and all interest and other earnings derived from that
8 portion of the Levy.
- 9 D. "Seattle School Board" and "School Board" mean Seattle School District No. 1 Board of
10 Directors.
- 11 E. "Seattle School District" and "School District" mean Seattle School District No. 1.

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13 **Section 4. Levy of Regular Property Taxes - Submittal.** The City hereby submits to the
14 qualified electors of the City a proposition as authorized by RCW 84.55.050 to exceed the levy
15 limitation on regular property taxes contained in Chapter 84.55 RCW, as it now exists or may
16 hereafter be amended, for property taxes levied in 2011 through 2017 for collection in 2012
17 through 2018, respectively, raising up to \$231,562,000 in aggregate over a period of up to seven
18 years. The proposition shall be limited so that the City shall not levy more than \$32,101,000 in
19 the first year, in addition to the maximum amount of regular property taxes it would have been
20 limited to by RCW 84.55.010 in the absence of voter approval under this ordinance, plus other
21 authorized lid lifts. Proceeds shall be used to provide Education-Support Services for Seattle
22 School District students, Seattle youth, and their families. Pursuant to RCW 84.55.050(4), the
23 maximum regular property taxes that may be levied in 2018 for collection in 2019 and in later
24 years shall be computed as if the levy lid in RCW 84.55.010 had not been lifted under this
25 ordinance.

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1 **Section 5. Application of Proceeds.** Unless otherwise directed by ordinance, Proceeds shall
2 be deposited in the Education-Support Services Fund. The Director of Finance and
3 Administrative Services, or the Director's designee, is authorized to create subfunds or accounts
4 within the Education-Support Services Fund as may be needed or appropriate to implement the
5 purposes of this ordinance. Proceeds may be temporarily deposited or invested in such manner
6 as may be lawful for the investment of City money, and interest and other earnings shall be used
7 for the same purposes as the Proceeds.

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9 **Section 6. Education-Support Services.** Education-Support Services funded by Proceeds are
10 intended to promote school readiness and learning, support academic achievement and reduce
11 the academic achievement gap, and prepare graduates for college and the career of their choice.
12 Levy investments shall be guided by the Statement of Policy, Priorities for Funding and
13 Implementation Principles in Section 2. Initially, these core strategies will be pursued through a
14 variety of Education-Support Services that include the following:

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16 A. **School readiness and early learning.** Major program elements include preschool for
17 low-income three and four year olds; access for low-income families to high quality
18 childcare; professional development for early education providers; school readiness
19 support for children in home day-care situations, including home visits; health
20 screenings; and preschool to kindergarten transition services.
- 21 B. **Academic achievement in elementary school.** Major program elements include
22 extended learning time, out-of-school time activities, and summer learning programs; and
23 school- and community-based family support services.
- 24 C. **Academic achievement and college/career preparation in middle school.** Major
25 program elements include extended learning time; out-of-school time activities; social,
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1 emotional, and behavioral supports; summer learning programs; and advising, guidance
2 and related support for college readiness.

3 **D. Academic achievement and college/career preparation in high school.** Major program
4 elements include extended learning time; social, emotional, and behavioral supports;
5 summer learning programs; and advising, guidance and related support for college
6 readiness.

7 **E. Student health.** Major program elements include school-based student health clinics and
8 physical, mental and dental support services at clinic sites in middle and high schools,
9 school based health services at high need elementary schools, and health services for
10 high-risk middle and high school students in alternative school settings.

11 **F. Community partnership fund.** Major program elements include funding for community
12 and school-based partnerships to achieve Levy goals.

13 **G. Research and Evaluation.** Major program elements include research and evaluation of
14 the individual programs and services in the foregoing categories and of the overall
15 outcomes of Education-Support Services funded by Proceeds.

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17 These program elements are illustrative examples. In the annual City budget or by
18 separate ordinance, the City shall from year-to-year determine the Education-Support Services
19 and funding allocations that will most effectively achieve the Levy goals and outcomes. Within a
20 budget year the City is authorized to reallocate unexpended and unencumbered funds from one
21 core strategy to another by making operating budget transfers consistent with SMC 5.08.020.
22 The Council requires that before the Executive submits to the Council any proposed changes in
23 Levy funding requiring Council approval by ordinance, the Executive will seek the
24 recommendation of the Oversight Committee.

25 Unexpended appropriations of Proceeds shall carry forward to subsequent fiscal years
26 until they are exhausted or abandoned by ordinance.

1 The City's expenditures on administrative costs over the seven-year period of the Levy
2 shall not exceed a total of five percent of the total expenditure authority of the Proceeds.

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4 **Section 7. Oversight Committee.** Conditioned upon voter approval of the ballot proposition
5 submitted by this ordinance, there is established an Oversight Committee (Committee) to make
6 recommendations on the design and funding of Levy programs and to monitor the progress of
7 Levy programs in meeting Levy outcomes and goals.

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9 A. The Committee shall make recommendations on the Implementation and Evaluation Plan
10 called for in Section 8 and on the Partnership Agreement called for in Section 10.

11 B. The Committee shall each year:

- 12 • By February review the annual report of Levy outcomes and indicators for the previous
13 school year;
- 14 • By April review mid-year indicators of progress for the first semester of the current
15 school year;
- 16 • By May review and advise on proposed course corrections, program modifications, or
17 program eliminations;
- 18 • By September review and advise the City Council on proposed expenditures and
19 reallocations, including the annual Levy budget; and
- 20 • Periodically review and advise on program evaluations.

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22 C. The Council requires that before the Executive submits to the Council the
23 Implementation and Evaluation Plan, Partnership Agreement or proposes any changes in
24 Levy funding requiring Council approval by ordinance, the Executive will seek the
25 recommendation of the Committee.
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1 D. The Committee shall consist of twelve (12) members: the Mayor, the Chair of the City
2 Council's Public Safety and Education Committee or its successor with respect to
3 education issues, the Superintendent of the School District, a member of the School
4 District Board, and eight (8) citizens. The Mayor and City Council shall each appoint
5 four (4) of the citizen Committee members. All members appointed by the Mayor shall
6 be confirmed by the City Council.

7 E. The eight citizen members shall be appointed to three (3) year staggered terms subject to
8 reappointment, except that two of them (one Mayoral appointee and one Council
9 appointee) shall be initially appointed for a single year term, three (two Mayoral
10 appointees and one Council appointee) for a two (2) year term, and three (one Mayoral
11 appointee and two Council appointees) for a three (3) year term. Upon the resignation,
12 retirement, death, incapacity or removal of a Committee member, the authority
13 appointing such member may appoint a replacement for the balance of the term. The
14 appointing authority may remove any member who is absent from two or more
15 consecutive meetings without cause. The appointing authority may remove any member
16 for other good cause shown or to ensure compliance with subsection F of this section.

17 F. The eight citizens should have professional, personal or research experience associated
18 with the growth and development of children, including their academic success. For
19 example, this experience may come from classroom teaching, student mentoring, or
20 education policy research. The City will also seek candidates to serve on the Committee
21 who have an understanding of and experience working with new immigrants and
22 refugees, communities of color, Native American tribes, children of different abilities,
23 and others who have historically not been academically successful in traditional
24 education programs.

25 G. At all times no more than three (3) Committee members shall be an officer, director,
26 board member, trustee, partner or employee of an entity that receives or competes for
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1 funding under this ordinance; or be a member of the immediate family of, or an
2 individual residing with, an officer, director, board member, trustee, partner or employee
3 of an entity that receives or competes for funding under this ordinance; or be a person
4 seeking or having an arrangement concerning future employment with an entity that
5 receives or competes for funding under this ordinance. For the purposes of this ordinance
6 an individual's "immediate family" means an individual's spouse or domestic partner,
7 child, child of a spouse or domestic partner, sibling, sibling of a domestic partner,
8 brother-in-law, sister-in-law, parent, parent of a spouse or domestic partner, a person for
9 whom the individual is a legal guardian, or a person claimed as a dependent on the
10 individual's most recently filed federal income tax return. Subject to the preceding
11 sentence and applicable law, an individual serving as an officer, director, board member,
12 trustee, partner or employee of an entity that receives or competes for funding under this
13 ordinance, or who has an interest in such an entity, shall not thereby be disqualified from
14 serving on the Committee, but shall fully disclose any such relationships and shall not
15 vote on any matter in which the interest of such entity is directly involved. For purposes
16 of this section, "entity" does not include a City department or office. The provisions of
17 this section are in addition to the requirements of SMC chapter 4.16.

18 H. The Mayor and the Chair of the City Council's Public Safety and Education Committee
19 or successor committee overseeing education, or their respective designees, will co-chair
20 the Committee. The Committee will generally meet every other month or as needed
21 beginning January 2012. The Office for Education shall provide staff and logistical
22 support for the Committee. Members shall serve without pay. The Committee shall
23 continue in existence through December 31, 2018, and thereafter if so provided by
24 ordinance.

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1 **Section 8. Implementation and Evaluation Plan.** Proceeds may be spent only in accordance
2 with the Implementation and Evaluation plan (the Plan) approved by ordinance. The Plan may be
3 amended by ordinance.

4 The Plan shall set forth the criteria, measurable outcomes and methodology by which
5 programs funded by Proceeds will be selected and evaluated. The evaluation methodology shall
6 measure both individual programs and overall effects of the Education-Support Services. The
7 achievement of all stated outcomes shall be evaluated and no one component will be
8 determinative of an individual programs' effectiveness or the overall effectiveness of the
9 Education-Support Services.

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11 **Section 9. Implementing Agreements.** If this proposition is approved by the voters, the City
12 may carry out the Education-Support Services with City staff or by agreements with the School
13 District, with Public Health Seattle-King County, and with such other agencies and persons as
14 may be appropriate. It is the intent of the City Council that all 2011 Levy investments, including
15 services previously funded in the 2004 Levy, shall be awarded through a competitive process.
16 The Implementation and Evaluation Plan will set out a process and schedule for how programs
17 will be selected and contracted.

18 The Mayor or the Mayor's designee is authorized to enter into such agreements,
19 consistent with Section 10 below. The City shall, when soliciting businesses for goods or
20 services agreements, perform outreach to small, economically disadvantaged businesses,
21 including those owned by women and minorities. City agreements with other public entities shall
22 encourage those entities to actively solicit bids for the subcontracting of any goods or services,
23 when such subcontracting is required or appropriate, from qualified small businesses, including
24 those owned by women and minorities. City agreements with businesses for goods and services
25 and with other public entities and non-profits shall encourage these entities to employ a
26 workforce reflective of the region's diversity. All City agreements for goods and services shall
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1 require the contracting entities to comply with all then-applicable requirements for non-
2 discrimination in employment in federal, state, and City of Seattle laws and regulations.

3 All City agreements funded by Proceeds will stipulate that no assurances are made of
4 continuation beyond the 2018-2019 school year after the levy lid lift authorized by the voters has
5 expired.

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7 **Section 10. City of Seattle/Seattle School District Partnership Agreement.** There shall be a
8 Partnership Agreement (the Partnership Agreement) developed by the City and the Seattle
9 School District in which the roles and responsibilities of the City and the School District in
10 developing the Implementation and Evaluation Plan, referenced in Section 8, and in
11 implementing Education-Support Services are established. The Partnership Agreement shall set
12 forth the parties roles and responsibilities for achieving the desired outcomes for Education-
13 Support Services. It shall outline, in a variety of areas, ways in which both the City and the
14 School District shall work collaboratively toward better results for children and youth. The
15 Partnership Agreement shall cover items including, but not limited to: data sharing necessary to
16 implement program evaluations and course corrections, standards for delivery of services, and
17 methods for identifying and targeting students and schools most in need of support.

18 The City cannot enter into the Partnership Agreement, or materially amend the
19 Partnership Agreement, until the Partnership Agreement or the amendment, as the case may be,
20 is approved by the Seattle City Council and the School District's Board of Directors. Proceeds
21 may be spent on School District programs or functions only in accordance with an effective
22 Partnership Agreement

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24 **Section 11. Reporting.** The Director of the Office for Education will prepare and submit to the
25 Oversight Committee, City Council, the Mayor and citizens of Seattle annual progress reports on
26 the implementation of the Education-Support Services covering each of the core strategies and
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1 the actions taken as a result of the adopted City of Seattle/School District Partnership
2 Agreement.

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4 **Section 12. Election - Ballot Title.** The City Council directs that the City Clerk file this
5 ordinance with the Director of Elections of King County, Washington, as ex officio supervisor of
6 elections, requesting that the Director of Elections call and conduct a special election in the City
7 in conjunction with the state general election to be held on November 8, 2011, for the purpose of
8 submitting to the qualified electors of the City the proposition set forth in this ordinance. The
9 City Clerk is directed to certify to the King County Director of Elections the ballot title approved
10 by the City Attorney in accordance with his responsibilities under RCW 29A.36.071. The
11 following ballot title is submitted to the City attorney for his consideration:

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13 THE CITY OF SEATTLE

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15 PROPOSITION NUMBER _____
16 REGULAR TAX LEVY INCLUDING
17 FAMILIES AND EDUCATION

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19 The City of Seattle's Proposition concerns renewing and enhancing Education-Support Services
20 to improve academic achievement.

21 This proposition would fund City services, including school readiness, academic achievement in
22 elementary, middle and high school, college/career preparation, and student health and
23 community partnerships as provided in Ordinance _____. It authorizes regular property taxes
24 above RCW 84.55 limits, allowing additional 2012 collection of up to \$32,101,000 and up to
25 \$231,562,000 over seven years. In 2012, taxes collected would be limited to \$3.60 per \$1,000 of
26 assessed value, including approximately \$0.27 additional taxes.

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1 Should this Levy be approved?

2 Levy, Yes

3 Levy, No

4 Those in favor shall vote "Yes;" those opposed shall mark their ballots "No."

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6 **Section 13. Ratification.** Certification of such proposition by the City Clerk to the King County
7 Director of Elections in accordance with law prior to the date of such election on November 8,
8 and any other act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this ordinance,
9 are hereby ratified and confirmed.

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11 **Section 14. Severability.** In the event any one or more of the provisions of this ordinance shall
12 for any reason be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any other provision of this
13 ordinance or the levy of the taxes authorized herein, but this ordinance and the authority to levy
14 those taxes shall be construed and enforced as if such invalid provisions had not been contained
15 herein; and any provision which shall for any reason be held by reason of its extent to be invalid
16 shall be deemed to be in effect to the extent permitted by law.

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1 **Section 15.** This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by
2 the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it
3 shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

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5 Passed by the City Council the ____ day of _____, 2011, and
6 signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this
7 ____ day of _____, 2011.

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9 _____
10 President _____ of the City Council

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12 Approved by me this ____ day of _____, 2011.

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14 _____
15 Michael McGinn, Mayor

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17 Filed by me this ____ day of _____, 2011.

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19 _____
20 City Clerk

21 (Seal)

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City of Seattle
Office of the Mayor

February 1, 2011

Honorable Richard Conlin
President
Seattle City Council
City Hall, 2nd Floor

Dear Council President Conlin:

I am pleased to transmit the attached proposed Council Bill that requests a proposition be put forth to the voters to lift the property tax limit to levy additional taxes for the purpose of providing education-support services through what is commonly known as the Families and Education Levy. The proposed Council Bill would levy \$231,562,000 over seven years to prepare young children to enter school, support academic achievement and reduce the achievement gap, and to help students graduate from high school. The proceeds from the levy would be invested in five areas including Early Learning; Elementary, Middle and High School Academic Achievement improvements; and Student Health services. The overall goal of these investments is to ensure all Seattle Public School students graduate from high school ready for college or a career.

The Seattle Public School District Scorecard for the 2009-2010 academic year reported that 67% of students graduated from high school in four years, and only 46% of those graduates were prepared to enter a four year college. Clearly, we are failing to prepare our children for the economy they are entering and to face the challenges of a complex world. Proceeds from the Families and Education Levy would be focused on helping children who are preparing to enter or are attending the 23 elementary schools with the highest concentrations of low income students. Students in five middle schools and five high schools would benefit from coordinated investments aimed at improving academic achievement for struggling students. Students in these middle and high schools would also receive support planning and preparing for post secondary success. All 10th grade students throughout the district would be assessed for post secondary readiness, while 800 students would receive more intensive support preparing for life after high school. Over 2,700 students at all grades would receive an opportunity to participate in summer school, regardless of the school attended. Our highly regarded school based health centers would be maintained and expanded to two additional sites including the Secondary Bilingual Orientation Center where refugee and immigrant children enter into the education system. Health services would also be extended into 10 elementary schools.

During my inauguration as Mayor, I launched the Seattle Youth and Families Initiative. Over 2,800 people attended community caucuses, small group meetings, or submitted information electronically. The predominant concerns raised by these families addressed academic issues. Families and young people described the myriad obstacles they faced in trying to prepare for and successfully complete school. Many participants raised specific concerns about how we fail to support low income, minority and English Language Learner students. City Council members were fully supportive of this Initiative and engaged in many of the meetings and caucuses. They too heard of the challenges facing our families.

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Office of the Mayor

The City Council adopted Resolution 31206 setting forth a structure, process and schedule for developing a Families and Education Levy renewal proposal for the 2011 election. Collaboratively, we appointed twenty citizen members with strong backgrounds in education, advocacy, community organizing and research to develop three recommended levels of funding for the Levy. For six months, the Levy Advisory Committee followed a thoughtful and challenging process to review the investments of the current levy, to hear from experts about promising approaches for improving academic achievement, and to get feedback from the community about their recommendations. The attached proposal to levy additional taxes in the amount of \$231,562,000 to support the programs described above reflects the unanimous recommendation of the members of the Levy Planning Committee.

Development of this proposal has truly been a collaborative venture. The City Council, Mayor's Office, and Seattle Public Schools have worked closely together to ensure that proposed levy investments have the greatest likelihood of success. Recommendations from the planning committee closely align the findings from the Youth and Families Initiative, the principles laid out in Resolution 31206 and the Seattle Public Schools Strategic Plan. I am confident that the partnerships engendered during the development of this proposal will strengthen our ability to deliver on our promise to Seattle's students and families: *All children will graduate from school college/career ready.*

Thank you for your consideration of this legislation. Should you have questions, please contact Holly Miller, Director, Office for Education, at 684-4508.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael McGinn".

Michael McGinn
Mayor of Seattle

cc: Honorable Members of the Seattle City Council



STATE OF WASHINGTON – KING COUNTY

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No. 123567-572

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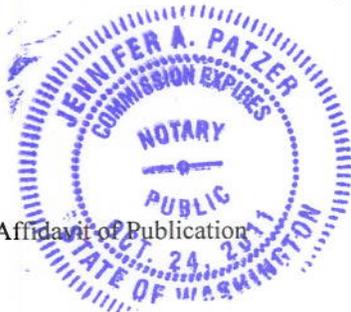
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Notary public for the State of Washington,
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State of Washington, King County

City of Seattle

TITLE-ONLY PUBLICATION

The full text of the following ordinances, passed by the City Council on March 28, 2011, and published here by title only, will be mailed upon request, or can be accessed at <http://clerk.seattle.gov>. For further information, contact the Seattle City Clerk at 684-8344.

ORDINANCE NO. 123567

AN ORDINANCE relating to regular property taxes; requesting that a special election be held concurrent with the November 8, 2011 general election for submission to the qualified electors of the City of a proposition to lift the limit on regular property taxes under Chapter 84.55 RCW and authorize the City to levy additional taxes for up to seven years for the purpose of providing Seattle School District No. 1 public school students, Seattle children, and their families education-support services designed to improve academic achievement; authorizing creation of a new subfund; creating an oversight committee; and authorizing implementing agreements for this levy lid lift commonly known as the Families and Education Levy.

ORDINANCE NO. 123568

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Transit Master Plan; removing restrictions in the 2011 Adopted Budget that limit the Seattle Department of Transportation's spending on the Transit Master Plan.

ORDINANCE NO. 123569

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Natural Resource Trustees; authorizing an agreement with the Natural Resource Trustees for the assignment of a Restrictive Covenant setting out conditions under which the City of Seattle will guarantee the preservation of habitat to be created on City-owned property by Bluefield Holdings and authorizing the jurisdictional department to sign such a covenant when conceptual approval for the project is issued; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

ORDINANCE NO. 123570

AN ORDINANCE granting Theta Chi Fraternity, Inc. permission to maintain and operate a pedestrian skybridge over the alley between 17th Avenue Northeast and 16th Avenue Northeast, south of Northeast 47th Street, for an eight-year term; specifying the conditions under which this permit is granted; providing for acceptance of the permit and conditions; ratifying and confirming certain prior acts; and repealing Ordinance 123315.

ORDINANCE NO. 123571

AN ORDINANCE accepting for general street purposes 21 deeds conveyed to the City of Seattle by the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority ("Sound Transit") in connection with the Central Link Light Rail Transit Project as agreed to in a Property Acquisition and Transfer Procedures Agreement between the City of Seattle and Sound Transit, dated August 12, 2003 ("Property Transfer Agreement"); laying off, opening, widening, extending, and establishing portions of the rights-of-way located on Martin Luther King Jr. Way South between South Alaska Street and South Orcas Street; placing the real property conveyed by the 21 deeds under the jurisdiction of the Seattle Department of Transportation; and ratifying and confirming certain prior acts.

ORDINANCE NO. 123572

AN ORDINANCE appropriating money to pay certain audited claims and ordering the payment thereof.

Date of publication in the Seattle Daily Journal of Commerce, April 15, 2011.

STATE OF WASHINGTON – KING COUNTY

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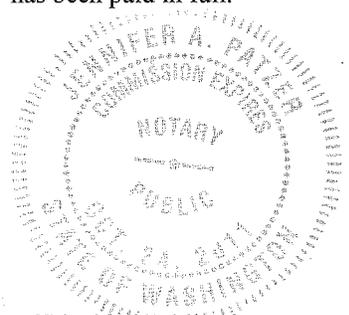
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[Handwritten Signature]

Subscribed and sworn to before me on

10/21/11 *[Handwritten Signature]*

Notary public for the State of Washington,
residing in Seattle

Affidavit of Publication

State of Washington, King County

City of Seattle

The following ballot measure will appear on the City of Seattle November 8, 2011, general election ballot.

"City of Seattle

Proposition No. 1

Regular Tax Levy Including Families and Education

The City of Seattle's Proposition concerns renewing and enhancing Education Support Services to improve academic achievement.

This proposition would fund City services, including school readiness, academic achievement in elementary, middle and high school, college/career preparation, and student health and community partnerships as provided in Ordinance 123567. It authorizes regular property taxes above RCW 84.55 limits, allowing additional 2012 collection of up to \$32,101,000 (approximately \$0.27/\$1000 assessed value) and up to \$231,562,000 over seven years. In 2012, total City taxes collected would not exceed \$3.60 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

Should this Levy be approved?

LEVY, YES

LEVY, NO"

The complete text of Ordinance 123567 is available from the Office of the City Clerk, online at <http://clerk.seattle.gov/public/CBOR1.htm>, or in hard copy by request to 206-684-8344.

To view the Seattle City Attorney's Explanatory Statement regarding this measure, please visit:

<http://www2.ci.seattle.wa.us/ethics/votersguide.asp>

Publication Ordered by Monica Martinez Simmons, Seattle City Clerk.

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