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WHEREAS, the City of Seattle recognizes skateboarding as a healthy and popular recreational activity; and

WHEREAS, nationwide more than 11 million people from all ages and backgrounds participate in and enjoy skateboarding for recreation and sport, making it one of the fastest growing sports in North America which continues to gain popularity as a healthy activity; and

WHEREAS, studies have found that skateboarding is safer than soccer and baseball on an accident-per-participant basis; and

WHEREAS, skateboarding plays a key role in promoting physical fitness, self esteem, and a sense of belonging; and

WHEREAS, studies have dispelled myths about skateboarding and skateparks, shown that skateparks do not contribute to serious crime, and found that integrating the park within the community is important for siting skateparks; and

WHEREAS, a lack of public places within the City of Seattle to skate has forced many skateboarders to occupy transitional spaces or public properties; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle through its Department of Parks and Recreation encourages healthy recreational activities and sports, and to the extent possible seeks to accommodate these activities and sports; and

WHEREAS, skateboarding requires ample terrain and facilities to appropriately accommodate this rapidly growing sport; and

WHEREAS, skateboarders, as the users of such terrain and facilities, should have sufficient opportunity to provide input and to participate in the siting and design of such terrain and facilities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle seeks to gain the input and knowledge of skateboarders and other experts from the skateboarding community on integrating into the City's appropriate recreational infrastructures a network of skateparks of various sizes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle through its Department of Parks and Recreation can serve its skateboarding community through appropriate planning; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation's long term plans currently don't include skateparks, and only recently have begun planning for the development of individual skateboarding sites; and

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WHEREAS, other local jurisdictions have benefited significantly from engaging stakeholders of the skateboarding community in a strategic planning process to map out a course for serving skateboarders; and

WHEREAS, decisions about where, how many, and what types of public skateparks would best serve the City of Seattle do require both consideration of a broad range of stakeholder perspectives, as well as decision making that is characterized to the greatest extent by objectivity and freedom from political pressures;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE MAYOR CONCURRING THAT:

Section 1. The City of Seattle recognizes skateboarding as a healthy and popular recreational activity that is currently underserved by the City's parks infrastructure. Therefore, the City shall develop a comprehensive skatepark system plan to address this growing demand.

Section 2. The City of Seattle hereby establishes a Skatepark Advisory Task Force (Task Force) to develop a recommended comprehensive Seattle skatepark system plan. The Task Force, with the assistance of a consultant and with staffing support from the Department of Parks and Recreation, is requested to carry out the duties defined below in the following sections. Upon completion of said duties, the Task Force shall dissolve unless otherwise authorized by future legislation. Meetings of the Task Force will be open to the public unless, had the Task Force been subject to Chapter 42.30 RCW, that law would not have required that the meeting or portion of the meeting be open to the public.

Section 3. The Task Force shall be comprised of the following: a citizen representative of the Department of Parks and Recreation's Skate Park Advisory Committee; two representatives of skateboarding and/or skatepark advocacy groups; a planning or landscape architecture professional; a representative of the Department of Parks and Recreation; a representative of the Department of Transportation; and five at-large members representing a variety of community perspectives. Employees of any government agency shall be non-voting, but otherwise fully participating members. The representatives of the Department of Parks and

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Recreation and of the Department of Transportation are to be selected by the Mayor or his or her designee. A Task Force chair and all other members of the Task Force shall be jointly selected by the Mayor and the Chair of the City Council's Committee on Parks, Neighborhoods and Education (PNE) or its successor.

Section 4. The Department of Parks and Recreation shall staff the Task Force and, subject to approval of the Chair of the PNE Committee, hire a consultant or consultants to work with the Skatepark Advisory Task Force. A member or a designee of the City Council's PNE Committee and two representatives from the Task Force shall participate in the development of the consultant Request for Proposals (RFP) process and in the consultant selection process.

Section 5. The consultant(s), working in conjunction with the Skatepark Advisory Task Force and the Department of Parks and Recreation, shall develop a proposed plan for building a citywide network of safe and accessible skatable terrain and skateparks. The consultant(s), Task Force and the Department of Parks and Recreation shall work together to exchange appropriate information pertinent to developing a proposed plan.

Section 6. Any recommended plan forwarded for Council approval and adoption for a Seattle skatepark system shall include:

a) the establishment of skatepark siting criteria (using existing data from studies such as Portland's *The Urban Grind, Skateparks: Neighborhood Perceptions and Planning Realities*);

b) identification and recommendations on a range of types and sizes of skateparks to be built;

c) an assessment of the current supply of Seattle skate facilities, including an evaluation of the functionality of existing facilities and how these facilities meet skaters' (of all skill levels) interests, and where improvements may be desired;

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d) an evaluation of the overall demand for skateparks in Seattle and in specific neighborhoods of Seattle;

e) identification of neighborhoods and other parts of the city that lack skate facilities or terrain;

f) identification of parks, other potential city property, Port of Seattle property, and/ or Seattle School District property that may be functional for the development of skateparks;

g) estimated projected costs for the development of a Seattle skatepark system, including cost estimates for development of individual terrain or facilities;

h) identification and evaluation of potential funding sources; and

i) a proposed development timeline including significant phases, milestones and a prioritization of projects suitable for funding and development.

The planning process shall include and be based upon outreach to appropriate community and district Councils, schools, youth recreation organizations, chambers of commerce and other neighborhood-level support organizations.

Section 7. The Skatepark Advisory Task Force and consultant(s) shall jointly provide and present a draft proposed plan to the Council's PNE Committee for review and comment on the draft plan. After the Task Force reviews comments from the Council's PNE Committee, the Task Force and the consultant shall jointly provide to the Board of Parks Commissioners a proposed plan no later than December 15, 2006. The Executive shall present a final proposed plan by January 31, 2007 to the City Council for possible adoption.

Section 8. Adoption of this resolution and support for the establishment of a plan for a Seattle skatepark system shall not delay or halt existing efforts to plan, design and construct skateparks in Seattle. In proposing funding for the 2007-2008 Biennial Budget, the Superintendent may make recommendations to the Executive for the implementation of phases of a proposed skatepark plan. These recommendations may be implemented as part of the

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Department of Parks and Recreation's future Capital Improvement Plan and related budget, which will be proposed by the Mayor and considered by City Council.

Adopted by the City Council the 21st day of February, 2006, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this 21st day of February, 2006.

Richard Le McCoy
President ~~pro tem~~ of the City Council

THE MAYOR CONCURRING:

Gregory J. Nickels, Mayor

Filed by me this 2nd day of March, 2006.

Judith E. Pippin
City Clerk

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Legislation Title:

A resolution relating to skateboarding in the City of Seattle; recognizing its importance as a healthy and popular recreational activity; declaring the City's intent to establish a skateboard advisory task force to develop a comprehensive citywide Skatepark Plan; and stating the City's resolve to establishing a network of skateparks of various sizes.

- **Summary of the Legislation:**

This resolution would establish a skateboard park advisory task force to work with a consultant and the Department of Parks and Recreation to develop a skateboard park plan for the city.

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

Skateboarding is a rapidly growing sport and recreational activity. It is estimated that more than 11 million people from all ages and backgrounds throughout the United States participate in and enjoy skateboarding for recreation and sport. Currently there is only one publicly funded skateboard park in Seattle, which is located at Seattle Center Lot 2. The Lot 2 skateboard park will be forced to relocate as a part of the agreement to sell Lot 2 to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. A new public skateboard park is recently available for use at the new Ballard Commons Park and there is another skateboard park in the design stages for Lower Woodland Park.

Parks previous planning processes – the Pro Parks Levy, COMP Plan, etc. do not include planning for skateboarding facilities. This resolution would help the city plan the development and siting of skateboard parks more comprehensively. This resolution is modeled after a similar effort recently undertaken in Portland, OR.

- *Please check one of the following:*

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Appropriations: *This table should reflect appropriations that are a direct result of this legislation. In the event that the project/ programs associated with this ordinance have appropriations that were, or will be, received because of previous or future legislation or budget actions, please provide details in the Notes section below.*

Fund Name and Number	Department	Budget Control Level*	2005 Appropriation	2006 Anticipated Appropriation
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	$0.00			

**See budget book to obtain the appropriate Budget Control Level for your department.*

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Anticipated Revenue/Reimbursement: Resulting From This Legislation: *This table should reflect revenues/reimbursements that are a direct result of this legislation. In the event that the issues/projects associated with this ordinance/resolution have revenues or reimbursements that were, or will be, received because of previous or future legislation or budget actions, please provide details in the Notes section below the table.*

Fund Name and Number	Department	Revenue Source	2005 Revenue	2006 Revenue
TOTAL	N/A			

Notes: There are no revenues associated with the expenditure of these funds.

Total Regular Positions Created Or Abrogated Through This Legislation, Including FTE Impact: *This table should only reflect the actual number of positions created by this legislation In the event that positions have been, or will be, created as a result of previous or future legislation or budget actions, please provide details in the Notes section below the table.*

Position Title and Department*	Fund Name	Fund Number	Part-Time/ Full Time	2005 Positions	2005 FTE	2006 Positions**	2006 FTE**
TOTAL	N/A						

* *List each position separately*
** *2006 positions and FTE are total 2006 position changes resulting from this legislation, not incremental changes. Therefore, under 2006, please be sure to include any continuing positions from 2005*

Notes:

- **Do positions sunset in the future?** *(If yes, identify sunset date):*

N/A

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Fund Name and Number	Department	Budget Control Level*	2005 Expenditures	2006 Anticipated Expenditures
TOTAL				

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Notes:

- **What is the financial cost of not implementing the legislation?** *(Estimate the costs to the City of not implementing the legislation, including estimated costs to maintain or expand an existing facility or the cost avoidance due to replacement of an existing facility, potential conflicts with regulatory requirements, or other potential costs if the legislation is not implemented.)*

There are no financial costs to not implementing the legislation. However, should this legislation be adopted, the Department will increase its ability to serve different parks users.

- **What are the possible alternatives to the legislation that could achieve the same or similar objectives?** *(Include any potential alternatives to the proposed legislation, such as reducing fee-supported activities, identifying outside funding sources for fee-supported activities, etc.)*

There are no other alternatives.

- **Is the legislation subject to public hearing requirements:** *(If yes, what public hearings have been held to date, and/or what plans are in place to hold a public hearing(s) in the future.)*

No

- **Other Issues** (*including long-term implications of the legislation*):

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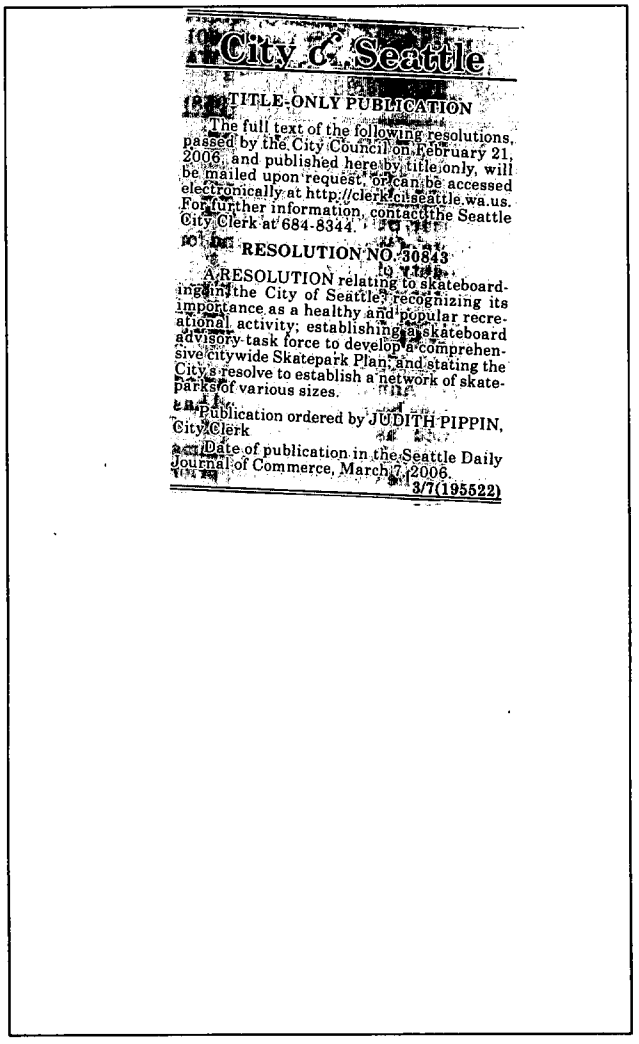

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