SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

Legislative Summary

RES 31640

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Title: A RESOLUTION declaring the support for passage of the Seattle School District's Proposition 1 Operations Levy and Proposition 2 Buildings, Technology and Academics/Athletics IV Capital Levy, on the February 9, 2016 ballot.

	Date
Filed with City Clerk:	12/17/2015
Mayor's Signature:	12/17/2015
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Sponsors: Burgess

Attachments:

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Version:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	Full Council	12/07/2015	referred	Full Council			
	Action Text:	The Resolution (Res) was referred. to the Full Council					
	Notes:						
1	Full Council	12/14/2015	adopted				Pass
	Action Text:	The Motion carried, the Resolution (Res) was adopted by the following vote, and the President signed the Resolution:					
	Notes:	In accordance with Revised Code of Washington 42.17A.555, and Seattle Municipal Code 2.04.300, Council President Burgess provided the public an opportunity to speak in favor or opposed to the ballot measures. Melissa Pailthorp addressed the Council in support of Resolution 31640. Barbara Kelley addressed the Council in support of Resolution 31640. Peter Maier addressed the Council in support of Resolution 31640.					

Sonia Hoglander addressed the Council in support of Resolution 31640.

Cassandra Johnston addressed the Council in support of Resolution 31640.

Alex Tsimerman addressed the Council opposed to Resolution 31640.

Patrick Burns addressed the Council opposed to Resolution 31640.

Public Comment on Resolution 31640 was closed.

Motion was made and duly seconded to adopt Resolution 31640.

In Favor: 8 Council President Burgess, Councilmember Godden, Councilmember González , Councilmember Harrell, Councilmember Licata, Councilmember O'Brien, Councilmember Rasmussen, Councilmember Sawant

Opposed: 0

1	City Clerk	12/16/2015	submitted for Mayor's signature	Mayor

Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was submitted for Mayor's signature. to the Mayor

Notes:

1	Mayor	12/17/2015	Signed	

Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was Signed.

Notes:

1	Mayor	12/17/2015	returned	City Clerk

Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was returned. to the City Clerk

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1	City Clerk	12/17/2015	attested by City Clerk	

Action Text: The Resolution (Res) was attested by City Clerk.

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CITY OF SEATTLE

RESOLUTION 31640

A RESOLUTION declaring the support for passage of the Seattle School District's Proposition 1 Operations Levy and Proposition 2 Buildings, Technology and Academics/Athletics IV Capital Levy, on the February 9, 2016 ballot.

WHEREAS, the Seattle School District's Proposition 1: Operations Levy and Proposition 2: Buildings, Technology and Academics/Athletics IV Capital Levy ("BTA IV") will be presented to the voters of Seattle at a special election on February 9, 2016; and

WHEREAS, education is the key to opportunity in this country; and

WHEREAS, a strong public school system is essential to sustain the economic health and vitality of the City by providing an educated and skilled workforce; and

WHEREAS, an educated population will be actively engaged in Seattle's civic life and contribute to the economic and social well-being of the city; and

WHEREAS, Seattle's children are its future and the quality of that future depends on providing all students equal access to a high quality education; and

WHEREAS, by 2018, it is projected that 67% of all jobs in Washington state will require a post-secondary education; and

WHEREAS, in order to maintain its competitiveness, keep existing employers and attract new family-wage jobs and economically viable 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 strong public school system contributes to the desirability and attractiveness of Seattle as a place to live; and

WHEREAS, State funding of the Seattle School District will be insufficient to enable the District to pay for necessary educational programs and operations and to properly meet the educational needs of the students attending District schools; and

WHEREAS, enrollment in Seattle Public Schools is projected to grow by over 4,000 students by 2020, the equivalent of 8 new elementary schools; and

WHEREAS, in coordination with the Department of Education and Early Learning and in partnership with Seattle Public Schools, the City's new Office of Planning and Community Development is responsible for developing planning strategies that support the District's public school facility needs for anticipated student population consistent with adopted comprehensive plan policies and growth forecasts; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 1, the Seattle School District's three year Operations Levy totaling $758.3 million will provide necessary funds to pay for essential classroom needs such as teachers, librarians, counselors, bilingual and special education specialists, textbooks and supplies, athletics and arts; and

WHEREAS, the educational facilities of the Seattle School District are in need of earthquake and other safety projects, increased capacity to meet enrollment growth, improvements in building condition for aging structures, technology improvements and major preventive maintenance throughout the District to meet the current and future educational needs of its students; and

WHEREAS, projects funded by Proposition 2, the Seattle School District's six-year BTA IV Capital Levy totaling $475 million will make sure that students and teachers have a safe learning environment by modernizing fire alarm and school security systems, enhancing earthquake protection, and replacing roofs and heating systems, add desperately needed

classroom space to help meet our growing enrollment, and provide technology upgrades and science labs while reducing maintenance and repair backlogs; and

WHEREAS, both the Operations and BTA IV Capital Levies are renewals of existing operations and capital levies; and

WHEREAS, the expiring BTA III Capital Levy has delivered its projects on time and under budget; and

WHEREAS, Seattle has the lowest tax rate of any major school district in King County; and

WHEREAS, without these funds, our children's education will suffer – teachers and staff would be laid off, class sizes increased and important programs cut; and

WHEREAS, Seattle voters recognize that the Seattle School District must depend on local levy support to provide essential services as State funding is insufficient and have consistently for the past three decades voted to support the Seattle School District's local levies;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. In accordance with the requirements of RCW 42.17A.555 and SMC 2.04.300 proper notice was given for a hearing at which members of the public, as well as Councilmembers, were afforded an approximately equal opportunity for the expression of an opposing view. Having considered the views of the public, the Seattle City Council and the Mayor support the efforts of the Seattle School District to obtain voter approval of two School Levies on February 9, 2016. The Seattle City Council and the Mayor ask Seattle voters to carefully review these ballot measures and vote "YES" on Seattle School District's Proposition 1 and Proposition 2, which will provide additional funding of benefit to our children and our City.

Adopted by the City Council the 14th day of December, 2016, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this 14th day of December, 2016.

President _____ of the City Council

The Mayor concurred the 17th day of December, 2016.

Edward B. Murray, Mayor

Filed by me this 17th day of December, 2016.

Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

(Seal)

STATE OF WASHINGTON -- KING COUNTY

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MY COMMISSION EXPIRES
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Subscribed and sworn to before me on

01/08/2016

Notary public for the State of Washington,
residing in Seattle

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State of Washington, King County

City of Seattle

The full text of the following legislation, passed by the City Council on December 14, 2015, and published below by title only, will be mailed upon request, or can be accessed at http://clerk.seattle.gov. For information on upcoming meetings of the Seattle City Council, please visit http://www.seattle.gov/council/calendar. Contact: Office of the City Clerk at (206) 684-8344.

Res 31635

A RESOLUTION creating an Arts & Cultural District in the Central Area of Seattle.

Res 31639

A RESOLUTION adopting General Rules and Procedures of the Seattle City Council; superseding Resolutions 31489 and 31561.

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Res 31641

A RESOLUTION expressing the City Council's intent to improve the accommodation of people with hearing disabilities in City facilities.

Res 31642

A RESOLUTION declaring support for Muslim communities, affirming the religious pluralism of the United States, and urging Seattle residents to stand together for peace and understanding.

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