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City Council

Consideration of a Resolution Expressing City Council Support for the Olympia Tumwater Fire Authority Ballot Proposition No. 1 at the Special Election on April 25, 2023, Following a Public Hearing to Afford Persons an Approximately Equal Opportunity to Express Their Views In Support Or Opposition To the Ballot Measure

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee.

City Manager Recommendation:

Move to accept testimony from everyone who wishes to speak for or against the Olympia Tumwater Fire Authority Ballot Proposition No. 1 at the Special Election on April 25, 2023, during a public hearing prior to considering action upon the Resolution.

Motion if Council wishes support the Levy: I Move to Adopt the Resolution Expressing City Council Support for the Olympia Tumwater Fire Authority Ballot Proposition No. 1 at the Special Election on April 25, 2023.

No action is needed if Council does not wish to adopt the Resolution.

Report

Issue:

Whether the City Council will adopt the Resolution expressing City Council support for the Olympia Tumwater Fire Authority Ballot Proposition No. 1 at the Special Election on April 25, 2023.

Staff Contact:

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Presenter(s):

Jay Burney, City Manager

Background and Analysis:

The City Council will consider whether to adopt a Resolution expressing its collective support for the Olympia Tumwater Fire Authority Ballot Proposition No. 1 at the Special Election on April 25, 2023.

Pursuant to RCW 42.17A.555, any action taken by the Council to express its collective support or opposition to a ballot proposition must be done following a public hearing to afford the public an approximately equal opportunity for expression of support or opposition to the ballot measure prior to Council action on a Resolution.

Climate Analysis:

The statutory requirements of RCW 42.17A.555 do not have a climate impact. Before the Council may pass a Resolution expressing its collective intent to support or oppose a ballot measure, it must afford a public hearing for members of the public an approximately equal opportunity to support or oppose Proposition No. 1 whether to create a regional fire authority pursuant to RCW Chapter 52.26.

Equity Analysis:

The statutory requirements of RCW 42.17A.555 require that members of the public be given an approximately equal opportunity to express their support or opposition to Proposition No. 1 whether to create a regional fire authority pursuant to RCW Chapter 52.26 before the Council may pass a Resolution expressing the Council's collective intent to support or oppose a ballot measure. This statutory process permits all views to be expressed in a public hearing before the Council takes any action on a Resolution to express its collective intent on Ballot Proposition No.1 to form a regional fire authority.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

Public testimony was taken from persons who support or oppose the Olympia Tumwater Fire Authority Proposition No. 1 at the Special Election on April 25, 2023.

Options:

1. Approve the Resolution as presented.
2. Direct staff to make changes to the Resolution based on Council feedback.
3. Do not take any action.

Financial Impact:

There is no financial impact. RCW 42.17A.555 requires that before Council may adopt a Resolution to express its collective intent to support or oppose a ballot proposal, it must give an approximately equal opportunity to persons at a public hearing to comment on their support or opposition to a proposed ballot measure.

Attachments:

Resolution