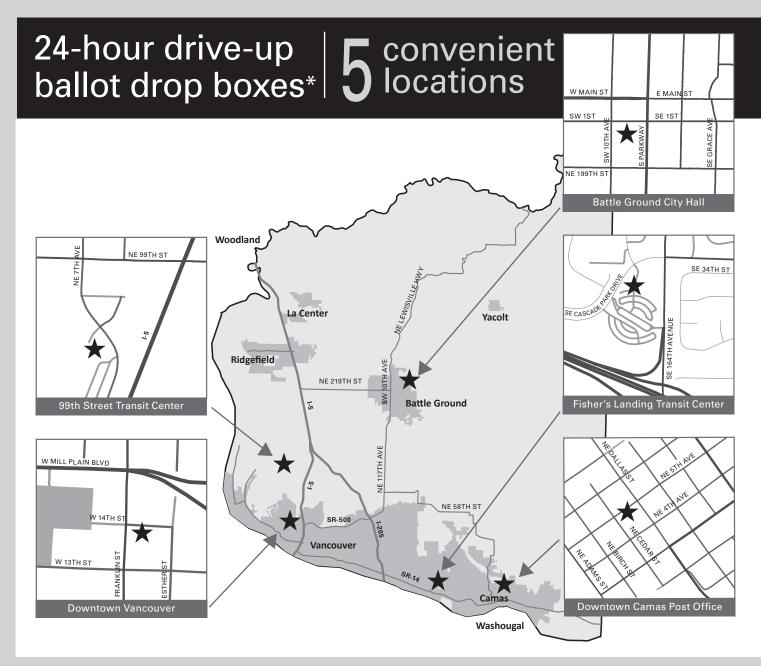
Voters' Pamphlet

November 8, 2016 General Election





Instructions

Use this form to register to vote or update your current registration.

Print all information clearly using black or blue pen. Mail this completed form to your county elections office (address on back).

Deadline

This registration will be in effect for the next election if postmarked no later than the Monday four weeks before Election Day.

You will receive your ballot in the mail. Contact your county elections office for accessible voting options.

Public Information

Your name, address, gender, and date of birth will be public information.

Notice

Knowingly providing false information about yourself or your qualifications for voter registration is a class C felony punishable by imprisonment for up to 5 years, a fine of up to \$10,000, or both.

Public Benefits Offices

If you received this form from a public benefits office, where you received the form will remain confidential and will be used for voter registration purposes only.

Registering or declining to register will not affect the assistance provided to you by any public benefits office. If you decline to register, your decision will remain confidential.

If you believe someone interfered with your right to register, or your right to privacy in deciding whether to register, you may file a complaint with the Washington State Elections Division.

Contact Information

If you would like help with this form, contact the Washington State Elections Division.

web www.vote.wa.gov call (800) 448-4881 email elections@sos.wa.gov

mail PO Box 40229

Olympia, WA 98504-0229

For official use:		

Washington State Voter Registration Form

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Auditor's letter

Dear Clark County residents,

We want to be sure every person eligible to vote is registered and every registered voter receives a ballot. If any of the following applies to you, we urge you to contact us soon so we can help you get your ballot:

- Changed your name
- Moved to a new address in Clark County
- Lost your ballot
- Moved to Clark County from another county in Washington state
- Never registered to vote (a voter registration form is included on page 104)
- Did not receive a ballot for this year's primary

For help registering, call us at (360) 397-2345, send an email to elections@clark. wa.gov, visit our website at clarkvotes.org, or come to our office at 1408 Franklin Street, Vancouver. The office is open 8 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday, as well as November 5, the Saturday before Election Day.

All registered voters can drop ballots in one of five drive-up ballot boxes available 24 hours a day beginning October 19. See page 106 of this voters' pamphlet for a list of ballot deposit locations.

At all levels of government, the winners of this election will make decisions that affect you and future generations. On your ballot, you will find initiatives and advisory votes and, depending on where you live, local issues which, if passed, will have a direct and immediate impact on citizens, our community and state.

The privilege and responsibility of voting in our system of self-government are humbling. I urge you to read this pamphlet, but also seek out more information. The best decisions are made by informed voters.

Sincerely,

Greg Kimsey Clark County Auditor
(360) 397-2078
greg.kimsey@clark.wa.gov

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Participating districts -

Clark County Councilor District No. 3 and No. 4; Public Utility District No. 1 of Clark County; City of Vancouver; City of Woodland; Battle Ground School District No. 119.

Cover photo: 24-hour ballot drop box locations around Clark County.

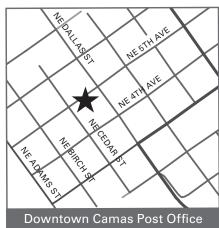
5 convenient locations

24-hour drive-up ballot drop boxes*











5 convenient locations!

Battle Ground City Hall parking lot, 109 SW 1st Street, Battle Ground **Fisher's Landing Transit Center,** 3510 SE 164th Avenue, Vancouver **Downtown Vancouver,** West 14th & Esther Streets, Vancouver **Downtown Camas Post Office,** 440 NE 5th Avenue, Camas **99th Street Transit Center,** 9700 NE 7th Avenue, Vancouver

- Drive-up ballot drop box makes it accessible and convenient
- A stamp is not needed when depositing a ballot in a drop box or at a ballot deposit location

^{*} Open 24 hours a day starting October 19, 2016 through 8 pm November 8.

Ballot deposit locations

If you wish to return your voted ballot in person before the General Election starting on October 19, take it to the:

Clark County Elections Office

1408 Franklin Street, Vancouver 8 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday

If you lose your ballot or it becomes damaged, you can obtain a replacement ballot **only** at this location.

Or one of the five red permanent ballot drop boxes Available 24 hours a day.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 8, 2016. If you wish to return your voted ballot **in person on Election Day**, take it to one of the red ballot drop boxes before 8 pm. In addition, election workers will be present to accept completed ballots **only** on Election Day from 7 am to 8 pm at the following locations:

Clark County Elections Office 1408 Franklin Street, Vancouver Battle Ground High School 300 W Main Street, Battle Ground Burton Elementary School 14015 NE 28th Street, Vancouver Chinook Elementary School 1900 NW Bliss Road, Vancouver Crestline Elementary School 13003 SE 7th Street, Vancouver Dorothy Fox Elementary School 2623 NW Sierra Street, Camas Eleanor Roosevelt Elementary School 2921 Falk Road, Vancouver Ellsworth Elementary School 512 SE Ellsworth Road, Vancouver Felida Elementary School 2700 NW 119th Street, Vancouver Fisher's Landing Elem. School 3800 SE Hiddenbrook Dr., Vancouver Glenwood Heights Primary School 9716 NE 134th Street, Vancouver Grace Foursquare Gospel Church 717 SE Everett Road, Camas Hazel Dell Elementary School 511 NE Anderson Road, Vancouver Helen Baller Elementary School 1954 NE Garfield Street, Camas Hockinson Middle School 15916 NE 182nd Avenue, Brush Prairie Image Elementary School 4400 NE 122nd Avenue, Vancouver

Lincoln Elementary School 4200 NW Daniels Street, Vancouver

M.L. King Elementary School 4801 Idaho Street, Vancouver

Mill Plain Elementary School 4801 Idaho Street, Vancouver

Minnehaha Elementary School 2800 NE 54th Avenue, Vancouver

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Pleasant Valley School 14320 NE 50th Avenue, Vancouver

Prune Hill Elementary School 1601 NW Tidland Street, Camas

Ridgefield Nazarene Church 747 Pioneer Street, Ridgefield

Riverview Elementary School 12601 SE Riveridge Drive, Vancouver

Salmon Creek Elementary School 1601 NE 129th Street, Vancouver

Sarah J. Anderson Elem. School 2215 NE 104th Street, Vancouver

Sifton Elementary School 7301 NE 137th Avenue, Vancouver

Sunset Elementary School 9001 NE 95th Street, Vancouver

Walnut Grove Elementary School 6103 NE 72nd Avenue, Vancouver

Washougal Community Center 1681 C Street, Washougal

Yacolt Primary School 406 W Yacolt Road, Yacolt

A reminder to vote

Registering to vote

Registering takes only a few minutes, and you may do it by mail or online at clarkvotes.org. You



register to vote | my voting information

must complete a voter registration form if you are registering for the first time in Washington or if you moved to a new county. If you have moved within the same county, you may complete a new form or contact the Elections Department by mail, email or phone.

Who is eligible to vote?

The requirements for registering to vote are simple. You must be a United States citizen, 18 years or older on November 8, and live in Clark County 30 days prior to the election.

How to vote

Clark County voters will receive their ballots by mail. If you are a registered voter in Clark County, we will mail you a ballot for every election in which you are entitled to participate.

The page *Voting instructions* (Page 109) in this pamphlet explains how to vote using the Clark County voting process. Please read the instructions in this pamphlet. We want your vote to count!

Lost or damaged ballot?

If you lose your ballot, or it becomes damaged, you can obtain a replacement ballot by contacting the Elections Department.

Phone: (360) 397-2345

Email: elections@clark.wa.gov

Mailing address: PO Box 8815, Vancouver, WA 98666-8815 Street address: 1408 Franklin Street, Vancouver, WA 98660

Speech-to-speech relay: (800) 833-6384

Be an informed voter. Here's how.

There are many sources of information for citizens wishing to know more about candidates, and coverage of the upcoming November 8 General Election.



Read all about it

- The Columbian columbian.com
- The Oregonian oregonlive.com/elections
- The Camas/Washougal Post Record camaspostrecord.com
- The Reflector thereflector.com

League of Women Voters

For a schedule of events or candidate forums, see their website at washingtonvoter.org or call (360) 693-9966.



Watch cable TV

CVTV Clark-Vancouver Television on Comcast cable channels 21 and 23. Election coverage will include candidate forums and interviews of candidates in various races. See TV listings in *The Columbian*, cable channel 2, and the CVTV website, *cvtv.org* or call (360) 696-8233.

If you do not have cable TV you can obtain video tapes of any program from CVTV.



Look online

- Election coverage can be found on the Clark County Elections Office website at clarkvotes.org.
- All Fort Vancouver Regional Library
 District branches and Camas Public
 Library have computers with internet
 connections available for public use.
- Follow links provided by candidates to their website, or contact them by email or phone. Contact information is listed for all candidates in this pamphlet.

Voting instructions

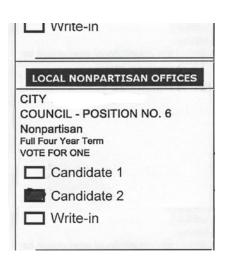
Your ballot packet will be mailed to you about 20 days before the General Election. It will contain:

- An instruction sheet that explains the voting process.
- An informational sheet explaining the General Election.
- The official ballot where you will mark your choices.
- A yellow secrecy envelope with instructions printed on it.
- A return envelope with a green stripe that is addressed to the County Auditor.

To make sure your vote is counted please follow the steps below when you receive your ballot package.

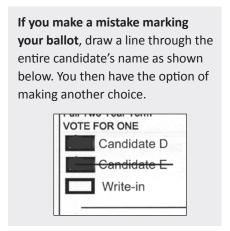
- Read the following instructions that explain how to vote in this election.
- Read the ballot. It contains all the races and ballot measures that you can vote.
- Mark your ballot by completely filling in the box to the left of your choice with a black or blue ink pen.

Example:
Candidate 2 has
been chosen in the
city council race.
One candidate has
been marked and
the box is filled in
completely.



Optional. If you want to vote for a candidate not appearing on the ballot, completely fill in the box to the left of the Write-In choice and use the line provided.

Check your ballot to be sure you have voted for all the candidates and measures you intended. Make sure you mark only one response box in each race or measure. If you mark more than one, your votes in that race will be rejected. Your other votes will be counted if they are done correctly.



- Refold the ballot in the same way you received it and place it inside the yellow secrecy envelope.

 Then seal it. Don't write on this envelope.
- Place the yellow secrecy envelope into the white return envelope with the green stripe.
- Read the declaration on the white return envelope, and then seal, sign and date it.
- Put a first class stamp (47¢) on the envelope and mail it so it is postmarked no later than November 8.

You may also deliver your envelope in person. Please see pages 106 and 107 for information about ballot deposit locations.

If you need help, call the Elections Office at (360) 397-2345.

Accessible voting

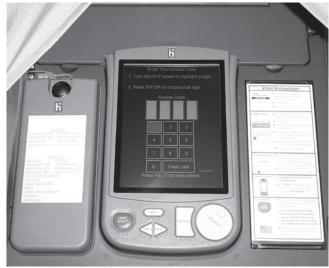
Using the eSlate

Clark County voters with disabilities have the option of casting a truly secret ballot using an accessible voting unit.

The eSlate accessible voting unit is a direct record electronic machine that allows voters with disabilities, including those who are blind, mobility-impaired or lack upper-body dexterity, to vote privately and independently. The eSlate is in a booth that is wheelchair-accessible. The photo to the right is of the eSlate, encased in its booth.

Beginning 20 days before the election, this accessible voting machine is available from 8 am to 5 pm at the Clark County Elections Office, 1408 Franklin Street, Vancouver.

The Elections Office may be reached by taking C-Tran bus #25 Fruit Valley and St. Johns Route. You will be let off at Franklin Street and Mill Plain Blvd.



The eSlate accessible voting unit

Accessible features



Those who are visually impaired or have difficulty reading can listen to the ballot. The SELECT wheel is the trigger to the audio. Turning clockwise moves the listener through the ballot. To hear something repeated, turn the SELECT wheel counterclockwise.

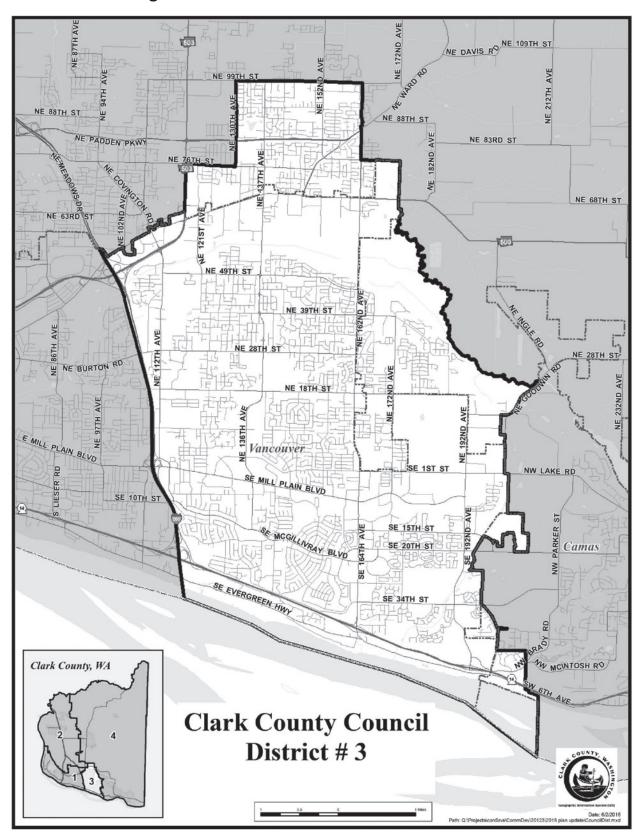
Those using hearing aids with a telecoil mode may use their neckloop rather than the headphones.



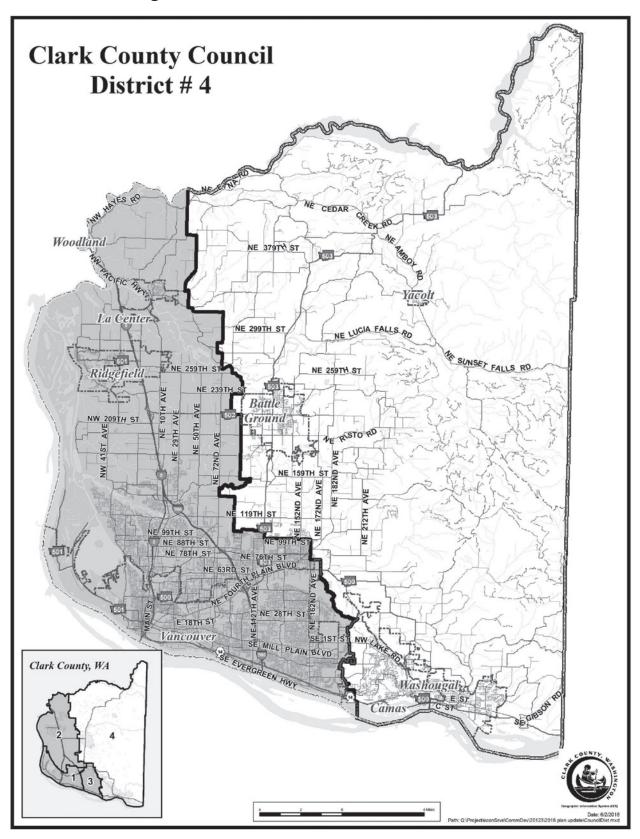
 The RED jelly switch is the same as the SELECT wheel.
 The GREEN jelly switch is the same as the ENTER button.



 Voters with quadriplegia can use their sip-n-puff to move through the ballot. Sip to move through the ballot. Puff to mark your choice. Only voters who reside within Clark County Council District No. 3 may vote for candidates running for Council District No. 3.



Only voters who reside within Clark County Council District No. 4 may vote for candidates running for Council District No. 4.



Clark County Councilor

Council District No. 3



Tanisha L. Harris
Prefers Democratic Party

Elected Experience This is my first time running for public office

Other Professional Experience CASA Program Specialist for YWCA Clark County. Previously worked for Evergreen Public Schools as a Multicultural Youth Coordinator and Coordinator of

Personnel and Equity Programs.

Education Graduated from Evergreen High School. Associate's Degree from Clark College. Bachelor's Degree in Social Science from WSU-V. Paralegal certificate from Sumner College.

Community Service Clark County Democrats State Committeewoman. Former Chair of 17th LD Democrats. Southern Poverty Law Center.

Statement I believe Clark County has been marred for too long in partisan bickering and controversy. It's time for change. It's time for accountability. It's time for results.

I'm ready to change this by getting the Council working for all families in Clark County. I'm committed to serving our community with an open mind and respectful attitude that lives up to our county motto, "Proud Past, Promising Future."

As a CASA Program Specialist with YWCA Clark County, I'm an advocate every day for children in the foster care system and for individuals in the family and dependency court system. I have firsthand experience working with children and families most impacted by cuts to Health and Human Services our county has seen and am ready to go to bat for our families.

I'm a lifelong resident of Clark County, being born and raised in Vancouver. My family has lived in Clark County for over five generations. I'm honored to have received the General George C Marshall Public Leadership Award and the YWCA Val Joshua Racial Justice Award. I'm committed to our community and to delivering results for the children and families of Clark County. I respectfully ask for your vote.

Phone (360) 521-5103

Email info@electtanishaharris.comWebsite electtanishaharris.com

Clark County Councilor

Council District No. 3



John Blom Prefers Republican Party

Elected Experience No information submitted

Other Professional Experience Residential Real Estate Broker; Historian, US Army's Combat Studies Institute

Education MA in History, Ohio University; BA in History/Business, Concordia University

Community Service Clark County Planning Commission; Clark County Association of Realtors, President; Columbia River Mental Health Institute, Board of Directors; Snowman Foundation, Board of Directors; Leadership Clark County, 2014 Graduate; Fort Vancouver George C. Marshall Public Leadership Award, 2015 Recipient

Statement Clark County can be a place with abundant opportunity for every citizen. Achieving that requires responsible economic development that creates family wage jobs – not minimum wage jobs. We must build the transportation network and infrastructure necessary for a solid economy, establish fiscally responsible policy that makes wise use of taxpayer dollars, and form effective partnerships to move our community forward.

We must also preserve a strong quality of life here in Clark County. Healthy communities require safe neighborhoods, an accessible parks and trails system, and the mental health services needed for our most vulnerable citizens.

Hundreds of thousands of taxpayer dollars have been lost in lawsuits, services have declined, and relationships have been shattered in Clark County over the past four years. *This must not continue!* We need leaders who are prepared to work together to find common sense solutions. I will bring a new vision and new spirit of cooperation to the county.

I will be ready on day one, bringing my diverse experience, knowledge of this community, and a hands-on understanding of what it takes to get the job done. I would be honored to have your vote.

Phone (360) 977-8329 Email john@JohnBlom.com Website JohnBlom.com

Clark County Councilor

Council District No. 4



Eileen Quiring
Prefers Republican Party

Elected Experience State Representative (Washington County, Oregon) – 1995-1997; State Senator (Washington County, Oregon) – 1997-2001 (elected by caucus as Majority Whip)

Other Professional Experience Small Business Owner and Employer; Founding

Executive Director, Randall Charitable Trust; Real Estate Broker and Appraiser

Education Battle Ground High School; George Fox University, B. A. Management of Human Resources— (Distinguished Alumna of the year - 1998)

Community Service Clark County Planning Commission, '12-Present; Board of Equalization, Clark County, 2015; Board Member & Chair - PRC of greater Portland (Crisis Pregnancy Centers) '01-'05; Board Member, Portland Rescue Mission '01-'04; Board Member, Portland Metro Police Chaplaincy '04-'06; Advisory Board Member, Capitol Ministries of Oregon '98-'01

Statement Over the last few years, Clark County's economic growth became the envy of the West Coast. But the 2015 election reversed everything. If you elect me I can and will reverse this terrible trend and represent us, the people, not special interests. Establishment power brokers have no influence on me.

My voting record is your proof I'm a trustworthy, principled, conservative leader. I hope you won't be deceived when politician candidates promise anything to get elected. I say what I mean and mean what I say.

I stand on principles of a small government: operating within budget, ensuring public safety, and providing transportation including increased lanes for more freedom and less congestion. I support: lower taxes, maintaining vital county services, job growth through free-market economic principles, and sensible land use policies which respect, restore and protect property rights of rural and urban families.

We're blessed to live and work in beautiful Clark County, my childhood hometown. Together we'll make Clark County even better, by returning balance, civility and integrity to our County Council. My door will always remain open to you. With a promise to always listen to your issues and concerns, I humbly ask for your vote.

Phone (360) 606-0151
Email eileen2q@hotmail.com
Website ElectEileenQ.org

Clark County Councilor

Council District No. 4



Roman Battan
Prefers Democratic Party

Elected Experience Currently not elected.

Other Professional Experience I was a banker for 6 years and was later recruited by a local software company where I helped create over 50 skilled jobs. I also managed the state of Oregon

for two multinational companies until 2015. I now own a local media and software development firm.

Education I have a business from Clark College and a Bachelor's Degree in Business from WSU Vancouver.

Community Service I am a Clark County Watershed Steward. I volunteer annually with Junior Achievement's Biz Town, I am the volunteer web admin for Mostly Mutts Animal Rescue, and I feed homeless families through Human Solutions.

Statement I'm running for Clark County Council, District 4 because I believe in good governance. This means being accountable to the citizens, streamlining county operations, and prioritizing our expenditures.

With our new charter in full effect, this is the first time that citizens in North and East County will elect a representative to give them a voice on the Clark County Council. I will be a councilor that is accessible, present, and accountable to my neighbors from Washougal to Battle Ground. As a life-long resident and business owner, I firmly believe that our local government should be more engaged with people and businesses. This will help ensure that the county is responding appropriately and providing the proper services and resources to meet the needs of our community.

With ongoing growth and development in District 4, infrastructure is an important element for a healthy economy and lifestyle for citizens. Well-maintained roads, bridges, water, and sewage systems are critical for the future of a safe and healthy Clark County. By working with local municipalities, we can ensure that we are being proactive and allocating resources to meet the demands in areas throughout the county with greatest need.

Phone (360) 836-0348

Email roman@electromanbattan.com

Website electromanbattan.com

Commissioner District No. 2

Public Utility District No. 1 of Clark County



Nancy Barnes

Elected Experience Clark PUD Commissioner

Other Professional Experience Past president Washington PUD Association; Board member, American Public Power Association; President APPA Policy Makers' Committee; Representative Northwest Public Power Association, 20 years utility experience.

Education Bachelor of Science in English and Journalism, Brigham Young University; Continuing education classes with NWPPA and APPA in public policy, electrical distribution, legislative issues, customer service and management.

Community Service Cub scouts, boy scouts (merit badge counselor), youth sports, CASA, School bond, levy and site committees; CCLWV member, Share House meal provision and preparation volunteer, Winter Hospitality Overflow volunteer; President, neighborhood association; past volunteer participant on county planning committees.

Statement I'm proud of Clark Public Utilities and the valuable community asset we have built together—customers, staff and commissioners.

I've been proud to work for you as your commissioner to be part of providing some of the lowest electric rates in the US for highly reliable electricity and healthy, clean water. This doesn't just happen by coincidence. We are successful because your commissioners are immersed in our community and in touch with the changing needs of our customers.

We haven't had an electric utility rate increase for 6 years and I will work to avoid them in the future. Not only have our rates been low and stable, but we have award-winning customer service and reliability. Our phones are answered locally by employees of the utility. We have listened to you, our customers—trimming trees, reinforcing lines and updating our equipment to maintain our reliability and deliver the electricity you count on.

Our local industries and businesses get highly reliable, specific electric service—your jobs and our local economy depend on us. I'll continue to listen, talk and work together. Let's keep a great think going—Vote to Re-Elect Nancy Barnes for PUD Commissioner. I work for you!

Phone (360) 254-1617

Email nancy@barnescpa.com

Website facebook.com/nancy.barnes.5249

Commissioner District No. 2

Public Utility District No. 1 of Clark County



Mike Lyons

Elected Experience Clark County Fire District 5 Commissioner.

Other Professional Experience
Quality Control Engineering, Western
Electric Columbia River Plant; Captain,
Vancouver Fire Department; Treasurer,
International Association of Fire Fighters
Local 452; Data Analyst, Vancouver Fire
Department business plan.

Education Clark College 1971, Associate in Applied Science in Mechanical Engineering; Clark College 1979, Associate of Arts in General Studies, Honors; University of Portland 1981, Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, Cum Laude.

Community Service City of Vancouver Pension Board; "Evergreen Citizens for Schools" Volunteer coordinator; "Yes for Fire & EMS" Steering Committee; Heritage High School volunteer, Choir Booster Treasurer, Senior Parents fundraiser; Youth coach: baseball, softball, soccer, basketball.

Statement As a lifelong resident, I enjoy Clark County's quality of life. Together with my wife of 38 years, we raised two children in the community into responsible adults, a Registered Nurse and a licensed Professional Civil Engineer.

My experience and education would serve the community well as Clark Public Utilities Commissioner. With fifteen years as Fire Commissioner, I have a working knowledge of the relationships between a board of commissioners and the staff, and the board's responsibilities in policy making and transparent accountability. Fourteen years as union principle officer and Treasurer, I understand budget processes and labor relations. Educated in engineering with emphasis on energy, I have the technical knowledge of the science of energy to make quality decisions concerning the power supply's future.

Having attended numerous Clark Public Utilities' board meetings over the years, I am familiar with the electrical and water systems future challenges: meeting I-937's renewable energy requirements; the possible carbon pollution tax of I-732; and financing the completion of Paradise Point water supply resource for northern county growth.

I am ready and excited to serve the people and bring a fresh perspective to providing clean water and affordable clean energy to our growing community.

Phone (360) 254-2266 Email MikeLyons@aol.com

City of Vancouver

Proposition No. 1

Very Low-Income Housing Levy

The City of Vancouver Council adopted Resolution No. M-3895 concerning property taxes for very low-income housing assistance.

This proposition would fund housing and housing services for people with very low-incomes, including those with disabilities, veterans, seniors, and families with children by authorizing a regular property tax levy, within the City of Vancouver taxing district, generating \$6,000,000 annually (approximately \$0.36/\$1,000 assessed value) under RCW 84.52.105, for seven years. All levy proceeds will be used for the purposes specified in the Vancouver Affordable Housing Fund Administrative and Financial Plan approved by the City Council.

Shou	uld this	prop	osition be approved?	
	Yes		No	

STATEMENT FOR:

Vote Yes to Address Vancouver's Affordable Housing Crisis

All Vancouver residents should have the opportunity to live in safe, healthy, affordable homes. Right now, many in our community do not have that opportunity. In the past 5 years, the average income in Vancouver has only gone up 3% while rent has skyrocketed up 38%. Unable to make ends meet, seniors on fixed incomes, people with disabilities, and hardworking families are losing their homes. There is another way. We can become a community where seniors and people with disabilities live independently and with dignity, and where hardworking families can afford housing and still have enough money for basic necessities like groceries and childcare.

How Does It Work?

The City of Vancouver will grant revenue from this 7-year levy (capped at \$6 million per year) through a competitive process to nonprofits and private developers. Grants will be used to build and preserve housing that is affordable to people making less than half of our community's average income. Nonprofits will also be able to apply for grants to provide rental assistance and services to help our most vulnerable neighbors. All housing created or preserved by this levy will be affordable for at least 20 years – often for more than 50 years. The levy will help over 2,300 families afford housing, while only costing the average homeowner \$90 a year or \$7.50 per month.

Let's Bring Vancouver Home: Vote Yes on Proposition 1!

Submitted by:

Andy Silver, Chair BringVancouverHome@gmail.com
John Deeder BringVancouverHome.com

Stacey Graham

REBUTTAL OF STATEMENT AGAINST:

Contrary to the opposition's "facts," there is no local government funding for affordable housing and there is very little (and shrinking) state and federal funding. Rather than causing higher rents, as the opposition claims, this levy will increase the supply of housing, pushing rents lower for everyone. "Only" 67% of levy funds will be used to build or preserve housing because remaining funds will provide rental assistance and the services called for by the opposition.

City of Vancouver

Explanatory statement:

Current law: Washington State law, RCW 84.52.105, authorizes the imposition of a regular property tax levy to fund affordable housing and housing services for very low-income households when specifically authorized to do so by a majority of the voters.

Result of passage: This proposition would assess a regular property tax of \$6,000,000 annually for seven years, within the City of Vancouver, to be used to fund affordable housing and housing services for very low-income households. A family of 4 earning less than \$36,750 annually meets the definition of a very low-income household.

STATEMENT AGAINST:

There are currently over 70 programs that address affordable housing. City, county, state and federal agencies already are being supported by our tax dollars. Clark County in 2015 spent \$8.5 million including \$4 million from the State of Washington. Duplications by these various agencies needs to be streamlined to better serve the community with the existing funds.

This proposal will increase the tax burden on our entire community. Property taxes will proportionately impact taxpayers who own property, businesses large and small, as well as rental property owners and property management firms along with all current renters. All in the current rental market will see this increase pass on to them.

The housing tax will not address the core issues for a homeless person such as mental health, drug or alcohol issues. This measure is for the very low income and is not specifically targeting the disabled, veterans, seniors or families. As stated in the Council's minutes only 67% is planned to build or improve housing for the low income households.

Reducing regulations, property tax holidays, zoning changes, lowering building fees will allow investors, developers and landlords to invest based on market demand and the ability to provide all types of housing.

Submitted by:

Steve Smith, Chair Ceci Smith Lyn Ayers prop1novote@gmail.com

REBUTTAL OF STATEMENT FOR:

Proposition 1 does not increase the average income but could increase the rent.

Proposition 1 does not address the root causes of poverty & or near-poverty. Proposition 1 hopes to help 2300 households over 7 years which is 330 per year, this does not move the needle with a city population of 165,554.

A well meaning government can't fix this problem thru taxation.

Vote "No" on Proposition 1

City of Woodland

Proposition No. 1

Sales and Use Tax for Transportation Improvements

The Board of the Transportation Benefit District, Woodland, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 2016-001 to fund transportation improvements through a sales tax. This proposition authorizes a tax no greater than two-tenths of one percent (0.2%) on all taxable retail sales within the District for ten years pursuant to RCW 82.14.0455. Tax proceeds will fund projects identified in the Transportation Improvement Programs adopted by the City of Woodland beginning with the 2017-2022 TIP Plan.

Should this pr	oposition be approved?	
☐ Yes ☐	No	
STATEMENT FO	PR:	
and <i>dedicated</i> so transportation in city. When money expensive but expensive but expensive services and dedicated so transportation in the city.	Noodland we have the opportunity to establish a predictable burce of funding for preserving streets and specific improvement projects designed to reduce congestion in our ey from the City's general operating fund is used for these is sential projects, it drains resources from our City's capacity to rvices we all depend on.	
public vote. That a Yes vote on Protaxable sale, we \$243,000 per ye increase is paid.	fee per vehicle could have been imposed on us without a at would cost each of us more and generate less revenue than apposition 1. For an additional cost of only 10 cents on a \$50 can preserve the streets we use every day. This will generate ar based on information from the City. And since this tiny by everyone who shops in town, people who live outside the p preserve Woodland streets when they make a purchase.	
Regular updates will be published so every citizen understands what this money is doing to improve our city and quality of life. Proposition 1 has strong support from citizens, business owners, and public service organizations.		
Let's make our streets safer for our families. <i>Together,</i> we can make a difference for our city and our future.		
Vote Yes on Prop Thank You	position 1!	
Submitted by: Al Swindell	butch1013@comcast.net (360) 936-0595	

REBUTTAL OF STATEMENT AGAINST:

No statement submitted

City of Woodland

Explanatory statement:

The Woodland City Council adopted Ordinance No. 1363 creating a Transportation Benefit District (TBD) pursuant to Chapter 36.73 of the Revised Code of Washington. The purpose of a TBD is to fund transportation projects.

The Woodland Transportation Benefit District adopted Resolution 2016-001 requesting approval of an increase of the tax on retail sales within the District.

If approved by voters, the measure will allow for a two-tenths of one percent [0.2%] increase in the local sales tax for ten years. The funds collected are intended for resurfacing of arterial streets and for completing improvements to the Interstate 5/SR 503 interchange.

STATEMENT AGAINST:

In 2016, the City of Woodland adopted a 6-Year Transportation Improvement Plan for 2017-2022. Within the current plan, the street projects outlined total nearly 18 million dollars.

The revenue generated from the 0.2% sales tax increase is estimated by the City Administrator to generate \$243,210 within the first year. With such a small amount of revenue being generated, the voters would not see significant street improvements within this decade.

Voters are essentially being asked to pay more on every purchase because there is not enough money in the city's coffers to fund routine maintenance and improvement projects. City government should be showing restraint in their spending rather than raising taxes to cover budgeting shortfalls.

Over the next 10 years this 0.2% sales tax increase will generate roughly 2M dollars, which won't put much of a dent in the repairs needed on Woodland's 26 miles of streets. If the intent is to save these revenues, as the cost of materials and labor increase yearly, it would leave only one way to fund a major project: the City of Woodland would need to apply for bonds that the voters will be paying on for many years to come.

Woodland voters already carry a heavy tax burden and they are weary from so many years of financing projects that seldom benefit them. Enough Taxes! Vote No!

Submitted by:

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Jennifer Heffernan

REBUTTAL OF STATEMENT FOR:

Once again, government threatens that if you don't vote for a "temporary" tax increase, they will just increase fees. Either way, they will take your money. There is nearly \$18 million in needed projects. However, you are asked to believe unrealistic promises that \$2 million received over 10 years will reduce congestion, preserve streets, make streets safer, and improve your quality of life. Before you vote, ask yourself this: Do you believe them?

Proposition No. 1

Bonds to Replace, Renovate and Construct School Facilities and Improve Safety

The Board of Directors of Battle Ground School District No. 119 adopted Resolution No. L-16, concerning a proposition to relieve overcrowding and improve infrastructure and safety. This proposition would authorize the District to: construct new K-4/5-8 Campuses to replace Glenwood/Laurin Campus and Pleasant Valley Campus, replace select Prairie High School buildings, construct a new K-4/5-8 Campus, renovate Amboy School Gymnasium and 300 Building, and make safety, technology, educational, infrastructure and athletic improvements; issue no more than \$80,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 21 years; and levy annual excess property taxes to repay the bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. L-16.

Sho	uld this prop	ositi	on be:
	Approved		Rejected

STATEMENT FOR:

Yes on Prop 1 - Vote Yes for kids!

The new housing boom is heating up again and much of that growth is in the Battle Ground School District. New homes mean new students, from Salmon Creek and Orchards, all the way through the City of Battle Ground, to Amboy and Yacolt.

Staff and community volunteers came together on the Facilities Improvement Team and worked for over two years developing a 3-phase Long Range Facilities Plan. The plan is solid, the school district has the land for the new school, and students are waiting for this bond. The Long Range Facilities Plan calls for new buildings and renovations in phase I, with funds from this bond. New buildings at the Pleasant Valley campus, new buildings for Glenwood/Laurin, a new K-4/5-8 campus to alleviate overcrowding, improvements to Prairie High School, athletic facilities, renovations to Amboy's 300 building and gym, and much needed technology and safety improvements throughout the district.

Safer schools that reduce overcrowding, state match, and a steady, low tax rate: This 80 million dollar bond would be eligible to receive over 50 million dollars in state funds because of building age and number of unhoused students. That's an incredible match from the state. The Long Range Facilities Plan aims to keep tax rates low and predictable while meeting the needs of our growing district. Low, predictable tax rates help all of us.

Please vote *Yes* on the Battle Ground School Bond. Mail your ballot! Your *Yes* vote counts!"

Submitted by:

Sue Cranke, Chair PO Box 1235, Battle Ground WA 98604

Cathy Golik votebgschools@gmail.com

Roger Jarvis votebgschools.org

REBUTTAL OF STATEMENT AGAINST:

This school bond is fiscally conservative, well planned, and makes the most of what we have right now. Community members, parents, and teachers have noted the need for these new schools for years and new housing continues district wide. Learning is more difficult with too many students in a classroom. Safety starts to suffer with too many classrooms in a building. This bond helps. This bond makes sense.

Please vote Yes!

Explanatory statement:

This proposition authorizes Battle Ground School District to issue \$80,000,000 of bonds to: construct new K-4/5-8 Campuses to replace Glenwood/Laurin Campus and Pleasant Valley Campus, replace select Prairie High School buildings, construct a new K-4/5-8 Campus, renovate Amboy School Gymnasium and 300 building, and make safety, technology, educational, infrastructure and athletic improvements.

The bonds will be repaid from annual excess property taxes over 21 years at an estimated tax rate of \$0.45 per \$1,000 of assessed value, or \$112.50 per year for a \$250,000 home. Exemptions from taxes may be available. For information, call Clark County Assessor (360) 397-2391.

STATEMENT AGAINST:

Can you afford this bond on top of all of your other taxes? Voting for this bond you are essentially agreeing to \$240 million: \$80 repeated three times every 6 years. The current capital bond rate is \$.81 per \$1000 assessed value that will rise to \$1.26 per \$1,000. If your home value is \$250,000 your taxes (just for this bond) go from \$202.50 to \$315 per year = a 64% increase. If your home value is \$400,000 your taxes increase from \$324 to \$504 per year. A \$600,000 home sees taxes go from \$486 to \$756 per year.

In February 2017 the school board will ask you to approve a new 4 year levy (on top of this bond). The 2016/17 levy will be \$27,250,000. The previous 3 years levy increases were: 2013/2014 +9.48%; 2014/2015 +13.47% and 2015/2016 +8.51%. That's an average increase of +10.48% each year. In 4 years the new levy could be \$40,500,000 per year (a 67.28% increase over 2016/2017). School taxes can be more than 60% all your property taxes.

Higher car licensing fees; higher sales taxes; higher City and County taxes. Is your income going up faster than the taxes and your bills?

In the end, the question is simple: Can you afford both a bond to build more schools *and* a bigger levy or do you need to choose one or the other? If you think the value received exceeds the cost support the request.

Submitted by:
No on Proposition 1
Dick Rylander drylander51@gmail.com

REBUTTAL OF STATEMENT FOR:

Housing follows the economy and projections are notoriously inaccurate. In 2005 there were 12,693 students and in 2015 there were 13,564 for an increase of 871. That works out to a growth of 0.0068 percent or only 87 new students per year. Finally, the State says the maximum tax rate for bonds is \$1.26 per \$1000 which is what they will charge. If growth projections are wrong we have empty schools we are paying for.

City of Vancouver

Resolution No. M-3895

A RESOLUTION relating to low-income housing; requesting that a special election be held concurrent with the November 8th, 2016, general election for submission to the qualified electors of the City of a proposition under RCW 84.52.105 requesting voter approval of an additional property tax for very low-income housing; and setting forth the ballot proposition.

WHEREAS, a healthy community is once in which the basic needs of all members are met, including access to safe, affordable homes;

WHEREAS, supporting safe, affordable housing and services for low-income households is a strategic commitment the City Council has made to meet the needs of Vancouver residents;

WHEREAS, the city of Vancouver currently has a lower than 2% vacancy rate for all rental units in the City;

WHEREAS, U.S. Census data has estimated that there are 11,675 very low-income renter households in Vancouver that face a housing cost burden by paying more than 30 percent of their income for housing costs;

WHEREAS, U.S. Census data has estimated that there are 6,855 very low-income renter households in Vancouver that face a severe housing cost burden by paying more than 50 percent of their income for housing costs;

WHEREAS, an estimated 1,800 very low-income senior renter households in Vancouver pay more than 50 percent of their income for housing costs;

WHEREAS, according to the annual Point-in-Time Count, 231 people are homeless and living on the streets in Clark County, an increase of 12.1 percent from last year;

WHEREAS, according to the annual Point-in-Time Count, an additional 456 people are homeless and living in shelters in Clark County;

WHEREAS, the State of Washington reports that 432 children enrolled in the Evergreen and Vancouver school districts are homeless and living in motels, shelters, or on the streets, with adverse childhood experiences that have profound and long-lasting negative consequences;

WHEREAS, an additional 1,163 children enrolled in the Evergreen and Vancouver school districts are couch surfing or living in overcrowded housing;

WHEREAS, the demand for subsidized housing for households earning less than 50% of Area Median Income has increased to the point that the Vancouver Housing Authority has had to abandon traditional waiting lists and operate a lottery system limited to applicants with the highest needs;

WHEREAS, household incomes are not keeping pace with Vancouver's housing costs, with average apartment rent increasing 38.3 percent over the last five years while median household income increased by only 3.1 percent;

WHEREAS, according to data from the national rental marketplace Apartment List, Vancouver is among the cities experiencing the highest year-over-year rent increases in the nation;

WHEREAS, workers whose only affordable housing options are far from employment centers face long commutes with associated pollution, congestion, and transportation expenses;

WHEREAS, the Vancouver Affordable Housing Task Force concluded nine months of deliberation about policies to promote housing affordability with a set of priority recommendations that included the creation of additional local revenue sources that assist in the delivery of housing affordable to very lowincome households;

WHEREAS, the proposed Vancouver Housing Fund will result in local funding that will be used to directly serve an estimated 2,300 very low-income households, which will be leveraged with other public and private funding to create affordable housing serving additional households over 20 or more years;

WHEREAS, as a condition of receiving federal funding for low-income housing, the City of Vancouver administers an affordable housing program with citizen oversight, including preparation of five-year strategic plans, performance measures and outcomes, and annual action plans;

WHEREAS, the City of Vancouver can efficiently administer the proposed Vancouver Housing Fund in conjunction with its existing programs that use federal funds for housing affordability;

WHEREAS, RCW 84.52.105 authorizes a city to impose additional regular property tax levies to finance affordable housing for very low-income households when specifically authorized to do so by a majority of the voters of the taxing district voting on a ballot proposition authorizing the levy;

WHEREAS, RCW 35.21.685 authorizes a city to assist in the development or preservation of publicly or privately owned housing for persons of low income by providing loans or grants

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of general municipal funds to the owners or developers of the housing, including loans or grants to finance the acquisition, construction or rehabilitation of low-income housing, and to provide rental assistance and other supportive services, to low-income persons;

WHEREAS, on April 11, 2016 Council adopted Resolution M-3885 declaring an emergency with respect to the availability of housing that is affordable to very low-income households; and

WHEREAS, on June 20, 2016 Council adopted Resolution M-3896, which set out the affordable housing finance plan for the use of funds authorized by RCW 84.52.105.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF VANCOUVER:

Section 1. The recitals set forth above are adopted as findings supporting the action of the City Council in adopting this resolution.

Section 2. Proposition to Authorize Excess Levy of Property Taxes.

The City of Vancouver submits to the qualified electors of the City a proposition authorizing an excess property tax levy for very low-income housing under RCW 84.52.105. The proposition would raise \$6 million per year totaling \$42 million in aggregate over a period of up to seven years.

A. The proposition would authorize the City to impose an excess property tax levy of up to \$0.36 per \$1,000 as assessed valuation for very low-income housing pursuant to RCW 84.52.105. The limitations in RCW 84.52.043 shall not apply to this tax levy. All levy proceeds shall be used for the purposes specified in the Affordable Housing Finance Plan approved by City Council.

B. The taxes authorized by this proposition will be in addition or excess to the maximum amount of regular property taxes the City would have been limited to by RCW 84.55.010 in the absence of voter approval under this resolution, plus other authorized lid lifts. Thereafter, such levy amount would be used to compute limitations for subsequent years as allowed by chapter 84.55 RCW. Pursuant to RCW 84.55.050(5), the maximum regular property taxes that may be levied in 2017 for collection in 2018 and in later years shall be computed as if the limit on regular property taxes had not been increased under this resolution.

Section 3. Election – Ballot Title. The City Council hereby requests that the Clark County Auditor, as *ex officio* supervisor

of election, submit to the qualified electorate of the City of Vancouver for a vote, at the November 8th, 2016, general election, a proposition substantially in the form set forth in this resolution. The City Clerk is directed to certify to the Clark County Auditor the ballot proposition to the electorate of the City in the form substantially as follows:

CITY OF VANCOUVER
Proposition No. 1
Very Low-Income Housing Levy

Should this proposition be approved?

□ No

☐ Yes

The City of Vancouver Council adopted Resolution No. M-3895 concerning property taxes for very low-income housing assistance.

This proposition would fund housing and housing services for people with very low-incomes, including those with disabilities, veterans, seniors, and families with children by authorizing an excess property tax levy, within the City of Vancouver taxing district, generating \$6,000,000 annually (approximately \$0.36/\$1,000 assessed value) under RCW 84.52.105, for seven years.

Section 4. Severability. In any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this resolution should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this resolution.			
ADOPTED at regular session of the Council of the City of			
Vancouver, this 20th day of June, 2016.			
s/Timothy D. Leavitt			
Timothy D. Leavitt, Mayor			
Attest:			
s/Carrie Lewellen			
R. Lloyd Tyler, City Clerk			
By: Carrie Lewellen, Deputy City Clerk			
Approved as to form:			
s/E. Bronson Potter			

E. Bronson Potter, City Attorney

City of Woodland

TBD Resolution No. 2016-001

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT, WOODLAND, WASHINGTON, PROVIDING FOR A **BALLOT PROPOSITION TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT ON NOVEMBER 8, 2016, TO** IMPOSE UP TO A TWO-TENTHS OF ONE PERCENT (0.2%) SALES AND USE TAX WITHIN THE DISTRICT FOR A PERIOD OF TEN YEARS TO FUND TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS SPECIFIED IN THE 2017-2022 TIP

WHEREAS, the City of Woodland (the "City") approved Ordinance No. 1363 on June 20, 2016, establishing a Transportation Benefit District (the "District") pursuant to Chapter 36.73 RCW;

WHEREAS, the City's six-year (2017-2022) Transportation Improvement Program ("TIP"), adopted by Resolution No. 670 on June 6, 2016, identifies projects that constitute transportation improvements that may be funded by the District (collectively the "TBD Projects");

WHEREAS, on June 6, 2016, the City conducted a public hearing in accordance with RCW 36.73.050, after notice incorporating the 2017 – 2022 proposed TIP and TBD projects (see attached Exhibit "A");

WHEREAS, with voter approval, the District may impose a sales and use tax to fund transportation improvements upon any taxable sales or use event within the boundaries of the District;

WHEREAS, the governing board of the District (the "Board") desires to fund and implement the TBD Projects, through the imposition by the District of up to a two-tenths of one percent (0.2%) sales and use tax in accordance with RCW 82.14.0455, consistent with Chapter 36.73 RCW, upon voter approval;

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Board to allocate funds from the voter approved sales and use tax in a matter that generally balances the use of the funds equitably among the three project categories identified above during the ten (10) year period of the levy;

WHEREAS, resurfacing streets is a transportation improvement project of significance to the City; resurfacing of arterial streets on an ongoing basis will optimize the lifecycle of the City's existing infrastructure. Because current funding is insufficient for street resurfacing projects, there is a need for the additional revenue source provided by this voter approved sales and use tax to maintain the City's infrastructure;

WHEREAS, completion of improvements to the I-5/SR-503 interchange is a necessary transportation improvement consistent with the maintenance of an efficient transportation system;

AND, WHEREAS, projects related to public transportation are included in the definition of a transportation improvement project pursuant to RCW 36.73.015(3), and are eligible Transportation Benefit District projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT, WOODLAND, WASHINGTON, HEREBY **RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Findings; Description of the TBD Projects.

The Board hereby finds that the best interests of the inhabitants of the District require the District to impose a sales and use tax up to two-tenths of one percent (0.2%) pursuant to RCW 36.73.040(3)(a) and RCW 82.14.0455 for the purpose of providing a portion of the funds necessary to finance the TBD Projects.

The TBD Projects consist of improvement projects described in the City's six-year (2017-2022) Transportation Improvement Program; attached hereto as Exhibit "A", which the Board incorporates herein by this reference:

The cost of all necessary design, engineering, financial, legal and other consulting services, inspection and testing, administrative and relocation expenses and other costs incurred in connection with the TBD Projects shall be deemed a part of the costs of the TBD Projects.

The Board shall determine the application of moneys available for the TBD Projects so as to fund and complete, as many of the TBD Projects as possible. In the event that the proceeds of sales and use taxes authorized herein, plus any other money of the District legally available therefore, are insufficient to accomplish all of the TBD Projects, the Board shall use the available funds for paying the cost of those portions of the TBD Projects deemed by the Board most necessary and in the best interest of the District.

The Board shall determine the exact locations and specifications for the elements of the TBD Projects as well as the timing, order and manner of implementing or completing the TBD Projects. The Board may alter, make substitutions to and amend the TBD Project descriptions as it determines is in the best interests of the District consistent with the general descriptions provided above and in accordance with the material change policy adopted by the Board and the notice, hearing and other procedures described in chapter 36.73 RCW,

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including RCW 36.73.050(2)(b), in each case as the same may be amended from time to time.

If the Board shall determine that it has become impractical to acquire, construct, or implement all or any portion of the TBD Projects by reason of changed conditions, incompatible development, costs substantially in excess of the amount of sales and use tax proceeds estimated to be available, or acquisition by a superior governmental authority, the Board shall not be required to acquire, construct, or implement such portions. If all of the TBD Projects have been acquired, constructed, implemented or duly provided for, or found to be impractical, the Board may apply the sales and use tax proceeds (including earnings thereon) or any portion thereof to other transportation improvements then identified in the City's six-year transportation improvement program in accordance with the material change policy adopted by the Board and the notice, hearing and other procedures described in chapter 37.73 RCW, including RCW 36.73.050(2)(b), in each case as the same may be amended from time to time.

Section 2. Proposition.

It is hereby found and declared that the best interests of the District require the submission to the qualified electors of the District of the proposition whether the District shall impose a sales and use tax within the limitations established in RCW 82.14.0455 for their ratification or rejection at a special election to be held on November 8, 2016. For the purpose of providing funds necessary to pay or finance costs of the TBD Projects, the Cowlitz County Auditor, as ex officio supervisor of elections in Cowlitz County, Washington, and the Clark County Auditor, as ex officio supervisor of elections in Clark County, are hereby requested to call and conduct a special election to be held within the District on such day and to submit to the qualified electors of the District for their approval or rejection, a proposition to impose a sales and use tax up to the amount of two-tenths of one percent (0.2%) of the selling price in the case of a sales tax, or value of the article used, in the case of the use tax. The tax is in addition to any other taxes authorized by law and shall be collected from those persons who are taxable by the state under chapters 82.08 and 82.12 RCW upon the occurrence of any taxable event within the boundaries of the District, for a period of ten years.

Upon approval of the voters of the proposition hereinafter set forth, the District may use proceeds of such sales and use tax for the purpose of paying or financing costs of the TBD Projects in accordance with the requirements of chapter 36.73 RCW. The Secretary of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to certify said proposition to said official in the following form:

Transportation Benefit District Woodland, Washington Sales and Use Tax for Transportation Improvements

The Board of the Transportation Benefit District, Woodland, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 2016-001 to fund trans-S ed n.

portation improvements through a sales tax. This proposition authorizes a tax no greater than two-tenths of one percent (0.2%) on all taxable retail sales within the District for ten years pursuant to RCW 82.14.0455. Tax proceeds will fund projects identified in the Transportation Improvement Programs adopted by the City of Woodland beginning with the 2017-2022 TIP Plan.
Should this proposition be approved? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Section 3. Corrections. The Secretary of the District is authorized to make necessary clerical corrections to this resolution including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener's or clerical errors, references, resolutions numbering, section/subsection numbers and any references thereto.
Section 4. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this resolution should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this resolution.
PASSED by the Board of Transportation Benefit District, Woodland, Washington, at a regular open public meeting thereof held this 5th day of July, 2016.
TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT
WOODLAND, WASHINGTON s/Marilee McCall Marilee McCall Chair
ATTEST: s/Georgina D. Anderson Georgina D. Anderson Deputy Clerk-Treasurer
ADDROVED AS TO FORM

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

s/William J. Eling

William J. Eling, Attorney City of Woodland

Resolution No. L-16

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Directors of Battle Ground School District No. 119, Clark County, Washington, providing for the submission to the voters of the District at a special election to be held on November 8, 2016, in conjunction with the State General election to be held on the same date, of a proposition authorizing the District to issue general obligation bonds in the principal amount of no more than \$80,000,000, for the purpose of paying costs of constructing new K-4/5-8 Campuses to replace Glenwood/Laurin Campus and Pleasant Valley Campus, replacing select Prairie High School buildings, constructing a new K-4/5-8 Campus, renovating Amboy School Gymnasium and 300 Building, and making safety, technology, educational, infrastructure and athletic improvements, the principal of and interest on such bonds to be payable from annual excess property tax levies; designating the District's Assistant Superintendent, Finance and School Operations and bond counsel to receive notice of the ballot title from the Auditor of Clark County, Washington; authorizing a request for a Certificate of Eligibility from the State Treasurer pursuant to chapter 39.98 RCW; designating the Secretary to the Board and/or the District's Assistant Superintendent, Finance and School Operations as the District officials authorized to file with the State Treasurer, on behalf of the District, the request for a Certificate of Eligibility; authorizing participation in the Local Voters' Pamphlet; and providing for other matters properly related thereto, all as more particularly set forth herein.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF BATTLE **GROUND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 119, CLARK COUNTY,** WASHINGTON, as follows:

Section 1. Findings and Determinations. The Board of Directors (the "Board") of Battle Ground School District No. 119, Clark County, Washington (the "District"), takes note of the following facts and hereby makes the following findings and determinations:

(a) Overcrowding (including enrollment demands and State of Washington class size reduction and full day kindergarten requirements), deteriorating and educationally outdated infrastructure, student safety and security concerns, and the institution of new educational programs require that the District construct new K-4/5-8 Campuses to replace Glenwood/Laurin Campus and Pleasant Valley Campus, replace select Prairie High School buildings, construct a new K-4/5-8 Campus, renovate Amboy School Gymnasium and 300 Building, and make safety, technology, educational, infrastructure and athletic improvements, all as more particularly defined and described in Section 2 herein

(collectively, the "Projects"). The Projects are urgently required to correct the existing conditions.

- (b) The District lacks sufficient money with which to pay costs of the Projects.
- (c) To pay costs of the Projects, it is necessary and advisable that the District issue and sell unlimited tax general obligation bonds in the principal amount of no more than \$80,000,000 (the "Bonds"), or such lesser maximum amount as may be legally issued under the laws governing the limitation of indebtedness or required to carry out and accomplish the Projects.
- (d) The District is authorized pursuant to Article VII, Section 2(b) of the Washington Constitution and laws of the State of Washington, including Revised Code of Washington ("RCW") 28A.530.010, RCW 28A.530.020, RCW 39.36.050 and RCW 84.52.056, to submit to the District's voters at a special election, for their approval or rejection, the proposition of whether the District shall issue the Bonds to pay costs of the Projects and levy annual excess property taxes to pay and retire the Bonds.
- (e) The best interests of the District's students and other inhabitants require the District to carry out and accomplish the Projects as hereinafter provided.
- **Section 2. Description of Projects.** The Projects to be paid for with proceeds of the Bonds, including interest earnings thereon ("Bond Proceeds"), are more particularly defined and described as follows:
- (a) Construct a new K-4/5-8 Campus to replace Glenwood Heights Primary/Laurin Middle School Campus, all as deemed necessary and advisable by the Board.
- (b) Construct a new K-4/5-8 Campus to replace Pleasant Valley Primary/Middle School Campus, all as deemed necessary and advisable by the Board.
- (c) Replace and expand select buildings within Prairie High School, including, but not limited to: (1) constructing new twostory classroom buildings to replace the 500, 600, 700, 800 and 900 classroom buildings; (2) acquiring and installing a new modular building; and (3) making other capital improvements, all as deemed necessary and advisable by the Board.
- (d) Construct a new K-4/5-8 Campus on a site owned by the District that will serve students in the Southeast area of the District, all as deemed necessary and advisable by the Board.

- (e) Renovate Amboy School Gymnasium and 300 Building, all as deemed necessary and advisable by the Board.
- (f) Make safety, technology, educational, infrastructure and athletic improvements, including, but not limited to: (1) acquiring, installing and/or upgrading the following (i) doors, door locks and entry/access controls District-wide, (ii) District-wide technology infrastructure (including, but not limited to, network and cable wiring), (iii) carpeting and flooring at CASEE Center, Prairie High School, Battle Ground High School, Yacolt and Maple Grove Schools, and (iv) fencing at Prairie High School; (2) retrofitting and/or reconfiguring middle school classrooms, labs and common areas to expand science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) educational opportunities; (3) upgrading and/or modernizing Career and Technical Education (CTE) classrooms District-wide to meet industry standards; (4) upgrading and/or modernizing classrooms and community spaces District-wide for innovative educational programs and teaching practices; (5) constructing a new District operations building on a site to be determined by the Board to replace the existing District operations building; (6) acquiring, constructing, installing and equipping covered play areas at Maple Grove, Yacolt and Amboy Schools; (7) acquiring and installing new turf at the District Stadium; (8) acquiring, constructing, installing and equipping covered bleachers at Prairie High School's Track and Field; (9) upgrading and/or modernizing seating and surrounding area at the District Stadium; (10) acquiring land and interests in land as sites for new and expanded facilities of the District; and (11) making other safety, technology, educational and athletic improvements at District educational and ancillary facilities, all as deemed necessary and advisable by the Board. The foregoing technology equipment and infrastructure shall be part of the District's integrated technology systems and facilities. The term "land" as used herein includes all real property and improvements and other structures thereon and all interests therein.
- (g) Acquire, construct and install all necessary furniture, equipment, apparatus, accessories, fixtures and appurtenances in the foregoing, all as deemed necessary and advisable by the Board.
- (h) Pay incidental costs incurred in connection with carrying out and accomplishing the Projects described above pursuant to RCW 39.46.070. Such incidental costs shall be deemed part of the Projects and shall include, but not be limited to: (1) costs related to the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds; (2) payments for fiscal and legal costs; (3) costs of obtaining ratings and bond insurance; (4) costs of printing, advertising, establishing and funding accounts; (5) payment of interest

due on the Bonds for up to six months after completion of construction; (6) necessary and related engineering, architectural, planning, consulting, inspection, permitting and testing costs; (7) administrative and relocation costs; (8) site acquisition and improvement costs; (9) demolition costs; (10) costs related to demolition and/or deconstruction of existing school facilities to recycle, reclaim and repurpose such school facilities and/or building materials; (11) costs of on-site and offsite utilities and road improvements; and (12) costs of other similar activities or purposes, all as deemed necessary and advisable by the Board. The Projects, or any portion or portions thereof, shall be acquired or made insofar as is practicable with available Bond Proceeds, together with any other money of the District legally available therefor, and in such order of time as shall be deemed necessary and advisable by the Board. Subject to Section 6 of this resolution, the Board shall allocate the Bond Proceeds, together with any other money of the District legally available therefor, between the various parts of the Projects so as to accomplish, as near as may be, all of the Projects. The Board shall determine the exact order, extent and specifications for the Projects. The Projects are to be more fully described in the plans and specifications to be filed with the District.

Section 3. Calling of Election. The Auditor of Clark County, Washington, as ex officio Supervisor of Elections (the "Auditor"), is requested to call and conduct a special election in the District, in the manner provided by law, to be held therein on November 8, 2016, in conjunction with the State General election to be held on the same date, for the purpose of submitting to the District's voters, for their approval or rejection, the proposition of whether the District shall issue the Bonds to pay costs of the Projects and levy annual excess property taxes to pay and retire the Bonds.

If the proposition is approved by the requisite number of voters, the District will be authorized to issue, sell and deliver the Bonds in the manner described in this resolution, spend the Bond Proceeds to pay costs of the Projects, and levy annual excess property taxes to pay and retire the Bonds. The Bond Proceeds shall be used, either with or without additional money now available or hereafter available to the District, for capital purposes only, as permitted by law, which shall not include the replacement of equipment.

Section 4. Authorization to Issue the Bonds. The Bonds authorized may be issued as a single issue, as a part of a combined issue with other authorized bonds, or in more than one series, all as deemed necessary and advisable by the Board and as permitted by law. Further, the Bonds may be issued, as deemed necessary and advisable by the Board, as taxable

bonds, tax-exempt bonds and/or any other type of tax credit bonds that are now or in the future may be authorized under applicable state and federal law, including, but not limited to, "build America bonds" or "qualified tax credit bonds" within the meaning of Section 54A(d)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") (generically, "Tax Credit Bonds").

Each series of the Bonds shall be issued as fully registered bonds; shall bear interest payable as permitted by law; shall mature within 21 years from the date of issuance of such series of the Bonds (but may mature at an earlier date or dates as fixed by the Board); shall be paid by annual property tax levies sufficient in amount to pay both principal and interest when due, which annual property tax levies shall be made in excess of regular property tax levies without limitation as to rate or amount but only in amounts sufficient to meet such payments of principal and interest as they come due; and shall be issued and sold in such manner, at such times and in such amounts as shall be required for the purpose for which each series of the Bonds are to be issued, all as deemed necessary and advisable by the Board and as permitted by law. The life of the Projects to be financed with the Bond Proceeds shall exceed the term of the respective series of Bonds that finance such Projects. The Board hereby authorizes and directs the Secretary to the Board (the "Secretary") to determine for each series of Bonds whether such series should be sold by negotiated or competitive sale, and with respect to such series of Bonds that are to be sold by competitive sale, to: (a) specify a date and time of sale of such Bonds; (b) give notice of that sale; (c) determine any bid requirements and criteria for determining the award of the bid; (d) provide for the use of an electronic bidding mechanism if the Secretary deems electronic bidding to be beneficial to the District; and (e) specify other matters in his or her determination necessary, appropriate or desirable to carry out the sale of the Bonds. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the amount, date, denominations, interest rates, payment dates, final maturity, redemption rights, price, and other terms and conditions of the Bonds (or parameters with respect thereto) shall be hereafter fixed by one or more resolutions of the Board authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of such series of Bonds, which resolutions may delegate to a District officer or employee the authority to fix any of the foregoing, all as deemed necessary and advisable by the Board and as permitted by law.

Pending the issuance of any series of the Bonds, the District may issue short-term obligations pursuant to chapter 39.50 RCW (which may be issued as Tax Credit Bonds, if permitted under applicable law) to pay for any portion of the costs of the Projects. Such obligations may be paid or refunded with the Bond Proceeds.

If the District receives voter approval to issue the Bonds in the manner described in this resolution, the Board authorizes and directs the Secretary and/or the District's Assistant Superintendent, Finance and School Operations (the "Assistant Superintendent") to: (a) review and "deem final" (within the meaning of Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission), if necessary and upon such official's satisfaction, any preliminary official statement prepared in connection with the sale of each series of the Bonds by the District; (b) authorize the "deemed final" preliminary official statement to be distributed prior to the date any underwriter or purchaser bids for, purchases, offers or sells each series of the Bonds; and (c) acknowledge in writing any action taken pursuant to clauses (a) and (b) of this paragraph.

Section 5. Intent to Reimburse. The Board declares that to the extent, prior to the date the Bonds, or other bonds or obligations (which includes the Bonds, or other bonds or obligations issued as tax-exempt bonds and/or Tax Credit Bonds) are issued to pay costs of the Projects, the District shall make capital expenditures for the Projects from money that is not (and is not reasonably expected to be) reserved, allocated on a long-term basis or otherwise set aside by the District under its existing and reasonably foreseeable budgetary and financial circumstances to pay costs of the Projects, those capital expenditures are intended to be reimbursed out of the Bond Proceeds, or proceeds of other bonds or obligations, issued in an amount not to exceed the principal amount of the Bonds provided by this resolution.

Section 6.Sufficiency of Bond Proceeds. If Bond Proceeds are more than sufficient to carry out and accomplish the Projects (the "Excess Bond Proceeds"), and state or local circumstances require, the District may use the Excess Bond Proceeds to: (a) acquire, construct, install, equip and make other capital improvements to the District's facilities; or (b) retire and/or defease a portion of the Bonds or other outstanding bonds of the District, all as the Board may determine by resolution, after holding a public hearing thereon pursuant to RCW 28A.530.020. In the event that the Bond Proceeds, together with any other money of the District legally available therefor, are insufficient to carry out and accomplish all of the Projects, the District shall use the Bond Proceeds and other available money for paying the cost of that portion of the Projects that is deemed by the Board most necessary and in the best interest of the District.

Section 7. Use of State Financing Assistance. It is anticipated that the District may receive some money from the State of Washington as state financing assistance under chapter 28A.525 RCW with respect to the Projects (the "State Financing Assistance"). The State Financing Assistance shall be used, when and in such amounts as it may become available, to carry out and accomplish the Projects. If the State Financing Assistance is more than sufficient to carry out and accomplish the Projects (the "Excess State Financing Assistance"), and state or local circumstances require, the District may use the Excess State Financing Assistance to: (a) acquire, construct, install, equip and make other capital improvements to the District's facilities; (b) retire and/or defease a portion of the Bonds or other outstanding bonds of the District; or (c) provide for other purposes, all as the Board may determine by resolution, after holding a public hearing thereon pursuant to RCW 28A.530.020.

Section 8. Alteration of Expenditures. If the Board shall subsequently determine that state or local circumstances, including, but not limited to, changed conditions or needs, regulatory considerations or incompatible development, should cause any alteration to the Projects, the District shall not be required to accomplish the Projects and may apply the Bond Proceeds or State Financing Assistance (or any portion thereof) to: (a) other portions of the Projects; (b) acquire, construct, install, equip and make other capital improvements to the District's facilities; or (c) retire and/or defease a portion of the Bonds or other outstanding bonds of the District, all as the Board may determine by resolution after holding a public hearing thereon pursuant to RCW 28A.530.020.

Section 9. Form of Ballot Title. Pursuant to RCW 29A.36.071, the Clark County Prosecuting Attorney is requested to prepare the concise description of the aforesaid proposition for the ballot title in substantially the following form:

Proposition 1
Battle Ground School District No. 119
Bonds to Replace, Renovate and Construct
School Facilities and Improve Safety

The Board of Directors of Battle Ground School District No. 119 adopted Resolution No. L-16, concerning a proposition to relieve overcrowding and improve infrastructure and safety. This proposition would authorize the District to: construct new K-4/5-8 Campuses to replace Glenwood/Laurin Campus and Pleasant Valley Campus, replace select Prairie High School buildings, construct a new K-4/5-8 Campus, renovate Amboy School Gymnasium and 300 Building, and make safety, technology, educational, infrastructure and athletic

improvements; issue no more than \$80,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 21 years; and levy annual excess property taxes to repay the bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. L-16.

Should this proposition be:				
Approved				
Rejected				

Section 10. Authorization to Deliver Resolution to Auditor and Perform Other Necessary Duties. The Secretary or his designee is directed to: (a) present a certified copy of this resolution to the Auditor no later than August 2, 2016; and (b) perform such other duties as are necessary or required by law to submit to the District's voters at the aforesaid special election, for their approval or rejection, the proposition of whether the District shall issue the Bonds to pay costs of the Projects and levy annual excess property taxes to pay and retire the Bonds.

Section 11. Notices Relating to Ballot Title. For purposes of receiving notice of the exact language of the ballot title required by RCW 29A.36.080, the Board hereby designates (a) the Assistant Superintendent (Mary Beth Lynn), telephone: 360.885.5305; fax: 360.885.5310; email: lynn.marybeth@ battlegroundps.org; and (b) bond counsel, Foster Pepper PLLC (Jim McNeill), telephone: 206.447.5339; fax 800.533.2284; email: jim.mcneill@foster.com, as the individuals to whom the Auditor shall provide such notice. The Secretary is authorized to approve changes to the ballot title, if any, deemed necessary by the Auditor or the Clark County Prosecuting Attorney.

Section 12. Authorization to Request Participation in **Washington State School District Credit Enhancement Program Authorized.** The Board hereby finds and determines that, if the District receives voter approval to issue the Bonds in the manner described in this resolution, it will be in the best interests of the District's taxpayers to request the State of Washington's guaranty for payment of the Bonds under chapter 39.98 RCW, the Washington State School District Credit Enhancement Program. Accordingly, the Board hereby requests the State Treasurer to issue a Certificate of Eligibility to the District pledging the full faith, credit, and taxing power of the State of Washington to guarantee the payment, when due, of the principal of and interest on the Bonds pursuant to chapter 39.98 RCW and the rules promulgated thereunder by the State Finance Committee. The Board designates the Secretary and/or the Assistant Superintendent as the District officials authorized to file with the State Treasurer, on behalf of the District, the request for a Certificate of Eligibility.

Section 13. Authorization to Request Authority to Issue Tax Credit Bonds. To the extent the Board deems it necessary and advisable to issue all or a portion of the Bonds as Tax Credit Bonds, the Board hereby (a) authorizes the District to request authorization from Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction ("OSPI"), if applicable, to issue such Bonds as Tax Credit Bonds for the purpose of paying costs of the Projects, and (b) designates the Secretary and/or the Assistant Superintendent as the District officials authorized to prepare, sign and submit to OSPI the appropriate applications (or other required forms or documents) to issue the Tax Credit Bonds.

Section 14. Authorization of Local Voters' Pamphlet. The preparation and distribution of information on the ballot title for inclusion in a local voters' pamphlet (the "Pamphlet") is hereby authorized. The Pamphlet shall include, but not be limited to, the text of the ballot title, an explanatory statement and statements in favor of and in opposition to the ballot title, if any. The preparation of the explanatory statement, the appointment of pro/con committees and the preparation of statements in favor of and in opposition to the ballot title, if any, shall be in accordance with chapter 29A.32 RCW and the rules and guidelines of the Auditor, as applicable. The District understands that it is responsible to pay its proportionate share of the costs of the Pamphlet under RCW 29A.32.270.

Section 15. General Authorization and Ratification. The Secretary, the Assistant Superintendent, the President of the Board, other appropriate officers of the District and bond counsel, Foster Pepper PLLC, are severally authorized and directed to take such actions and to execute such documents as in their judgment may be necessary or desirable to effectuate the provisions of this resolution. All actions taken prior to the effective date of this resolution in furtherance of and not inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution are hereby ratified and confirmed in all respects.

Section 16. Severability. If any provision of this resolution shall be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, then such provision shall be null and void and shall be separable from the remaining provisions of this resolution and shall in no way affect the validity of the other provisions of this resolution, of the Bonds or of the levy or collection of the taxes pledged to pay and retire the Bonds.

Section 17. Effective Date. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Battle Ground School District No. 119, Clark County, Washington, at a regular open public meeting thereof, held this 25th day of July, 2016, the following Directors being present and voting in favor of the resolution.

BATTLE GROUND SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 119 **CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

s/Monty Anderson

Monty Anderson President and Director

s/Ken Root

Ken Root

Vice President and Director

Jim Pegoraro Director

s/Mavis Nickels

Mavis Nickels Director

s/Stephanie McClintock

Stephanie McClintock Director

ATTEST:

s/Mark Hottowe

Mark Hottowe Secretary to the Board of Directors