



# SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

## Legislative Summary

RES 31640

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File Created: 12/04/2015

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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.

**Notes:**

Date  
Filed with City Clerk: 12/17/2015

Mayor's Signature: 12/17/2015

**Sponsors:** Burgess

Vetoed by Mayor:

Veto Overridden:

Veto Sustained:

**Attachments:**

Drafter: jodee.schwinn@seattle.gov

Filing Requirements/Dept Action:

**History of Legislative File**

Legal Notice Published:  Yes  No

Ver- sion:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	Full Council	12/07/2015	referred	Full Council			
	<b>Action Text:</b>	The Resolution (Res) was referred. to the Full Council					
	<b>Notes:</b>						
1	Full Council	12/14/2015	adopted				Pass
	<b>Action Text:</b>	The Motion carried, the Resolution (Res) was adopted by the following vote, and the President signed the Resolution:					
	<b>Notes:</b>	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  
Mayor's signature  
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.  
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  - 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**

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5 A RESOLUTION declaring the support for passage of the Seattle School District's Proposition 1  
6 Operations Levy and Proposition 2 Buildings, Technology and Academics/Athletics IV  
7 Capital Levy, on the February 9, 2016 ballot.  
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10 WHEREAS, the Seattle School District's Proposition 1: Operations Levy and Proposition 2:  
11 Buildings, Technology and Academics/Athletics IV Capital Levy ("BTA IV") will be  
12 presented to the voters of Seattle at a special election on February 9, 2016; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 WHEREAS, a strong public school system contributes to the desirability and attractiveness of  
27 Seattle as a place to live; and

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

4 WHEREAS, enrollment in Seattle Public Schools is projected to grow by over 4,000 students by  
5 2020, the equivalent of 8 new elementary schools; and

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

11 WHEREAS, Proposition 1, the Seattle School District's three year Operations Levy totaling  
12 \$758.3 million will provide necessary funds to pay for essential classroom needs such as  
13 teachers, librarians, counselors, bilingual and special education specialists, textbooks and  
14 supplies, athletics and arts; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

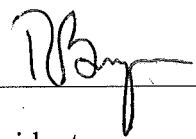
13 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

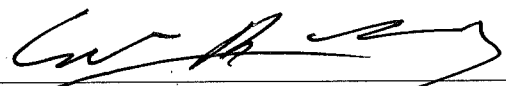
16 Section 1. In accordance with the requirements of RCW 42.17A.555 and SMC 2.04.300  
17 proper notice was given for a hearing at which members of the public, as well as  
18 Councilmembers, were afforded an approximately equal opportunity for the expression of an  
19 opposing view. Having considered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

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

  
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President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

The Mayor concurred the 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016.

  
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Edward B. Murray, Mayor

Filed by me this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2016.

  
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Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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