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Official Local Voters’ Pamphlet

April 17, 2012 Special Election

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King County Elections

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March 30 - April 16

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Proposition No. 1
General Obligation Bonds - $59,000,000

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☐ YES
☐ NO

The complete text of this measure is available at the Elections Office or online at www.kingcounty.gov/elections.

Statement in favor
Auburn’s citizens know our high-traffic streets badly need repair. We cannot depend on anyone else to fix them – federal and state funds for street repair are very limited. The longer we wait, the more potholes develop and the more costly it becomes to fix them. That’s why local citizens and businesses came together and asked the City of Auburn to Save Our Streets by developing an affordable street improvement program. Your YES vote will keep our local tax dollars in our community, make our busiest streets safer, help local businesses be more competitive, and create jobs.

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Statement submitted by: Nancy Colson, Cyril Van Selus and Ed Vander Pol

Explanatory statement
If approved, Prop. 1 would provide revenues for up to twenty-five years that would be specifically dedicated to Auburn’s many miles of high-traffic arterial roads, which must be rebuilt and maintained largely with limited local resources. Auburn has worked with citizens and businesses to identify and prioritize the City’s arterial roads for preservation projects. The City is prioritizing road preservation because a high quality street system that efficiently moves goods and people enhances our competitiveness and creates a tangible return on investments for businesses and residents. The City has prioritized high-traffic arterial roads in response to concerns that further deterioration of these roads will impact economic development and efficient flow of commuter traffic. If approved, Prop 1 would dedicate excess property tax revenues to repave general obligation bond proceeds to rebuild and repair a list of citizen-selected arterial street improvement projects over a period of twenty-five years or less. The average $250,000 home would see a $4-$8 per month increase in years one to five ($36-$96 per year) and average monthly impacts of $8-$9 ($96-$113 per year) in years six to year fifteen. Thereafter, as the bonds mature and are paid off, the average annual impact to a homeowner steadily declines and is eventually retired.

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Statement in opposition
No statement submitted.

Statements in favor of and in opposition to a ballot measure are submitted by committees appointed by the jurisdiction. No persons other than committees appointed by the jurisdiction are allowed to submit statements in favor or in opposition to any proposition that is on the ballot. The statement in favor of a proposition is printed on the proposition page of your ballot and the statement in opposition is printed on the back of your return envelope. If you did not receive a statement in opposition, this statement is not being submitted by any committee. You may contact the election office if you have questions about the process.

Your signature verifies your vote
Sign and date the declaration on the back of your return envelope before returning it. Take your time and sign carefully.

Before any ballot is counted, state law requires that your signature is on the ballot envelope and it matches the signature on file with your voter registration. If you forget to sign or if the signatures don’t match, the Elections department cannot open and count your ballot. If this happens, Elections staff will contact you to try to remedy the issue.

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Statement submitted by: Martin Chucos, Mayor of Auburn

Save Our Streets

YES to Save Our Streets

Carolyn Robertson - Government Relations Manager
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For additional questions regarding this measure contact:  Carolyn Robertson - Government Relations Manager  
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Statement in opposition

No statement submitted.

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