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Crossroads Shopping Center

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Statement submitted by: Lisa Eggers, John DeVleming, Debora Boeck, Dirk van der Burch, Weinstein, Elliot Newman, Carrie George, Ken Glass, Leslie Ferrell, Myra Lupton, Rich Erwin, Maureen Judge, Terry Moreman, Brian Clibborn and Marcie Maxwell, Mayor Bruce Bassett and five other Smith and Jay Inslee, Senator Steve Litzow, Representatives Judy

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General Obligation Bonds - $196,275,000
The Board of Directors approved Resolution No. 592 concerning this proposition for bonds. This proposition authorizes the District to replace Island Park, Lakeridge, West Mercer Elementary and Islander Middle; purchase land to site a new school; modernize Mercer Island High, adding science labs and classrooms; to make improvements to the athletic stadium; modernize Mary Wayte Pool; to issue $196,275,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum term of 20 years; and to levy excess property taxes annually to repay the bonds, as described in Resolution No. 592. Should this proposition be:

APPROVED
REJECTED

Statement in favor
Vote yes for MI schools! Our three elementary schools and IMS are bursting at the seams, and we have no more room for portables. To solve our capacity crisis, we must rebuild; remodeling costs almost as much as new buildings, and we would get much less. A community-based, multi-year study shows rebuilding one school at a time with bond sales spread over 0-7 years is the prudent approach to prepare for the next 50 years. The incremental tax for a $1,000,000 home is $700 per year (tax-deductible). What better investment could you make in your home, your community, and our children? Neighboring districts have done this. Now it’s our turn.

Learn more: www.mischoolsyes.org

Supporters: Attorney General Rob McKenna, Representatives Adam Smith and Jay Inslee, Senator Steve Litzow, Representatives Judy Clibborn and Marcie Maxwell, Mayor Bruce Bassett and five other MI City Council members, King County Executives Dow Constantine and Fred Jarrett, King County Council member Jane Hague, Myra Lupton, Rich Erwin, Maureen Judge, Terry Moreman, Brian Weinstein, Elliot Newman, Carrie George, Ken Glass, Leslie Ferrell, Lisa Eggers, John DeVleming, Debora Boeck, Dirk van der Burch, all five PTSA’s, MIEA, Seattle King County Association of Realtors, and 700+ additional endorsers.

Statement submitted by: Rand Ginn, Emmett Maloof and Susan Blake hjginn@uiuc.com

Explanatory statement
Passage of Proposition No. 1 will authorize Mercer Island School District to borrow $196,275,000 by issuing general obligation bonds. In accordance with Resolution No. 592 approving this proposition, the bonds will pay for constructing and equipping replacements for Island Park Elementary, Lakeridge Elementary, West Mercer Elementary and Islander Middle Schools; purchasing land to site a new school; undertaking facility improvements, modernizations, and/or renovations to Mercer Island High School, including science labs and classrooms; designing a Master Plan for the north campus "mega-block"; making improvements to the high-school athletic stadium facilities at Mercer Island High School; and modernizing the facilities known as the Mary Wayte Pool. The cost of all necessary architectural, engineering, and other consulting services, inspection and testing, administrative and relocation expenses, and on and off-site utilities, site acquisition, related improvements and other costs incurred in connection with the making of the foregoing capital improvements shall be deemed a part of the costs of such improvements. The bonds would be repaid out of annual property tax levies over a period of not to exceed 20 years. The exact amount of such annual levies for these bonds would depend on the amount of principal paid each year and on the interest rates available at the time the bonds are sold.

Statement in opposition
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Statement submitted by: Michael Finn, Trevor Hart and Marty Gale mjfinn9@gmail.com

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The “Capacity "Crisis" can be handled without rebuilding all 4 school buildings. Neighboring Districts don’t rebuild everything when they expand. Portables were supposed to disappear in 1995. They never went away. When 1995 bonds expire in 2015, the tax for this proposition will be $1,300 to $1,500/$Million house. $700 is only an incremental cost.

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

For additional questions regarding this measure contact:
R. Dean Mack - CFO/COO
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YES

NO

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.

Save our Streets will also protect your pocketbook. A citizen-led Arterial Task Force will select and prioritize the projects to maximize resources and minimize disruption. To keep costs down, bonds will be issued over a twenty-five year or less period. Monthly costs for the average homeowner start under $3, increase up to $9 and then decline to zero. Every dollar generated by this program must be dedicated to specific road improvements. Our streets need fixing. This is an affordable and responsible way to do so. Please join us in Voting YES to Save Our Streets and Keep Auburn Moving!

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.

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The bond funds cannot be used for other projects. The resolution proposing the Proposition (Resolution No. 2012-2, adopted February 21, 2012), states that, if approved, “none of the Bond Proceeds shall be used for any purpose other than preservation purposes related to the Projects.”

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 members of the committee are permitted to submit statements.

For additional questions regarding this measure contact: Carolyn Robertson - Government Relations Manager 253-351-3306 - CarolynR@auburnwa.gov

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