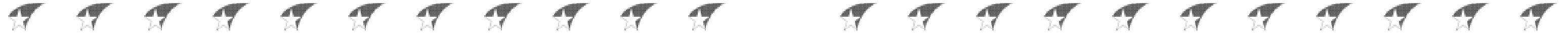


Proposition No. 1
Submitted by the City of Tacoma
TACOMA POLICE HEADQUARTERS AND NEIGHBORHOOD STATIONS - \$34,300,000



Official Ballot Title:

The Tacoma City Council adopted Ordinance No. 26893 concerning a proposition relating to public safety facilities.

If approved, this ballot proposition would allow the City to acquire, construct, improve, and equip a new police headquarters at the old Costco site, four neighborhood substations throughout Tacoma, issue up to \$34,300,000 of general bonds maturing within 25 years, and levy annual excess property taxes to pay and retire the bonds, all as provided in Ordinance No. 26893. Should this proposition be approved or rejected?

Explanatory Statement:

The City of Tacoma requests voters to approve a Capital Facilities Improvement Bond issue to construct headquarters and four neighborhood substations for the Tacoma Police Department.

The headquarters will bring together Tacoma's police functions in one location. The new headquarters are planned to co-locate police administration, investigations, patrol, and training. In addition, four neighborhood substations, modeled after the McKinley Avenue station on the Eastside, will locate patrol officers in each of Tacoma's four sectors.

Bond proceeds will construct and equip these facilities. Without voter approval, the City does not have funding to pay for the projects.

The bonds would mature within 25 years and would be paid by annual excess property taxes. The cost would be approximately 20 cents for every \$1,000 of assessed property value. This cost, combined with the tax-lowering effect of Initiative 747 and a decrease in the tax on Emergency Medical Services, would result in no increase in the City tax rate over 2001 levels.

Homeowners who are 61 years or older, disabled, and who meet low-income requirements may qualify for a property tax exemption.

Statement For:

With an increased concern for national security, we must do our part right here at home to make our community safer.

In over a dozen public meetings, people told the City that a new police headquarters and neighborhood sector stations will:

- Increase police presence and visibility in neighborhoods to make them safer;
- Improve public access to police by creating "neighborhood-based customer-service centers" for crime victims and people reporting criminal activity; and
- Give Tacoma Police the tools they need to effectively protect our community.

Your **Yes** vote will build:

- a centrally-located police headquarters at the old Costco site and
- four police substations in neighborhoods not currently served.

Your **Yes** vote will cost \$30 yearly on a \$150,000 home – investing \$34.3 million directly toward law enforcement.

Keep Tacoma safe – vote **Yes!**

Committee Members Include: Brian Ebersole, Ray Fjetland, Bil Moss

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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to publish a "Statement Against." For information, contact the
Pierce County Auditor's Office at (253) 798-7430.*

Committee Members Include: Will Baker, Ralph Baldwin, Curt Mehlhaff