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City Council votes to endorse Snoqualmie Valley School District Propositions in Special Election

Snoqualmie, WA – At the Snoqualmie City Council meeting on January 25, 2010, council members voted unanimously in support of Snoqualmie Valley School District Propositions 1 and 2, which are on the ballot for the special election on February 9.

“The City of Snoqualmie has been a proud partner with the Snoqualmie Valley School District in sharing resources and stretching tax dollars wherever possible,” said Kathi Prewitt, Snoqualmie City Council Member. “The school district faces diminishing federal and state funding and is more reliant than ever on our local support. Both of these levies provide funding that directly impacts the day-to-day learning of our youth. We ask our citizens to support the Snoqualmie Valley schools and vote “yes” on both propositions.”

The two replacement levies on the ballot include a Maintenance and Operations Levy (M&O) and a Technology Levy. Since the current levies (approved by voters in 2006) expire after 2010, the upcoming measures would renew local funding for 2011-2014.

Proposition 1 is a Maintenance and Operations Levy that would renew approximately 18% of the district's general fund which supports day-to-day operations of our schools. Approval of the four-year M&O Levy would provide student services and employee costs that are not fully covered by Washington State. M&O levies help pay for: extra teachers to limit class size, instructional assistants, transportation costs, counselors, nurses, custodial services, security, utilities, textbooks, and student activities (including after-school academic, athletic, and activity programs).

Proposition 2 (located on the back of the ballot) is a four-year Technology Levy. This Technology Levy would enable the school district to purchase new classroom equipment, refresh outdated systems, provide web-based resources to students, upgrade servers that store student and staff data, improve security and communications, and provide appropriate training to ensure teachers know how to utilize technology tools that engage students in learning. School districts run technology levies because our state does not include technology in its definition of basic education (and therefore provides no funding for it).

“Great schools are the foundation of great communities,” said Mayor Matt Larson. “We cannot afford to let our schools lose ground. I am very pleased that the City Council has

voted to support the Snoqualmie Valley School District's efforts to sustain and improve the quality of education in the Valley."

More Information

For factual information about the two Snoqualmie Valley School District measures, please visit the SVSD website at www.svsd410.org.

Information is also posted on the King County Election website at www.kingcounty.gov/elections; click 'Special Elections', click 'Measures on the Ballot', and then scroll to the Snoqualmie link.

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