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RESOLUTION COVER SHEET

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Name of District: Ridgefield School District No. 122

District Address: 510 Pioneer Street, Ridgefield, WA 98642

Date of Election: February 11, 2025

Contact Person: Dr. Jenny Rodriguez Title: Superintendent

Contact Phone Number: 360-619-1302 Fax Number: 360-619-1397

Contact Email: jenny.rodriquez@ridgefieldsd.org

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2nd Contact Phone Number: 360-619-1307

2nd Contact Email: paula.mccoy@ridgefieldsd.org

Attorney for District: Pacifica Law Group LLP, Seattle, WA

Attorney Phone Number: 206-245-1700 or 206-245-1715

Attorney Email Address: faith.pettis@pacificalawgroup.com

Type of election (levy, bond, lid lift, etc.): Educational Programs and Operations Levy

Please state the pass/fail requirements for this measure (i.e. Simple Majority, 60% etc.) as determined by your legal counsel, together with applicable statutory references: 50%; Washington State

Constitution: Article VII, Sec 2(b)

RIDGEFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 122
CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON

REPLACEMENT OF EXPIRING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS & OPERATIONS
LEVY

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-2025-002

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Directors of Ridgefield School District No. 122, Clark County, Washington, providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the District at a special election to be held therein on February 11, 2025, of the proposition of whether excess taxes should be levied of \$14,025,000 in 2025 for collection in 2026, \$14,685,000 in 2026 for collection in 2027, and \$15,325,000 in 2027 for collection in 2028, said excess taxes to pay part of the costs of educational programs and operations support of the District; and providing for other matters relating thereto.

ADOPTED: DECEMBER 10, 2024

PREPARED BY:

PACIFICA LAW GROUP LLP
Seattle, Washington

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WHEREAS, Ridgefield School District No. 122, Clark County, Washington (the "District"), is a first-class school district duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the Constitution and the laws of the State of Washington (the "State") now in effect; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 84.52.053, the qualified electors of the District may by a simple majority vote authorize enrichment levies of up to four years to support the District's educational programs and operations; and

WHEREAS, calendar year 2025 is the last collection year for the District's current enrichment levy, which provides funding for the District's educational programs and operations not funded by the State; and

WHEREAS, with the expiration of the District's current enrichment levy, funds available in the District's General Fund, including sub-funds thereof, during the school years of 2025-2026 through 2028-2029 will be insufficient to pay for necessary educational programs and operations and properly meet the educational and safety needs of the students attending District schools; and

WHEREAS, to provide adequately for the District's educational programs and operations, the Board of Directors of the District (the "Board") deems it necessary to levy taxes upon all of the taxable property within the District in excess of the maximum annual tax levy permitted by law to be levied within the District without a vote of the electors, such levy to be made for three

years commencing in 2025 for collection in the school years 2025–2026 through 2028–2029, inclusive, as authorized by Article VII, Section 2 of the State Constitution and RCW 84.52.053, with such excess taxes to be deposited into the District’s General Fund, or a sub-fund thereof, and used to continue funding such educational programs and operations; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution and laws of the State require that the question of whether the District may levy such excess taxes be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their approval or rejection; and

WHEREAS, the Board deems it necessary and advisable to place the proposition for such excess tax levies before the District’s voters at an election to be held within the District on February 11, 2025 (the “Proposition”);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF RIDGEFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 122, CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON, as follows:

Section 1. The Board hereby finds and declares that the best interests of the District’s students and other residents require submission to the District’s voters, for their approval or rejection, the Proposition of whether the District shall levy excess property taxes upon all of the taxable property within the District to provide funding for continued educational programs and operations of the District, including but not limited to the Ridgefield Family Resource Center, community education, athletics, and extra-curricular activities, and special education; to enhance curriculum and technology; and to enrich coursework. The levy also maintains current salaries, benefits, and professional learning days for staff above the state’s basic funding formula.

Upon approval by the voters of the Proposition substantially in the form set forth below, the District may use the proceeds of said levies during the 2025–2026, 2026–2027, 2027–2028 and 2028–2029 school years to provide educational programs, enhancements and operations funding

for the District and fund other eligible activities in accordance with the Basic Education Funding Act (Laws of 2017, 3d Spec. Sess., ch. 13), as amended and supplemented, and other applicable law.

Section 2. Upon approval by the voters of the Proposition, the District will levy the following taxes upon all of the taxable property within the District in excess of the maximum annual tax levy permitted by law to be levied within the District without a vote of the electors, for deposit into the District's General Fund:

- A. \$14,025,000, said levy to be made in 2025 for collection in 2026;
- B. \$14,685,000, said levy to be made in 2026 for collection in 2027; and
- C. \$15,325,000, said levy to be made in 2027 for collection in 2028.

The exact levy rate and the actual amounts collected shall be adjusted based upon (1) the actual assessed value of the property within the District at the time of the levy, and (2) the legal limit on the levy rate and levy amount applicable at the time of the levy. At this time, based upon information provided by the Clark County Assessor's Office, the estimated levy rate for each of the three collection years is \$1.75 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

Section 3. The Board hereby requests that the Clark County Auditor, as *ex officio* supervisor of elections in Clark County, Washington (the "Auditor"), assume jurisdiction of, call, and conduct a special election to be held within the District on February 11, 2025, and submit to the qualified electors of the District the Proposition hereinafter set forth. The Auditor shall conduct the election by mail or as the Auditor otherwise requires.

The Board hereby authorizes and directs the Secretary of the Board (the "Secretary") to certify the Proposition to the Auditor in the following form:

PROPOSITION NO. 12

RIDGEFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 122
REPLACEMENT OF EXPIRING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS LEVY

The Board of Directors of Ridgefield School District No. 122 adopted Resolution #2024-2025-002, concerning a replacement levy for unfunded educational programs and operations. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes upon all taxable property within the District, to continue programs, including the Ridgefield Family Resource Center, community education, athletics, extra-curricular activities, and special education; to enhance curriculum and technology, and enrich coursework; and to maintain salaries, benefits, and professional learning days for staff above the state’s basic funding formula:

Collection Year	Approximate Levy	
	Rate/\$1000	Assessed Value
2026	\$1.75	\$14,025,000
2027	\$1.75	\$14,685,000
2028	\$1.75	\$15,325,000

all as provided in Resolution #2024-2025-002. Should this proposition be approved?

YES.....

NO.....

The Board hereby directs the Secretary to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the Auditor no later than December 13, 2024, and to perform such other duties as are necessary or required by law to submit the Proposition to voters.

Section 4. The Board hereby designates the following as the individuals to whom the Auditor shall provide notice of the exact language of the ballot title, as required by RCW 29A.36.080: (a) the Secretary and District Superintendent (Dr. Jenny Rodriquez), telephone: (360) 619-1301; email: jenny.rodriquez@ridgefieldsd.org, and (b) the District’s Bond Counsel, Pacifica Law Group LLP (Faith Pettis), telephone: (206) 245-1700; email: faith.pettis@pacificallawgroup.com. The Board authorizes the Secretary to approve

changes to the ballot title, if any, as the Auditor or the Clark County Prosecuting Attorney deems necessary.

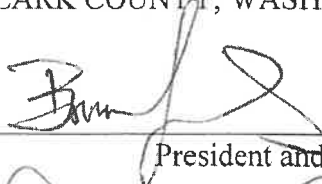
Section 5. The Board authorizes and directs the President of the Board, the Secretary, and the District's Director of Business Services to take such actions and to execute such documents as in their judgment may be necessary or desirable to effectuate the provisions of this resolution, and to perform such other duties as are necessary or required by law to submit to the District's voters at the aforesaid special election, for their approval or rejection, the Proposition of whether the District shall levy annual excess property taxes to pay costs of District educational programs and services. The Board hereby ratifies and confirms all actions of the District or its staff or officers taken prior to the effective date of this resolution and consistent with the objectives and terms of this resolution.

Section 6. In the event that any provision of this resolution shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect or invalidate any other provision of this resolution, but shall be construed and enforced as if such invalid provision had not been contained herein; provided, however, that any provision which shall for any reason be held to be invalid shall be deemed to be in effect to the extent permitted by law.

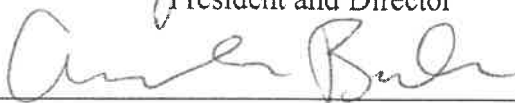
Section 7. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Ridgefield School District No. 122, Clark County, Washington, at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 10th day of December, 2024.

RIDGEFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 122,
CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON



President and Director



Director



Director

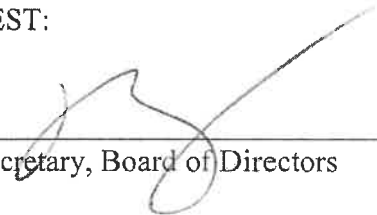


Director



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ATTEST:



Secretary, Board of Directors

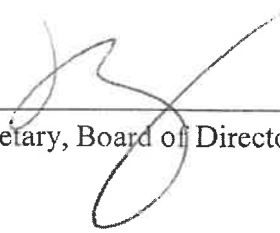
CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the Board of Directors of Ridgefield School District No. 122, Clark County, Washington, (the "District") and keeper of the records of the Board of Directors (the "Board"), DO HEREBY CERTIFY:

1. That the attached resolution is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2024-2025-002 of the Board (the "Resolution"), duly adopted at a regular meeting thereof held on the 10th day of December, 2024.

2. That said meeting was duly convened and held in all respects in accordance with law, and to the extent required by law, due and proper notice of such meeting was given; that a legal quorum was present throughout the meeting and a legally sufficient number of members of the Board voted in the proper manner for the adoption of the Resolution; that all other requirements and proceedings incident to the proper adoption of the Resolution have been duly fulfilled, carried out and otherwise observed; and that I am authorized to execute this certificate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 10th day of December, 2024.



Secretary, Board of Directors

OFFICIAL BALLOT
RIDGEFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 122
CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON
February 11, 2025

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: To vote in favor of the following proposition, place a cross (X) in the square opposite the words "YES"; to vote against the following proposition, place a cross (X) in the square opposite the words "NO."

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all as provided in Resolution No. 2024-2025-002. Should this proposition be approved?

YES.....

NO.....

NOTICE

RIDGEFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 122
CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON
February 11, 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 11, 2025, a special election will be held by mail ballot in the above-named school district for the submission to the qualified electors of said school district of the following proposition:

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YES.....

NO.....

Clark County Auditor