

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-13

A RESOLUTION of the City Council of the City of Lakewood, Washington, expressing support for the Pierce County Rural Library District Proposition No. 1 authorizing the restoration of the District's regular property tax levy rate coming before the voters on November 6, 2018.

WHEREAS, the City Council, as an elected body, may express collective support for any ballot measure, in the form of a Resolution, provided the requirements of RCW 42.17A.555(1) are met; and

WHEREAS, the City is supportive of partnerships between cooperating agencies for the benefit of the community; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes costs to operate and maintain the Pierce County Rural Library District's services and facilities are increasing at a faster and higher rate than revenues to operate them - cost increases have ranged from 4 to 7%, while property tax revenues have ranged from 1 to 3%; and

WHEREAS, voters passed a levy to restore library funding in 2006, and the Pierce County Rural Library District has met or surpassed all levy promises with funding that was projected to meet service needs for up to six years, and has stretched that funding for 12 years; and

WHEREAS, the public's use of and request for library services is very high with a 63% increase in library card holders, 33% increase in the checkout of books and materials, and 79% increase in participation in classes and events since 2006; and

WHEREAS, in order to enable the Pierce County Rural Library District to maintain library services for up to five years so it can deliver services that growing and changing communities need, want, and value, it is necessary for the District to restore its regular property tax levy rate; and

WHEREAS, on July 11, 2018 the Pierce County Rural Library District approved Resolution 2018-07 calling for an election authorizing the restoration of the district's regular

property tax levy to come before the voters on November 6, 2018; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES, as follows:

Section 1. That the City Council expresses its support for the passage of the Pierce County Rural Library District Proposition No. 1 authorizing the restoration of the District's regular property levy rate to \$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value, which will come before the voters on November 6, 2018.

Section 2. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon passage and signatures hereon.

PASSED by the City Council this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018.

CITY OF LAKEWOOD



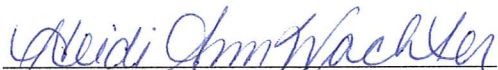
Don Anderson, Mayor

Attest:



Briana Schumacher, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:



Heidi Ann Wachter, City Attorney