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City Seeks Residents for Pro/Con Committees for Nov. Levy Lid Lift

Volunteer committees will draft statements for voters' pamphlet

(Edmonds – WA) At its July 8 meeting, the Edmonds City Council authorized a November ballot measure for a levy lid lift. In authorizing that the \$14.5 million multi-year levy lid lift be placed on the November ballot, the council identified the particular needs of the City of Edmonds, the desires of the residents, and the property taxes paid by local taxpayers compared to similar jurisdictions.

The city continues to face an unprecedented and significant budget deficit. The city has cut staff and programs, deferred repairs, used its reserves, borrowed internally and pursued additional revenue sources. The core issue is structural: revenue has not kept pace with inflation.

This spring, the City Council held workshops and reviewed various scenarios related to a levy lid lift. Working with staff, council members also discussed numerous sources of non-property tax revenue to complement the levy lid lift.

Pro/Con Committees

The Edmonds City Council has the legislative responsibility to appoint two committees to write ballot measure argument statements that appear in the election voters' pamphlet. The pro committee writes the statement supporting the measure; the con committee writes the statement opposing the measure.

Each committee is allowed up to three volunteer members who must be current residents of Edmonds. Council President Neil Tibbott will work with the council to appoint these pro and con committees in advance of the county election office's August 5, 2025, filing deadline.

Individuals interested in serving on either committee can submit their application to City Clerk Scott Passey at scott.passey@edmondswa.gov by Monday, July 14, at 5 pm.

Applicants must be current City of Edmonds residents. In their applications, they need to announce which committee – pro or con – they are applying for, provide a statement that supports their position, and whether they are willing to be the committee spokesperson. Please include your name, address, and phone number in your email. Late applications will not be accepted.

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