**PROPOSITION 1**

Facts and Information

2014 Neighborhood Parks & Zoo Improvements and Safety Upgrades • Election April 22

*Parks Enrich Life* – Quality parks and recreation programs create a vibrant, active, and engaged community by offering healthy opportunities for everyone to play, learn, and grow.

**Park Improvements & Expanded Citywide Access to Recreation**

- **Renovate and improve** neighborhood parks and recreation facilities districtwide, including playfields, trails, restrooms, picnic areas and shelters, community gardens, and recreation facility upgrades.
- **Expand access** to family community centers, including partnership funding for a new Eastside community center, and make districtwide upgrades to recreation and sports facilities that support after-school programs for youth and teens.
- **Replace or upgrade** aged and outdated children’s playgrounds, pools and aquatic facilities to meet safety standards.

**Preservation of Point Defiance Park, Zoo & Aquarium**

- **Make critical improvements** to animal life-support systems at Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium and replace the failing 51-year-old North Pacific Aquarium. Provide classroom space for students and the community to engage in environmental and conservation education.
- **Make significant renovations** to the zoo’s aging Polar Bear and Rocky Shores/Walrus exhibits to rebuild critical life-support systems and meet rising animal care standards.
- **Make improvements** throughout Point Defiance Park, including critical infrastructure preservation, a new destination children’s playground, restroom renovations, viewpoints, parking, and ADA accessibility and pedestrian safety.

**Protection of Lakes & Natural Areas, Waterfront Access & Connecting Trails**

- **Protect critical habitat** and preserve open space, natural areas, lakes, creeks and streams throughout the district including, but not limited to, Wapato Lake, Swan Creek, Puget Creek Natural Area, Garfield Natural Area, and Titlow Park.
- **Enhance access** to and use of natural areas through trail and path expansions, parking, restroom and picnic shelter improvements, wildlife habitat enhancements and lake enhancements to improve water quality.
- **Expand waterfront access** by providing matching funds to develop 12 acres of peninsula waterfront park land at Point Defiance Park (between Ruston Way and Point Defiance ferry). Make improvements at Les Davis Pier, Jack Hyde Park, Dash Point Park and Thea Foss Waterway and provide shoreline stabilization and protection needed for public access.
- **Provide partnership funds** to support the development of districtwide trail systems such as Pipeline Trail, Prairie Line Trail and the Schuster Parkway Promenade.
Preservation of Cultural & Historic Landmarks

- **Protect and enhance** cultural and historic landmarks across Tacoma, including Fort Nisqually Living History Museum and WW Seymour Botanical Conservatory at Wright Park, to enhance visitor experiences and bolster opportunities for horticultural and historic education.

- **Preserve and restore** the historic Point Defiance Lodge and 1930s picnic shelters at Point Defiance and Lincoln Parks.

Safety, Health & Security Upgrades

- **Make safety, health and security improvements** at neighborhood parks and recreation facilities districtwide, including upgrades to security lighting at parks, recreation centers and parking areas to comply with emerging health, safety and accessibility standards.

- **Help fund needed clean-up** of arsenic-contaminated areas at Point Defiance Park and other affected district parks.

Public Investment

Renovation of neighborhood and regional parks, preservation of Point Defiance Park, Zoo & Aquarium, protection of natural areas and open space, and improvements in safety and security would be funded by the $198 million bond measure. Over the life of the bond, the cost for the average homeowner, with an assessed property value of $171,000, would be approximately $8 per month.

Remember to Vote

- **Ballots Due by April 22**
- **Online Voter Registration Deadline: March 24**

Voter Information & Registration at [www.piercecountywa.org/elections](http://www.piercecountywa.org/elections). Pierce County Elections Office, 2501 S. 35th Street, Suite C, Tacoma, WA 98409, 253-798-VOTE (8683) and 800-446-4979

For details about the 2014 Neighborhood Parks & Zoo Improvements and Safety Upgrades Bond, visit MetroParksTacoma.org/2014ParksZooBond