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SIX YEAR RESTORATION OF TAX LEVY RATE FOR PARKS AND RECREATION

The Peninsula Metropolitan Park District Board adopted Resolution No. R2017-007 concerning this proposition to provide additional funding of parks, recreational facilities, access to Puget Sound, enhanced trails and greenspaces, recreation programs, including programs for seniors and vulnerable populations, by restoring the District's regular property tax levy rate to \$0.75 per \$1,000 of assessed value in 2018; setting the limit factor at 106% for each of the five succeeding years and use the 2023 levy amount to calculate subsequent levy limits.

In 2004, the voters approved the formation of the Peninsula Metropolitan Park District (PenMet Parks) which they funded by levying a tax on themselves at \$0.75 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. Since then, PenMet Parks has developed numerous parks and recreation programs throughout the community. During the same time, several factors have limited PenMet Parks' levy rate, which is limiting PenMet Parks' ability to provide parks, facilities and services to the community at the same or greater levels.

In the recent survey, citizens asked for additional parks, recreation facilities, more access to Puget Sound, enhanced trails and greenspaces and recreation programs serving seniors and people in our vulnerable populations. This proposed levy lid lift would allow the District to exceed the 1% annual cap for the next 6 years and restore the \$0.75 per \$1,000 levy rate approved by the voters. The additional funds will be used to improve parks and programs in our community and consistent with the survey results.

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