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Spokane County Resolution Cover Sheet

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Name of District: Freeman School District No. 358, Spokane County, Washington

District Address: 15001 S. Jackson Rd., Rockford, WA 99030-9755

Date of Election: February 11, 2025

Contact Person: Alan Steinolfson Title: Director of Fiscal/Administrative Services

Contact Phone: 509-291-7501 Fax: 509-291-3636

Contact Email: asteinolfson@freemansd.org

2nd Contact Person: Randy Russell Title: Superintendent and Secretary to the Board

2nd Contact Phone: 509-291-3695

2nd Contact Email: rrussell@freemansd.org

Attorney for District: Lee Marchisio, Foster Garvey P.C.

Attorney Approved Ballot Title and Explanatory Statement for District Yes X No

Please provide documentation of Attorney Approval.

Attorney Phone: 206-447-6264 Attorney Fax: 206-749-2138

Attorney Email Address: lee.marchisio@foster.com

Type of Election (levy, bond, lid lift, etc.): Proposition No. 1 - School Safety, Security and Technology Levy

Please state the pass/fail requirement for this measure (i.e. simple majority, 60%, etc.) as determined by your legal counsel, together with applicable statutory references: Levy must be approved by a simple majority of the qualified voters within the school district. Applicable statutory references include, among others, Article VII, Section 2(a) of the Washington Constitution and RCW 84.52.053.

Signature: Alan Steinolfson
of person filing this form

Date: 12-6-2024

This form may be filled out and printed.

This mandatory resolution cover sheet must accompany any resolution.

FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

PROPOSITION NO. 1 – SCHOOL SAFETY, SECURITY AND
TECHNOLOGY LEVY

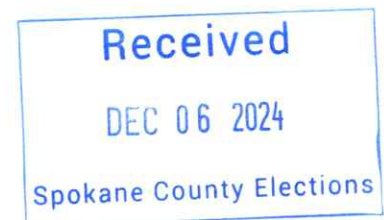
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ADOPTED: NOVEMBER 20, 2024

This document prepared by:

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(206) 447-6264*



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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358, SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON, as follows:

Section 1. Findings and Determinations. The Board of Directors (the "Board") of Freeman School District No. 358, Spokane County, Washington (the "District"), takes note of the following facts and makes the following findings and determinations:

(a) Calendar year 2024 is the last year of collection of the District's current three-year Capital Projects Fund tax levy, which was authorized pursuant to Resolution No. 3-2020/2021, adopted by the Board on November 23, 2020, and approved by the voters at a special election held and conducted within the District on February 9, 2021.

(b) Safety and security, the existing condition of school facilities (including educational technology equipment and infrastructure) and the institution of new educational programs require the District to support the modernization and remodeling of school facilities by continuing to finance safety, security, technology and infrastructure improvements, all as more particularly defined and described in Section 2 herein (collectively, the "Projects").

(c) With the expiration of the District's current three-year Capital Projects Fund tax levy, it appears certain that the money in the District's Capital Projects Fund will be insufficient to permit the District to pay costs of the Projects, and that it is necessary that a replacement excess tax levy of \$1,572,154 be made in 2025 for collection in 2026, and \$1,650,428 be made in 2026 for collection in 2027 for the District's Capital Projects Fund to provide the money required to pay those costs.

(d) The proposed two-year Capital Projects Fund tax levy authorized in this resolution will replace the District's expiring three-year Capital Projects Fund tax levy.

(e) Pursuant to Article VII, Section 2(a) of the Washington Constitution and Revised Code of Washington ("RCW") 84.52.053, the District may submit to its voters at a special election, for their approval or rejection, a proposition authorizing the District to levy annual excess property taxes to support (*i.e.*, to pay or finance) costs of the Projects.

(f) The best interests of the District's students and other inhabitants require the District to carry out and accomplish the Projects.

Section 2. Description of the Projects. The Projects to be paid for with the excess property taxes authorized herein are more particularly defined and described as follows:

(a) Pay costs of making District-wide safety, security, technology and infrastructure improvements to support learning environments, including, but not limited to: (1) upgrading (including acquiring, installing, implementing, improving and modernizing) security cameras, entry controls and other safety and security systems; (2) upgrading (including acquiring, installing, implementing, improving and modernizing) computers and other technology equipment, infrastructure, systems and facilities, and making other improvements and upgrades to the District's technology systems and facilities; (3) improving (including acquiring, installing, implementing, upgrading and modernizing) Americans with Disability Act ("ADA") accessibility, parking and traffic circulation, and other infrastructure at facilities and fields (which may include paying, when due, the outstanding principal of the District's Limited General Obligation Bond, 2023, issued to make such improvements prior to voter approval of the proposition authorized by this resolution); and (4) making other safety, security, technology and infrastructure improvements to school facilities, all as determined necessary and advisable by the Board. The foregoing technology improvements shall be part of the District's integrated technology systems and facilities for instruction and research.

(b) Acquire, construct and install all necessary furniture, equipment, apparatus, accessories, fixtures and appurtenances in or for the foregoing, all as determined necessary and advisable by the Board.

(c) Pay costs associated with implementing the foregoing technology improvements, including, but not limited to, acquiring, constructing and installing hardware and licensing software, online applications and training related to the installation of the foregoing, all as determined necessary and advisable by the Board. Such costs constitute a part of the Projects and also include, but are not limited to, ongoing fees for online applications, subscriptions, or software licenses, including upgrades and incidental services, and ongoing training related to the use, installation and integration of these products and services, all as determined necessary and advisable by the Board. The hardware, software or applications shall be an integral part of the District's technology systems and facilities for instruction and research.

(d) Pay incidental costs incurred in connection with carrying out and accomplishing the Projects. Such incidental costs constitute a part of the Projects and include, but are not limited to: (1) payments for fiscal and legal costs; (2) costs of establishing and funding accounts; (3) necessary and related engineering, architectural, planning, consulting, permitting, inspection and testing costs; (4) administrative and relocation costs; (5) site acquisition and improvement costs; (6) demolition costs; (7) costs related to demolition and/or deconstruction of existing school facilities to recycle, reclaim and repurpose all or a portion of such facilities and/or building materials; (8) costs of on and off-site utilities and road improvements; and (9) costs of other similar activities or purposes, all as determined necessary and advisable by the Board.

The Projects, or any portion or portions thereof, shall be acquired or made insofar as is practicable with available money and in such order of time as shall be determined necessary and advisable by the Board. The Board shall determine the application of available money between the various parts of the Projects so as to accomplish, as near as may be, all of the Projects. The Board shall determine the exact order, extent and specifications for the Projects. The Projects are to be more fully described in the plans and specifications to be filed with the District.

Section 3. Calling of Election. The Auditor of Spokane County, Washington, as *ex officio* Supervisor of Elections (the “Auditor”), is requested to call and conduct a special election in the manner provided by law to be held in the District on February 11, 2025, for the purpose of submitting to the District’s voters, for their approval or rejection, the proposition authorizing a replacement Capital Projects Fund excess property tax levy on all of the taxable property within the District (the assessed value of such representing 100% of true and fair value unless specifically provided otherwise by law) to be made annually for two years commencing in 2025 for collection in 2026 of \$1,572,154, the estimated dollar rate of tax levy required to produce such an amount being \$1.20 per \$1,000 of assessed value, and in 2026 for collection in 2027 of \$1,650,428, the estimated dollar rate of tax levy required to produce such an amount being \$1.20 per \$1,000 of assessed value, all in excess of the maximum tax levy allowed by law for school districts without voter approval. The exact tax levy rate may be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the taxable property within the District at the time of the tax levy.

Section 4. Use of Taxes. If the proposition authorized by this resolution is approved by the requisite number of voters, the District will be authorized to levy the excess property taxes provided in this resolution to pay costs of the Projects, all as may be authorized by law and determined necessary and advisable by the Board. Pending the receipt of those taxes, the District may issue short-term obligations pursuant to chapter 39.50 RCW or contract indebtedness pursuant to RCW 28A.530.080. Upon receipt, the District may use those taxes to repay such short-term obligations or indebtedness, all as may be authorized by law and determined necessary and advisable by the Board.

Section 5. Sufficiency of Taxes. If the excess property taxes authorized herein are more than sufficient to carry out the Projects, or should state or local circumstances require any alteration in the Projects, the District may apply such taxes to other capital purposes, or reduce or eliminate the excess property tax levies authorized herein, all as the Board may determine by resolution and as permitted by law.

If the Board determines that it has become impractical to accomplish the Projects or any portion thereof by reason of state or local circumstances, including changed conditions or needs, regulatory considerations, incompatible development or costs substantially in excess of those estimated, or for any other reason determined by the Board, the District will not be required to accomplish such Projects and may apply the excess property taxes authorized herein or any portion thereof to other capital purposes of the District, or reduce or eliminate the excess property taxes authorized herein, all as the Board may determine by resolution and as permitted by law. In the event that the excess property taxes, plus any other money of the District legally available therefor, are insufficient to accomplish all of the Projects, the District may use the available money for paying the cost of that portion of the Projects that the Board determines most necessary and in the best interests of the District.

Notwithstanding anything in this resolution to the contrary, the excess property taxes authorized herein may be used only to support the construction, modernization or remodeling of school facilities or implementation of the District's technology facilities plan.

Section 6. Form of Ballot Title. Pursuant to RCW 29A.36.071, the Spokane County Prosecuting Attorney is requested to prepare the concise description of the aforesaid proposition for the ballot title in substantially the following form:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358

SCHOOL SAFETY, SECURITY AND TECHNOLOGY LEVY

The Board of Directors of Freeman School District No. 358 adopted Resolution No. 2-2024/2025, concerning a proposition to finance capital improvements to support learning environments. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, to make District-wide safety, security, technology and infrastructure improvements (upgrading security cameras, entry controls, computers, technology equipment; improving ADA accessibility, parking/traffic circulation, other infrastructure at facilities and fields):

<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2026	\$1.20	\$1,572,154
2027	\$1.20	\$1,650,428

all as provided in Resolution No. 2-2024/2025. Should this proposition be approved?

LEVY . . . YES ☐

LEVY . . . NO ☐

Section 7. Authorization to Deliver Resolution to Auditor and Perform Other Necessary Duties. The Secretary to the Board (the "Secretary") or the Secretary's designee is authorized and directed to: (a) present a certified copy of this resolution to the Auditor no later than December 13, 2024; and (b) 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 authorizing the District to levy annual excess property taxes to pay costs of the Projects.

Section 8. Notices Relating to Ballot Title. For purposes of receiving notice of the exact language of the ballot title required by RCW 29A.36.080, the Board hereby designates (a) the District's Director of Fiscal/Administrative Services (Alan Steinolfson), telephone: 509.291.7501; email: asteinolfson@freemansd.org; and (b) special counsel, Foster Garvey P.C. (Lee Marchisio), telephone: 206.447.6264; email: lee.marchisio@foster.com, as the individuals to whom the Auditor shall provide such notice. The Secretary is authorized to approve changes to the ballot title, if any, determined necessary by the Auditor or the Spokane County Prosecuting Attorney.

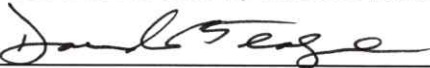
Section 9. Execution; General Authorization and Ratification. This resolution may be executed by the Directors being present and voting in favor of the resolution, or only the Chair of the Board (the "Chair"), and attested by the Secretary, in tangible medium, manual, facsimile or electronic form under any security procedure or platform, and notwithstanding any other District resolution, rule, policy or procedure, or in any other manner evidencing its adoption. The Secretary, the District's Director of Fiscal/Administrative Services, the Chair, and the District's special counsel, Foster Garvey P.C., are hereby further severally authorized and directed to take such actions and to create, accept, execute, send, use and rely upon such tangible medium, manual, facsimile or electronic documents, records and signatures under any security procedure or platform, and notwithstanding any other District resolution, rule, policy or procedure, as in their judgment may be necessary or desirable to effectuate the provisions of this resolution. All actions taken prior to the effective date of this resolution in furtherance of and not inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution are ratified and confirmed in all respects.

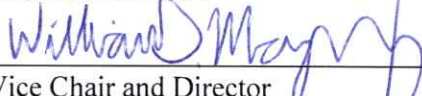
Section 10. Severability. If any provision of this resolution is declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, then such provision shall be null and void and shall be separable from the remaining provisions of this resolution and shall in no way affect the validity of the other provisions of this resolution or of the levy or collection of excess property taxes authorized herein.

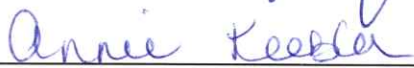
Section 11. Effective Date. This resolution takes effect from and after its adoption.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Freeman School District No. 358, Spokane County, Washington, at a regular open public meeting held on November 20, 2024.


FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Chair and Director


Vice Chair and Director


Director


Director


Director

ATTEST: 

DR. RANDY L. RUSSELL
Secretary to the Board of Directors

CERTIFICATION

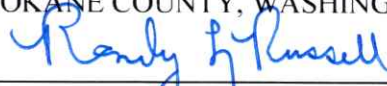
I, DR. RANDY L. RUSSELL, Secretary to the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Freeman School District No. 358, Spokane County, Washington (the "District"), hereby certify as follows:

1. The foregoing Resolution No. 2-2024/2025 (the "Resolution") is a full, true and correct copy of the Resolution duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the District (the "Board") held at its regular meeting place on November 20, 2024 (the "Meeting"), as that Resolution appears in the records of the District, and the Resolution is now in full force and effect; and

2. The Meeting was duly convened, held and included an opportunity for public comment, in all respects in accordance with law, a quorum of the members of the Board was present throughout the Meeting, and a sufficient number of members of the Board present voted in the proper manner for the adoption of the Resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand as of November 20, 2024.

FREEMAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 358
SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON



DR. RANDY L. RUSSELL

Secretary to the Board of Directors

For/Against Committee Member Appointment Form

Name of District: Freeman School District #358
District Contact Name: Alan Steinolfson, Director of Finance
Email Address: asteinolfson@freemansd.org Phone: 509-291-3695

Jurisdiction's responsibility:

1. Email completed form to pamphlet@spokanecounty.gov by the resolution submittal deadline.
2. Provide committee members with statement submission requirements and deadlines. Committees are solely responsible for submitting voters' pamphlet statements to the Elections Division.

Deadlines are on page 13 of these administrative rules. Questions? Contact the Elections Office at pamphlet@spokanecounty.gov or call 509.477.2320.

"For" Committee (1-3 members):

Committee Name: 4 Freeman Schools

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Web: _____

Committee Member #1: Joanna DePeralta Email: joanna_ramsey@hotmail.com

Committee Member #2: Emily Lagreid Email: emilylagreid@gmail.com

Committee Member #3: Eric Eden Email: ericleden@gmail.com

"Against" Committee (1-3 members):

Committee Name: After published notice no persons came forward to serve on the against committee

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Web: _____

Committee Member #1: N/A Email: _____

Committee Member #2: N/A Email: _____

Committee Member #3: N/A Email: _____