

RESOLUTION NO. 989

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE
EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE CITY'S PROPOSITION NO. 1 LEVY LID LIFT FOR
SUPPORT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT**

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 Council dedicates all property taxes which it receives to public safety; however, state law limits the City to annual increases of 1%, plus tax on the value of new construction; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that it has the lowest officer to citizen ratio for any similarly sized city statewide, but faces increased demands upon law enforcement due to challenges with population growth, legislative changes and increased crime regionally; and

WHEREAS, on July 18, 2022, the City approved Resolution 980 calling for a ballot measure styled, *City of University Place Proposition No. 1 – Levy Lid Lift for Support of Law Enforcement*, to be placed on the November 2022 general election ballot. This measure, if adopted by voters, would increase the City's levy rate by approximately \$0.51 per \$1000 of assessed value for collection in 2023 and would be used to calculate the statutory limitation for future levy increases; and

WHEREAS, approval of Proposition No. 1 would enable the City to meet these challenges, provide a visible response and improve its law enforcement response by hiring additional personnel to patrol, investigate and respond to crime;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE RESOLVES
AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Support of Proposition No. 1. The City Council expresses its support for the passage of the *City of University Place Proposition No. 1 – Levy Lid Lift for Support of Law Enforcement*.

Section 2. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2022.

Steve Worthington, Mayor

ATTEST:

Emelita J. Genetia, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Matthew S. Kaser, City Attorney