

RESOLUTION NO. 893

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE LYNDEN SCHOOL BOND
FOR THE CITY OF LYNDEN, WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

WHEREAS, by February 11, 2014 Lynden School District patrons will vote on a bond that would pay for replacement of Lynden Middle School and Fisher Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, the \$46 million dollar bond will leverage an additional \$16 million in State matching funds; and

WHEREAS, Lynden Middle and Fisher Elementary Schools have served the community well but should now be replaced with modern facilities that are safer and easier to maintain while at the same time provide a better learning environment for our children; and

WHEREAS, it is more cost effective to replace Lynden Middle and Fisher Elementary Schools than remodel the old buildings and

WHEREAS, the cost of replacing these facilities rises each year with the cost of inflation; and

WHEREAS, Lynden School District taxpayers are currently paying no taxes for Capital Facility Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the proposed bond rate is less than the rate taxpayers were paying more than ten years ago; and

WHEREAS, certain individuals, including qualified seniors and agricultural land owners may be eligible for a property tax exemption or reduction; and

WHEREAS, new schools are an investment in our youth, which are among this City's most treasured assets;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Lynden, Washington as follows:

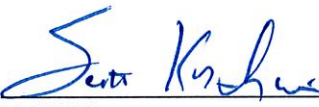
SECTION 1: That the Lynden City Council does support the Lynden School Bond initiative and encourages our residents to vote "yes" on February 11, 2014, in favor of passing the Lynden School District capital replacement bond measure.

SECTION 2: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution.

SECTION 3: If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution. The Council hereby declares that it would have passed this Resolution irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases has been declared invalid or unconstitutional, and if, for any reason, this Resolution should be declared invalid or unconstitutional, then the original Resolution or Resolutions shall be in full force and effect.

SECTION 4: This resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately.


PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL BY AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE, 7 IN FAVOR 0 AGAINST, AND SIGNED BY THE MAYOR THIS 21 DAY OF JANUARY, 2014.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


CITY ATTORNEY