

# City of Tacoma



Special Election - Proposition No. 11  
Submitted by the City of Tacoma

**Ballot Title:** City Council adopted Resolution 36250 to amend the Charter. City Charter Section 9.1 governs disposal of real and personal property belonging to the City, including a limitation that leases of City-owned waterfront property not exceed 30 years. This proposition would amend Section 9.1 to allow City-owned waterfront property to be leased for up to 75 years and provide that leases of one year or less, without renewal options, do not need Council approval. Should this proposition be approved?

**Explanatory Statement:** If approved, this change will allow the City to enter into long-term leases of City-owned waterfront property by changing the current 30 year limit on leases to up to 75 years in length, and will remove the need for Council approval of leases lasting less than one year in length.

## Statement For:

Tacoma has embraced a vision to recapture its urban waterfront along the Foss Waterway. A grand vision, developed by citizens, ensures public access along the length of the waterway and investment on the uplands that revitalizes and activates our front porch. Exciting new developments have given us a glimpse of what can be, with the best yet to come. With each new project, the public sees restored shorelines and an extension of the public boardwalk.

But for this dream to be realized, antiquated restrictions that constrain progress need to be re-worked. The current thirty year limit on the length of leases makes it nearly impossible to secure financing on City owned parcels. Changing the charter restriction to 75 years preserves City ownership while encouraging competitive proposals and better designs, allowing the merits and the public benefits, to determine which projects make sense.

**Let's keep the vision intact and progress continuing.**

*Committee Members Include: Jack Fabulich, Paul Miller, and Terry Paine*

## Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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