

RESOLUTION NO. 26-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SPOKANE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT, SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON, REQUESTING THAT A SPECIAL ELECTION BE CALLED IN ORDER TO SUBMIT TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT THE PROPOSITION OF WHETHER THE DISTRICT SHALL LEVY REGULAR PROPERTY TAXES IN EXCESS OF THE LEVY LIMITATION PROVIDED FOR IN RCW 84.55.010 TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR REGULAR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF THE DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF THE PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING SUCH LEVY TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026; PROVIDING FOR THE NOTICE OF SUCH ELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS PROPERLY RELATING THERETO.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SPOKANE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT, SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON, as follows:

WHEREAS, Spokane County Library District, Spokane County, Washington (the "District"), is a library district duly organized and existing under and by the virtue of the constitution and laws of the state of Washington (the "State"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 84.55.050, the District may levy a regular property tax in excess of the levy limitations contained in chapter 84.55 RCW, when such levy amount is authorized by a proposition approved by a majority of the voters of the District voting on the proposition at a general or special election held within the District; and

WHEREAS, it is the judgment of the Board of Trustees of the District (the "Board") that in order to provide continued funding for the normal maintenance and operation of the District, it is deemed necessary for the District to restore its regular levy rate to \$0.45 per thousand dollars of assessed value upon all the taxable property within the District in 2026 for collection in 2027, thus increasing its regular property tax levy in excess of the limit factor provided for in chapter 84.55 RCW; and thereafter using such levy to compute limitations for subsequent years; and

WHEREAS, the Board deems it necessary to place the proposition of whether or not the District shall levy regular property taxes in 2026, for collection in 2027, in excess of the limit factor provided for in chapter 84.55 RCW before the qualified electors of the District; and

WHEREAS, it is further deemed advisable that said propositions be submitted to such electors at an election to be held within the District on November 3, 2026.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY FOUND, DETERMINED AND ORDERED as follows:

The Board hereby finds and declares that, in order to provide continued funding for the normal maintenance and operation of the Spokane County Library District, it is necessary for the District to restore its regular levy rate to \$0.45 per thousand of assessed value upon all the taxable property within the District in 2026, for collection in 2027, thus increasing its regular property tax levy in excess of the limit factor provided for in chapter 84.55 RCW, and thereafter using such levy to compute limitations for subsequent years.

Such proposition must be submitted to the voters of the District for their approval or rejection. If such proposition is approved by the majority of voters, the District will be authorized to restore its regular levy rate to \$0.45 per thousand dollars of assessed value upon all the taxable property within the District in 2026 for collection in 2027, thus increasing its regular property tax levy in excess of the limit factor provided for in chapter 84.55 RCW; and thereafter using such levy to compute limitations for subsequent years.

Upon approval of said proposition, the District may issue warrants against the general fund for District purposes.

The Spokane County Auditor, as ex officio Supervisor of Elections for the District, is hereby requested to call and conduct a special election to be held within the District in conjunction with the state primary election on November 3, 2026, and to submit to the qualified electors of the District the proposition in substantially the following form:

SPOKANE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT

PROPOSITION NO. 1

REGULAR LIBRARY OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE LEVY

THE SPOKANE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 26-04 CONCERNING ITS REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY. THIS PROPOSITION WOULD AUTHORIZE THE DISTRICT TO RESTORE ITS REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY RATE TO \$0.45 PER \$1,000 OF ASSESSED VALUE FOR COLLECTION IN 2027 TO PROVIDE CONTINUED FUNDING FOR NORMAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND LIBRARY SERVICES. THEREAFTER, SUCH LEVY AMOUNT WOULD BE USED TO COMPUTE LIMITATIONS FOR SUBSEQUENT YEAR LEVIES AS AUTHORIZED BY CHAPTER 84.55 RCW. SHOULD THIS PROPOSITION BE APPROVED?:

YES	☐
NO	☐

The election will be conducted by mail ballot. The procedures and forms to conduct the election by mail ballot shall be prescribed by the Spokane County Auditor in accordance with chapter 29A.40 RCW and chapter 434-250 WAC.

The Spokane County Auditor shall prepare the notice of election, which shall be published at least once, which publication shall take place not more than fifteen days nor less than five days prior to the mail-in registration deadline. Such publication shall be in a newspaper of general circulation within the County and in accordance with RCW 29A.52.355.

The Secretary of the Board is hereby directed to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the Spokane County Auditor, as ex officio Supervisor of Elections for the District, not later than August 4, 2026.

For purposes of receiving notice pursuant to RCW 29A.36.080, the Board designates the District's Executive Director (Patrick Roewe), telephone number: 509-893-8360 and email: proewe@sclld.org, as the individual to whom the Auditor shall provide such notice. The Executive Director is authorized to approve changes to the ballot title, if any, determined necessary by the Auditor or Spokane County Prosecuting Attorney.

All resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed in their entirety.

If any one or more of the provisions of this resolution shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this resolution, and this resolution shall be construed and enforced as if such unconstitutional or invalid provisions had not been contained herein.

This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED by the Board of the Trustees of the Spokane County Library District, Spokane County, Washington, at a regular meeting thereof, held this 21st day of July 2026.

SPOKANE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT
Spokane County, Washington



Jessica Hanson, Chair



Jon Klapp, Vice Chair



Ellen Clark, Trustee



Robert Paull, Trustee



Patti Stauffer, Trustee

ATTEST:



Patrick Roewe,
Secretary of the Board of Trustees

CERTIFICATION

I, Patrick Roewe, the appointed Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Spokane County Library District, Spokane County, Washington, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Spokane County Library District, duly held at the regular meeting place thereof on July 21, 2026, of which meeting all members of said Board had due notice, and at which a majority thereof were present; and that at said meeting said resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES, and in favor thereof, Members: Jessica Hanson, Jon Klapp, Ellen Clark, and Robert Paull, and Patti Stauffer.

NOES, Members: None.

ABSENT, Members: None.

ABSTAIN, Members: None.

I further certify that I have carefully compared the same with the original resolution on file and of record in my office; that said resolution is a full, true, and correct copy of the original resolution adopted at said meeting; and that said resolution has not been amended, modified, or rescinded since the date of its adoption, and is now in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand on this 21st day of July 2026.



Patrick Roewe,
Secretary of the Board of Trustees

TO: The Spokane County Auditor, as Ex Officio Supervisor of Elections for Spokane County Library District, Spokane County, Washington

Pursuant to Resolution No. 26-01, adopted by the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of Spokane County Library District, Spokane County, Washington (the "District"), at a meeting of the Board held on July 21, 2026, a copy of which resolution is attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof, you are respectfully requested to submit the following proposition to the electors of the District for their approval or rejection, at a special election to be held on November 3, 2026. The proposition shall be in substantially the following form:

SPOKANE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT

PROPOSITION NO. 1

REGULAR LIBRARY OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE LEVY

THE SPOKANE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 26-01 CONCERNING ITS REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY. THIS PROPOSITION WOULD AUTHORIZE THE DISTRICT TO RESTORE ITS REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY RATE TO \$0.45 PER \$1,000 OF ASSESSED VALUE FOR COLLECTION IN 2027 TO PROVIDE CONTINUED FUNDING FOR NORMAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND LIBRARY SERVICES. THEREAFTER, SUCH LEVY AMOUNT WOULD BE USED TO COMPUTE LIMITATIONS FOR SUBSEQUENT YEAR LEVIES AS AUTHORIZED BY CHAPTER 84.55 RCW. SHOULD THIS PROPOSITION BE APPROVED?:

YES ☐
NO ☐

DATED as of July 21, 2026.



SPOKANE COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT
Spokane County, Washington

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Patrick Roewe".

Patrick Roewe,
Secretary of the Board of Trustees