

Endorse King County's "YES - Proposition 1: Harborview Health for All"

Whereas, "Proposition 1: Harborview Health for All" bond measure will be on the November 2020 General Election Ballot in King County, and

Whereas, Proposition 1 includes funding for:

- Construction of a new medical tower and renovation of existing space that increases capacity for the hospital to serve more patients in the event of an emergency, disaster, or pandemic and to meet modern infection control and privacy standards;
- Expansion of the emergency department;
- Construction of new behavioral health services building to meet the growing demand for behavioral health; and,
- Critical seismic improvements to the historic Harborview campus ensuring the safety of patients, employees, and visitors; and

Whereas, on any given pre-COVID-day, day up to 50 (12 percent) beds are unusable due to the need for patient isolation procedures; COVID-19 has emphasized the need for Harborview to modernize the infrastructure to support responding to COVID-19 and future infectious diseases.

Whereas, Older buildings on the campus need to be seismically stabilized as a life-safety measure, and

Whereas, the region grows, the medical center must expand to serve the growing population and their complexities.

Therefore, be it Resolved, that the 1st District Democrats endorse the YES on Proposition 1: Harborview Health for All campaign on the November 2020 King County ballot to:

- Construct a new medical tower and renovate existing space to increase capacity for the hospital to serve more patients in the event of an emergency, disaster, or pandemic and to meet modern infection control and privacy standards;
- Expand the emergency department;
- Construct a new behavioral health services building to meet the growing demand for behavioral health;
- Make critical seismic improvements to the historic Harborview campus ensuring the safety of patients, employees, and visitors; and

Be it Further Resolved, that the First District Democrats urge all King County Voters to Vote YES on Proposition 1.

Proposed by Linda Tosti-Lane 9/3/20

Recommend DO PASS by Issues Committee 9/3/20.