



# MEMORANDUM

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**Phone:** 452-5377  
**Date:** June 18, 2007  
**To:** Mayor Degginger and Councilmembers  
**From:** Patrick Foran, Director *P.F.*  
**Subject:** Potential Parks & Open Space Voter Initiative

During the 2007-2008 budget process and recent discussions of the City's Supplemental CIP, Council requested additional information on a potential Bellevue Parks & Open Space Voter Initiative. This issue is not new and has been discussed regularly since 2002, but has not been formally initiated. At the April 23 meeting, Council discussed the possibility of asking voters to continue the tax rate associated with the expiring 1988 Park Bond for Parks & Open Space System needs. At this meeting, Council decided not to proceed with a 2007 election, but did request additional information on how a potential 2008 voter initiative fits within the larger City and Parks capital funding strategy.

Major decision points for any voter initiative include the election timing, financing mechanism, project mix, and overall fiscal tolerance. If Council is interested in pursuing a Parks & Open Space Voter Initiative in 2008, preliminary direction is requested at this time on the general project categories and a draft workplan for obtaining public input. The Council presentation on June 18 will review the major voter initiative decision factors, discuss potential acquisition and development opportunities, and explain how this approach is consistent with the overall funding strategy envisioned in the 2002 Parks & Open Space System Plan.

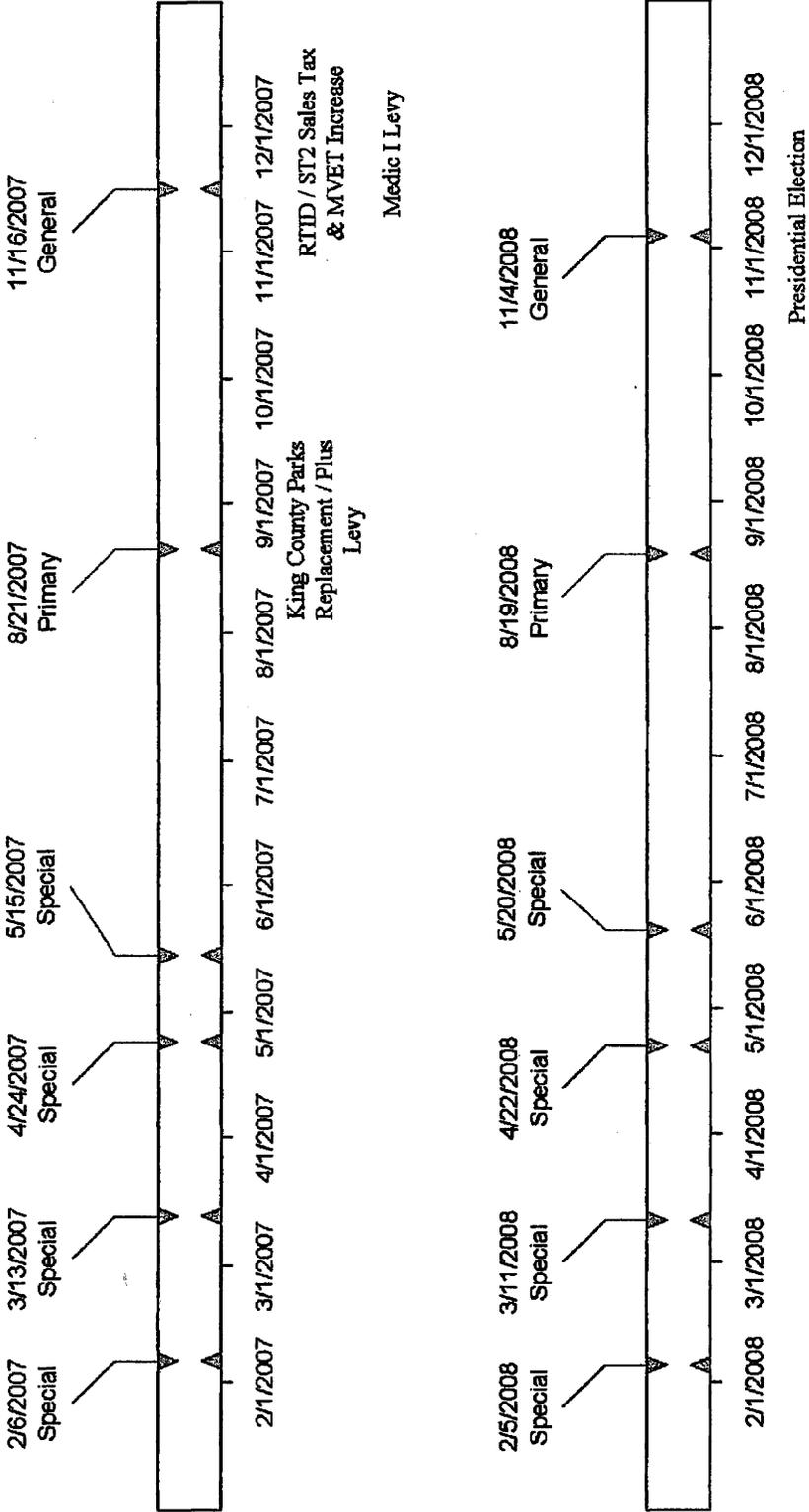
**Attachments:**

1. Municipal Debt Limit Calculation
2. 2007-2008 King County Election Calendar and Process Description

**CITY OF BELLEVUE  
MUNICIPAL DEBT LIMIT CALCULATION  
As of December 31, 2006**

DESCRIPTION	COUNCILMANIC LIMITED TAX GENERAL CAPACITY		UNLIMITED TAX GENERAL CAPACITY		SUBTOTAL GENERAL CAPACITY		OPEN SPACE AND PARK CAPACITY (VOTED)		EXCESS LEVY UTILITY CAPACITY (REVENUE BONDS)		TOTAL CAPACITY
	(NONVOTED)	1.50%	(VOTED)	1.00%	2.50%	2.50%	(VOTED)	2.50%	2.50%	7.50%	
Statutory debt limit %											
Statutory debt limit % X (AV = \$26,611,051,291) (A)	\$399,166,769		\$266,110,513		\$665,276,282		\$665,276,282		\$665,276,282		\$1,995,828,846
Add: Net cash on hand for debt redemption	0		154,638		154,638		1,233,562		0		1,388,200
Delinquent Taxes	0		0		0		0		0		0
Less: Bonds Outstanding	(131,346,062)		(306,893)		(131,652,955)		(2,448,108)		0		(134,101,063)
Capital Lease - BCCA - 1991	(8,587,278)		0		(8,587,278)		0		0		(8,587,278)
Capital Lease - BCCA - 1994	(12,375,710)		0		(12,375,710)		0		0		(12,375,710)
Installment Sales Contracts	(1,027,420)		0		(1,027,420)		0		0		(1,027,420)
Leas: Bans Outstanding	(32,700,000)		0		(32,700,000)		0		0		(32,700,000)
	<u>(\$186,036,470)</u>		<u>(\$306,893)</u>		<u>(\$186,343,363)</u>		<u>(\$2,448,108)</u>		<u>\$0</u>		<u>(\$188,791,471)</u>
<b>Remaining Debt Capacity as of 12/31/06</b>	<b>\$213,129,299</b>		<b>\$265,968,288</b>		<b>\$479,097,667</b>		<b>\$664,061,736</b>		<b>\$665,276,282</b>		<b>\$1,809,426,676</b>

# 2007 and 2008 Election Dates



\* Last date to file a Resolution for special election is 52 days before election date.

## Elections Requirements for Ballot Measures/ Required City Council Actions

Should Council decide to move forward with placement of a voter initiative on an upcoming election ballot, that decision would trigger a number of requirements and a timeline for providing specific information to King County Records and Elections (KCRE) and to the voters. Attached is a listing of these requirements.

Major steps involving Council-required actions include:

- Adoption of a Resolution calling for placement of the voter initiative on the ballot for a specific election date to meet KCRE deadline for submittal.
- Should a special election date be chosen, Council's preference for a traditional election (polling places/absentee ballots) or a mail-only election will also need to be communicated to KCRE.
- Approval of Ballot Title language prepared by the City Attorney to meet KCRE deadline for submittal
- If a special election date is chosen, decision on whether to direct publication of a Voters Pamphlet. (Voters Pamphlet publication is optional, and wholly at City expense, if a special election date is chosen.)
- Approval of Explanatory Statement language, prepared by City staff, to be incorporated in the Voters Pamphlet to meet KCRE deadline for submittal
- Direction to staff to announce the need to form committees to provide arguments "for" and "against" the measure in the Voters Pamphlet.
- Appointment of the "for" and "against" committees.
- Direction to publish notice of the opportunity to serve on the committees, to report the committee membership, and to forward the argument language that is developed to KCRE to meet submittal deadlines.

Attached is the timeline for meeting these election requirements for elections through year-end 2008.

## 2007/2008 King County Elections Schedule

<b>Election Date</b>	<b>Submittal Description</b>	<b>Submittal Deadline 4:30 PM</b>
Aug 21 2007	Adoption of resolution calling for election	May 21 2007
	Filing resolution calling for election (Ballot Measure)	May 29 2007
	Ballot Title	May 29 2007
	Explanatory Statement	May 29 2007
	Committee Appointments	June 1 2007
	Arguments For/Against Ballot Measure	June 6 2007
	Statements in Rebuttal	June 8 2007
Nov 6 2007	Adoption of resolution calling for election	Aug 6 2007
	Filing resolution calling for election (Ballot Measure)	Aug 14 2007
	Ballot Title	Aug 14 2007
	Explanatory Statement	Aug 14 2007
	Committee Appointments	Aug 17 2007
	Arguments For/Against Ballot Measure	Aug 22 2007
	Statements in Rebuttal	Aug 24 2007
Feb 5 2008	Adoption of resolution calling for election	Dec 10 2007
	Filing resolution calling for election (Ballot Measure)	Dec 14 2007
	Ballot Title	Dec 14 2007
	Explanatory Statement	Dec 14 2007
	Committee Appointments	Dec 21 2007 (Tentative Date)
	Arguments For/Against Ballot Measure	Dec 24 2007 (Tentative Date)
	Statements in Rebuttal	Dec 26 2007 (Tentative Date)
Mar 11 2008	Adoption of resolution calling for election	Jan 14 2008
	Filing resolution calling for election (Ballot Measure)	Jan 18 2008
	Ballot Title	Jan 18 2008
	Explanatory Statement	Jan 18 2008
	Committee Appointments	Jan 25 2008 (Tentative Date)
	Arguments For/Against Ballot Measure	Jan 28 2008 (Tentative Date)
	Statements in Rebuttal	Jan 30 2008 (Tentative Date)
Apr 22 2008	Adoption of resolution calling for election	Feb 25 2008
	Filing resolution calling for election (Ballot Measure)	Feb 29 2008
	Ballot Title	Feb 29 2008
	Explanatory Statement	Feb 29 2008
	Committee Appointments	Mar 7 2008 (Tentative Date)
	Arguments For/Against Ballot Measure	Mar 10 2008 (Tentative Date)
	Statements in Rebuttal	Mar 12 2008 (Tentative Date)
May 20 2008	Adoption of resolution calling for election	Mar 24 2008
	Filing resolution calling for election (Ballot Measure)	Mar 28 2008
	Ballot Title	Mar 28 2008
	Explanatory Statement	Mar 28 2008
	Committee Appointments	Apr 4 2008 (Tentative Date)
	Arguments For/Against Ballot Measure	Apr 7 2008 (Tentative Date)
	Statements in Rebuttal	Apr 9 2008 (Tentative Date)
Aug 19 2008	Adoption of resolution calling for election	May 19 2008
	Filing resolution calling for election (Ballot Measure)	May 28 2008
	Ballot Title	May 28 2008
	Explanatory Statement	May 28 2008
	Committee Appointments	Jun 4 2008 (Tentative Date)
	Arguments For/Against Ballot Measure	Jun 9 2008 (Tentative Date)
	Statements in Rebuttal	Jun 11 2008 (Tentative Date)
Nov 4 2008	Adoption of resolution calling for election	Aug 4 2008
	Filing resolution calling for election (Ballot Measure)	Aug 12 2008
	Ballot Title	Aug 12 2008
	Explanatory Statement	Aug 12 2008
	Committee Appointments	Aug 15 2008 (Tentative Date)
	Arguments For/Against Ballot Measure	Aug 20 2008 (Tentative Date)
	Statements in Rebuttal	Aug 22 2008 (Tentative Date)