

Ballot Resolution Cover Sheet

Skagit County

This form **MUST** accompany each resolution for a ballot measure.

This form is to be completed by the jurisdiction administrator. They should have the authority and be available to answer questions. The completed form must be submitted to Skagit County Elections by 4:30 pm on the day of the deadline.

If you have any question on how to complete this form please contact Skagit County Elections at 360-416-1702.

District name: Skagit County Public Hospital District No. 304

District Address: 2031 Hospital Drive, Sedro Woolley WA 98284

Election Date: August 4, 2026

Contact person: Ted Brockmann Title: Superintendent/CFO

Phone number: 360-854-7151 Fax number: n/a

Contact email: admin@unitedgeneral.org

2nd Contact person: Carol Hawk Title: Chief Operating Officer

2nd Contact phone: 360-854-7170

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District attorney: Bradley Berg | Foster Garvey PC

Attorney phone: 206-447-8970 Attorney fax: 206-447-8970

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Election type (levy, bond, levy lid lift, etc.): levy lid lift

State the pass/fail requirement for this measure as determined by your legal counsel:

Simple majority: 60/40:

Other (describe): _____

**SKAGIT COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO. 304
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-04

A RESOLUTION of the Commission of Skagit County Public Hospital District No. 304, Skagit County, Washington (United General District 304), relating to its regular property tax levy; providing for the submission to the qualified electors of the District at a special election to be held on August 4, 2026, of a proposition authorizing the District to levy regular property taxes in excess of the limitations imposed by chapter 84.55 RCW; setting forth the text of the ballot proposition; directing proper District officials to take necessary actions; and providing for other properly related matters.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF SKAGIT COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO. 304, SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON, as follows:

Section 1. Findings and Determinations. The Commission (the "Commission") of Skagit County Public Hospital District No. 304, Skagit County, Washington (United General District 304) (the "District"), hereby makes the following findings and determinations:

(a) Under the provisions of RCW 70.44.060, public hospital districts are authorized to levy regular property taxes at a rate of up to 75 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value for purposes of operating and maintaining the hospital and health care facilities and services of the public hospital district.

(b) In 2025, the District levied for collection in 2026 a regular property tax levy at the rate of 9 cents per \$1000 of assessed value.

(c) Chapter 84.55 RCW provides that the levy for a taxing district in any year shall be set so that the regular property taxes payable in the following year shall not exceed the "limit factor" multiplied by the amount of regular property taxes lawfully levied for such district in the highest of the three most recent years in which such taxes were levied for such district, or the highest amount that could have been levied in any year since 1985, plus an additional dollar amount calculated by multiplying the increase in assessed value in that district resulting from (i) new construction, (ii) increases in assessed value due to construction of wind turbine, solar, biomass, and geothermal facilities, (iii) improvements to property, and (iv) any increase in the assessed value of state-assessed property by the regular property tax levy rate of that district for the preceding year.

(d) RCW 84.55.005 provides that, unless an increase greater than the limit is approved by the voters of the district at an election provided by RCW 84.55.050, the limit factor for taxing districts with a population less than 10,000 in the calendar year prior to the assessment year is 101% and the limit factor for taxing districts with a population of 10,000 or more is generally the lesser of 101% or 100% plus inflation.

(e) Due to the limit factor, increasing property values within the District, and other factors, the District's current regular levy is below its statutory maximum of 75 cents.

(f) Under RCW 84.55.050(1), the District may submit to its voters, at a primary or general election, for their approval or rejection, a proposition authorizing the District to increase its regular property tax levy in an amount exceeding the limit factor.

(g) The Commission has determined that it is necessary and in the best interest of the residents of the District to seek voter approval for a regular property tax levy to provide additional operating and capital funds to support the delivery of additional health care services to the District's residents and other persons served by the District, including support for seniors, enhance nutrition access, increase family services, empower youth to make positive choices and promote community mental health.

(h) The Commission has determined that it is essential and necessary for the public health, safety, and welfare of the District residents that the District levy a regular property tax at a rate of 50 cents per \$1000 of assessed value beginning in 2026. This represents an incremental increase in its regular levy of approximately 41 cents per \$1000 of assessed value, over the current year's levy rate.

Section 2. Calling of Election. The Commission finds that it is in the best interests of the District to submit to the qualified voters of the District, at a special election on August 4, 2026, a proposition authorizing the District to levy regular property taxes in 2026 for collection in 2027 by an amount greater than otherwise permitted under chapter 84.55 RCW and to use the dollar amount of such levy in 2027 for the purpose of computing limitations for the District's levies in subsequent years. If this proposition is approved, the Commission will be authorized to adopt, in accordance with its regular budget process, a regular property tax levy as described in Section 3.

Section 3. Description of Ballot Proposition. The Commission seeks voter approval under RCW 84.55.050(1) for a levy lid lift, as follows:

(a) Maximum Levy Rate Authorized for Levy in 2026 and Collection in 2027. The proposition would authorize a maximum total regular levy rate of 50 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value for levy in 2026 and collection in 2027.

(b) Computing the Limitation for Subsequent Levies. The dollar amount of the maximum levy levied in 2026 for collection in 2027 shall be used for the purpose of computing the limitations on levies for subsequent levies as provided for in chapter 84.55 RCW.

Section 4. Ballot Proposition. Pursuant to RCW 29A.36.071, the Skagit County Prosecuting Attorney is requested to prepare the concise description of the aforesaid proposition in the form of a ballot title in substantially the following form:

SKAGIT COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO. 304
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON (UNITED GENERAL DISTRICT 304)
PROPOSITION NO. 1

LEVY LID LIFT FOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES

The Commission of Skagit County Public Hospital District No. 304, Skagit County, Washington (United General District 304) adopted Resolution No. 2026-04 concerning the district's regular property tax levy. If approved, this proposition would provide additional operating and capital funds for United General District 304 to provide additional healthcare services to its residents and other persons served by United General District 304. It authorizes a maximum regular property levy rate for collection in 2027 of 50 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value. The 2027 levy amount will be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for levies in subsequent years. Should this proposition be:

APPROVED.....

REJECTED

Section 5. Filing with Auditor. The Chief Executive Officer and Superintendent of the District, or his designee, is authorized and directed (a) to present a certified copy of this resolution to the Elections Office of Skagit County, Washington, on or before May 1, 2026, and (b) to perform such other duties as are necessary or required by law to submit to the District's voters at the aforesaid election, for their approval or rejection, the proposition of whether or not the District should increase the levy rate as herein provided.

Section 6. Notices. For purposes of receiving notice of the exact language of the ballot title required by RCW 29A.36.080, the Commission hereby designates: (a) Ted Brockmann, Superintendent (360-854-7151, Admin@unitedgeneral.org) and Carol Hawk, Chief Operating Officer (360-854-7170; Admin@unitedgeneral.org); and (b) Brad Berg, Foster Garvey PC, special legal counsel (206-447-8970, brad.berg@foster.com) as the individuals to whom such notice should be provided. The Superintendent and Chief Operating Officer of the District are each individually authorized to approve changes to the ballot title, if any, deemed necessary by the Skagit County Elections Office or the Skagit County Prosecuting Attorney.

Section 7. General Authorization and Ratification of Prior Acts. This resolution may be executed by the Commissioners being present and voting in favor of the resolution, or only the President of the Board, and attested by the Secretary of the Board, in tangible medium, manual, facsimile or electronic form under any security procedure or platform, and notwithstanding any other District resolution, rule, policy or procedure, or in any other manner evidencing its adoption. The Superintendent, the Chief Operating Officer, the President of the Board, the Secretary of the District, other proper officers of the District and special counsel, Foster Garvey P.C., are severally authorized to take such actions and to create, accept, execute, send, use and rely upon such documents, records and signatures (including in tangible medium, manual, facsimile or electronic form, under any security procedure or platform, and notwithstanding any other District resolution, rule or policy) as in their judgment may be necessary or desirable to carry out the provisions of this resolution. All actions taken prior to the effective date of this resolution in furtherance of the

purposes described in this resolution and not inconsistent with the terms of this resolution are ratified and confirmed in all respects.

Section 8. Severability. If any provision of this resolution shall be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, then such provision shall be null and void and shall be separable from the remaining provisions of this resolution and shall in no way affect the validity of the other provisions of this resolution, or of the levy or collection of the taxes.

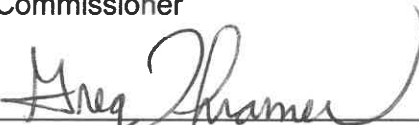
Section 9. Effective Date. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED and APPROVED by the Commission of Skagit County Public Hospital District No. 304, Skagit County, Washington, at an open public meeting thereof, this 22nd day of April, 2026, the following Commissioners being present and voting.

COMMISSIONERS:


Board President and Commissioner


Commissioner


Commissioner


Commissioner


Commissioner

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the Commission of Skagit County Public Hospital District No. 304, Skagit County, Washington (the "District"), hereby certify as follows:

1. The attached copy of Resolution No. 2026-04 (the "Resolution") is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted at a special meeting of the Commission of the District held on April 22, 2026, as that resolution appears on the minute book of the District; and
2. A quorum of the members of the Commission was present throughout the meeting and a majority of the Commission voted in the proper manner for the adoption of the Resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 22nd day of April 2026.

SKAGIT COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL
DISTRICT NO. 304,
SKAGIT COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Secretary of the Commission