

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION, RELATING TO CREATION OF A METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT WITH BOUNDARIES COTERMINUS WITH ANACORTES SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 103, REQUESTING THAT A PROPOSITION TO CREATE THE FIDALGO METROPOLITAN RECREATION DISTRICT BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS WITHIN THE PROPOSED BOUNDARIES OF THE DISTRICT AT A GENERAL ELECTION; AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS.

Whereas the Fidalgo Pool and Fitness Center ("FPFC") is located within the City of Anacortes, but is owned and operated by Fidalgo Parks and Recreation District("FPRD"); and

Whereas the FPFC also serves the nearby residents of Skagit County; and

Whereas FPFC provides a health benefit to both the citizens of Anacortes and to the people living in the unincorporated areas surrounding the City ages 0 to 100+; and

Whereas representatives of the FPRD have reported that the FPFC facility has reached the end of its expected useful life and needs to be updated and forming the Fidalgo Metropolitan Park District would be the first step in finding a replacement and providing for sustained, continuous funding to operate FPFC; and

Whereas a representative from the FPRD has communicated that after consideration of various alternatives, the Board of Commissioners of FPRD has recommended the formation of a Metropolitan Park District, organized under RCW Chapter 35.61, and has plans to succeed the business and assets of the FPRD and owning and operating the FPFC and other park and recreational facilities and programs within the boundaries coterminous with Anacortes School District No. 103, Skagit County, Washington ("Proposed Boundaries") to the newly formed metropolitan park district if approved by the voters; and

Whereas the City of Anacortes has approved Resolution 3184 placing the creation of the Fidalgo Metropolitan Park District ("FMPD") to the voters and has requested that the Skagit County Commissioners execute a similar resolution placing the question of formation of the FMPD to the voters.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND HEREBY ORDERED that the Board of Skagit County Commissioner hereby orders as follows:

Section One. Request for Election. The Skagit County Auditor, as ex officio Supervisor of Elections ("Auditor"), is requested to call and conduct a primary election on November 4, 2025, in the manner provided by law to be held within the Proposed Boundaries for the purpose of submitting to the voters of the proposed metropolitan park district, for their approval or rejection, a proposition to form a metropolitan park district with all the powers authorized under chapter 35.61 RCW and boundaries coterminous with the

Proposed Boundaries. The ballot title of the Joint Proposition shall be in substantial form as follows:

JOINT PROPOSITION NO. 1

SKAGIT COUNTY AND CITY OF ANACORTES

FIDALGO METROPOLITAN RECREATION DISTRICT

Skagit County Commissioners adopted Resolution R20250168 and Anacortes City Council adopted Resolution 3184, concerning a joint proposition to form a metropolitan park district. If approved, it would create the Fidalgo Metropolitan Recreation District with the powers in 35.61 RCW to operate the Fidalgo Pool and Fitness Center Campus. The District would be governed by a five-member board to be elected at large, with boundaries coterminous with the Anacortes School District. The District would levy a maximum property tax rate for 2027 of \$0.12/\$1000 of assessed valuation.

☐ For the formation of a metropolitan park district to be governed by a five-member board of commissioners to be elected at large.

☐ Against the formation of a metropolitan park district.

Section Two. Boundaries of the Fidalgo Metropolitan Recreation District. The boundaries of the Fidalgo Metropolitan Recreation District shall encompass the same boundaries as the Anacortes School District No. 103.

Section Three. Changes to Ballot Title. Prosecuting Attorney or his designee is authorized to approve changes to the ballot title, if any, as determined necessary in coordination with the Anacortes City Attorney

Section Four. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution, and in no way affects the validity of other provisions of this Resolution or of the levy or collection of the regular property taxes as so authorized herein.

Section Four. Effective Date. This Resolution takes effect immediately from and after its passage.

Passed this 4 day of August 2025.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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