

CITY COUNCIL 13.A

CITY OF LYNNWOOD CITY COUNCIL

TITLE: Resolution Opposing Initiatives IL26-001 and IL26-638 to Protect Student Safety, LGBTQIA2+ Rights, and Equity in Public Education

DEPARTMENT CONTACT: Estee Milburn, City Council

SUMMARY:

The resolution formally opposes Washington State ballot initiatives IL26-001 and IL26-638, citing concerns about student safety, LGBTQIA2+ protections, and equitable access to education and athletics.

PRESENTER:

Isabel Mata, Council Member

ESTIMATED TIME:

30

BACKGROUND:

This resolution reaffirms Lynnwood's commitment to LGBTQIA2+ residents and equity by formally opposing two Washington State ballot initiatives, IL26-001 and IL26-638, in the November 2026 election.

IL26-001 — Parental rights in education: The resolution argues that the initiative could weaken protections for students experiencing abuse, domestic violence, or bullying by discouraging them from seeking confidential support from trusted school staff and potentially exposing LGBTQ+ youth to unsafe home environments.

IL26-638 — Girls' sports eligibility: The resolution opposes requiring girls to obtain healthcare-provider verification of their biological sex to participate in designated girls' sports.

The resolution cites concerns raised by healthcare professionals, educators, counselors, and domestic violence prevention experts. It argues that both initiatives conflict with Lynnwood City Council's stated values of diversity, equity, inclusion, equal opportunity, good governance, and equitable public education.

Ultimately, the resolution makes a formal statement of opposition to both initiatives as a concrete expression of the City's commitment to protecting LGBTQIA2+ residents, supporting vulnerable youth, and advancing equity beyond symbolic Pride Month recognition.

The resolution was presented to Council by Councilmember Mata during the October 19, 2026, Work Session for feedback. Following that, the resolution is being brought forward for consideration.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Council consideration and potential adoption of a resolution opposing Washington State Initiatives IL26-001 and IL26-638.

Move to adopt the resolution, opposing Washington State Initiatives IL26-001 and IL26-638 to protect student safety, LGBTQIA2+ rights and equity in public education.

FUNDING:

There is no direct financial impact to the City, aside from potential staff time.

DEPARTMENT ATTACHMENTS

Description:

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