



## DOWNTOWN SPOKANE PARTNERSHIP

January 11, 2024

### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** DSP Executive Committee  
**FROM:** Andrew Rolwes  
**RE:** **Support Position: Measure 1, Library Operations Levy**

---

The February 13, 2024, Spokane County special election ballot will include [Spokane Public Library Measure 1, the Library Operations Levy](#).

At its meeting yesterday (January 10, 2024), the DSP Policy & Strategic Development Committee reviewed and discussed Measure 1. It aligns with DSP's [2024 Policy Platform](#) Section 1: Incentivize investment and job opportunities. Similarly to support for the SPS bond and levy measures, passage of the Library levy will facilitate programming at its branches which helps educate and train downtown's future workforce. Passage of the measure would continue the current levy rate of \$0.07 per \$1,000 of assessed property value and would not enact new taxes or expand the existing tax. Passage requires a simple majority and would extend the current levy rate for three years beginning in 2025, through the end of 2027.

A 'yes' vote on Measure 1 authorizes the continuation of funding the Library system's expanded system-wide programming, which now includes seven-day-a-week operations at all of its branches and a wide variety of other programs, some of which are focused on small business enhancement and economic development.

Should Measure 1 not pass, staffing and operations at all Library branches would be reduced. This includes expanded security at the downtown branch.

The committee unanimously recommended support of Measure 1.

