

**JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

AGENDA REQUEST

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Josh D. Peters, County Administrator

DATE: August 4, 2025

SUBJECT: Appointing a “For” and “Against” Committee for the Jefferson County
Transportation Benefit District (JCTBD) Ballot Measure for the November 4, 2025
General Election

STATEMENT OF ISSUE:

RCW [29A.32.280](#) requires the legislative body sponsoring a ballot proposition to formally appoint committees arguing for and against a ballot measure.

ANALYSIS:

Jefferson County issued a press release on July 23, 2025 soliciting members for both the “For” and “Against” Committee. Jefferson County residents Jean Ball and Thomas Thiersch have volunteered to prepare the “For” Committee. Ms. Ball has agreed to in the “1st Member” of the “For” Committee, which comes with the responsibility to represent the Committee in communications with the Elections Coordinator.

If the Board of County Commissioners is unable to make appointments to the “Against” Committee, the Jefferson County Auditor may appoint an “Against” Committee.

Each committee may contribute a statement representing its position and a rebuttal to the other committee’s statement to the Auditor’s Office by the respective deadlines for publication in the voter’s pamphlet associated with a given election.

For more information see the 2025 Jefferson County Election Guide for Jurisdictions available at [2025-Election-Guide-for-Jurisdictions](#)

FISCAL IMPACT:

No financial impact.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the attached resolution appointing the recommended committee members.

REVIEWED BY:



Josh D. Peters, County Administrator

7/30/2025
Date

STATE OF WASHINGTON
County of Jefferson

In the Matter of Appointing a For and Against Committee Pursuant to RCW [29A.32.280](#) for the Jefferson County Transportation Benefit District (JCTBD) Ballot Measure on the November 4, 2025 Election

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2025, Jefferson County Board of Commissioners voted on a resolution to sponsor a ballot proposition for the Jefferson County Transportation Benefit District (JCTBD) to authorize a sales and use tax to be imposed within the district boundaries in the amount of two-tenths of one-percent (0.2%) for the purpose of financing all or a portion of the costs associated with transportation improvements in the district for a period of ten (10) years in the November 4, 2025 election; and

WHEREAS, RCW [29A.32.280](#) requires the legislative body sponsoring a ballot proposition to formally appoint committees arguing for and against a ballot measure; and

WHEREAS, each committee shall consist of not more than three members; however, a committee may seek the advice of any person or persons; and

WHEREAS, if such persons are not immediately known, the jurisdiction is encouraged to formally notify the public that it is in search of members to serve on “for” and “against” committees; and

WHEREAS, Jefferson County issued a press release on July 23, 2025 soliciting interested residents for both the “for” and “against” committee; and

WHEREAS, if BoCC is unable to make those appointments, the Jefferson County Auditor may appoint an “Against” Committee; and

WHEREAS, Jefferson County residents Jean Ball and Thomas Thiersch have volunteered to prepare the “For” arguments; and

WHEREAS, the committees are solely responsible for submitting their statements to Jefferson County Elections in accordance with the specific timeline for that election; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Whereas Clauses are Findings of Fact. The Jefferson County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the above “Whereas” clauses as Findings of Fact.

Section 2. “For” and “Against” Committee Established. RCW [29A.32.280](#) requires the legislative body sponsoring a ballot proposition to formally appoint committees arguing for and against a ballot measure.

Section 3. Appointments for the “For” Committee. Jefferson County residents Jean Ball and Thomas Thiersch are appointed to the “For” Committee.

Section 4. Appointments for “Against” Committee. Jefferson County resident(s) _____ are here by appointed to the “Against” Committee. [Alternatively: Jefferson County Staff did not receive “Against” Committee members and so is unable to recommend any appointments to the BoCC. As such, the Jefferson County Auditor may appoint an “Against” Committee.

Section 5. “For” and “Against” Committee Member Form. The “For” and “Against” Committee Form Member Form is attached hereto as Appendix A shall be submitted to the Jefferson County Auditor’s Office by the deadline of August 5, 2025.

Section 6. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this resolution or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this resolution or its application to other persons or circumstances shall be fully valid and shall not be affected.

Section 7. SEPA Categorical Exemption. This resolution is categorically exempt from the State Environmental Policy Act under WAC [197-11-800](#)(19).

Section 8. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect and be in full force immediately upon approval and adoption by the Board of County Commissioners.

(SIGNATURES FOLLOW ON THE NEXT PAGE)

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____ 2025.

JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SEAL:

Heidi Eisenhour, Chair

Greg Brotherton, Member

Heather Dudley-Nollette, Member

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Carolyn Gallaway, Date
~~Deputy~~ Clerk of the Board

Philip C. Hunsucker, Date
Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney