

## Position Statement on Washington State Ballot Initiative 2066

**The Lake Washington PTSA Council membership has voted\* to oppose Initiative 2066.** The initiative seeks to repeal provisions of Washington law that require major utilities to find decarbonization pathways; repeals provisions requiring major utilities to maintaining natural gas rate stability for end users; and repeals provisions related to incentivizing electrification, among other provisions.

The release of and burning of natural gas are both linked to climate change, and the burning of natural gas is linked to childhood asthma.<sup>1</sup> As natural gas-burning equipment at schools reaches end-of-life, our District decides whether a natural gas replacement or electric replacement is appropriate. By removing incentives (such as rebates), Initiative 2066 makes the clean energy transition more costly for our schools.

Washington State PTA has existing positions supporting actions that mitigate and combat climate change and reduce emissions of CO<sub>2</sub> and GHGs.<sup>2</sup> LWPTSA Council has taken a position against related Initiative 2117, stating: "We must continue to invest in clean energy and transportation systems and build resilience to heat and weather-related effects if we hope to have a better tomorrow for our children and youth."<sup>3</sup>

Repealing decarbonization provisions and a pathway off natural gas would impact the ability of our schools to transition infrastructure to cleaner forms of energy. **LWPTSA Council advocates for a sustainable future and cost savings for schools and urges all voters to vote NO on Initiative 2066 to protect our children's future and health.**

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*\* LWPTSA Council membership vote conducted during Oct. 3, 2024, general membership meeting.*

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<sup>1</sup> Gas and Propane Stoves Linked to 50,000 Cases of Childhood Asthma, Study Finds  
[\[https://www.nbcnews.com/health/kids-health/gas-stoves-linked-childhood-asthma-study-rcna150241\]](https://www.nbcnews.com/health/kids-health/gas-stoves-linked-childhood-asthma-study-rcna150241)

<sup>2</sup> Washington State PTA > Focus Areas > Advocacy > Resolutions [\[https://wastatepta.org/focus-areas/advocacy/resolutions/\]](https://wastatepta.org/focus-areas/advocacy/resolutions/)

<sup>3</sup> LWPTSA Council Opposes Initiative 2117 [\[https://www.lwptsa.net/2024/no-on-2117/\]](https://www.lwptsa.net/2024/no-on-2117/)