

PROPOSITION 1

Facts and Information

2014 Neighborhood Parks & Zoo Improvements and Safety Upgrades • Election April 22



Critical Improvements at Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium

Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium would receive \$65.4 million of the \$198 million bond measure.

Funds from Proposition 1 would:

- **Replace** the failing 51-year-old North Pacific Aquarium: \$41.5 million.
- **Renovate** the Polar Bear exhibit, which has significant salt-water corrosion: \$13.7 million.
- **Repair** the Rocky Shores marine mammal exhibit, also significantly affected by salt-water corrosion: \$4 million.
- **Upgrade** critical life-support systems for marine mammals and other marine life: \$3.2 million.
- **Provide** other vital capital improvements to existing buildings and infrastructure: \$3 million.

Replacement of Failing North Pacific Aquarium

Opened in 1963, the North Pacific Aquarium continues the proud heritage of the zoo's exhibitry of marine animals dating back to 1936. Half a century later, weakened by decades of salt-water corrosion, the aquarium is failing and its animal life support systems are increasingly fragile. In a few short years, the North Pacific Aquarium will require closure.



Without a new aquarium to

take its place, the marine animal collection it contains would have to be moved elsewhere. A new Pacific Rim Aquarium theme would enable the zoo to bring in some new species. The building also would include classroom space for the environmental education of students and the community.

Renovations to Aging Polar Bear Exhibit

Polar bears have been part of the zoo family for at least 75 years. A new exhibit would:

- Nearly double the size, bringing the aging exhibit into line with rising standards and allowing the large land mammals more room to roam.



- Allow the zoo to acquire new polar bears in the future. That would not be possible without a renovated exhibit.
- Add breeding spaces with plans to eventually raise cubs under the Species Survival Plan.®

Renovation of Aging Rocky Shores Exhibit

Home to three of only 19 walrus in accredited North American zoos and aquariums, the three decades-old Rocky Shores exhibit is showing significant signs of deterioration, age, heavy use and antiquation.

Renovations to Rocky Shores, home to walrus E.T., Joan and Basilla, will improve health and safety features for animals and keepers.

