

**DES MOINES POOL METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-09**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DISTRICT STAFF SUPPORT FOR THE DES MOINES LEGACY FOUNDATION BAYSIDE BALL AS A PUBLIC GIFT OF PROGRAMMING AND FUNDRAISING BENEFIT**

**WHEREAS**, the Des Moines Pool Metropolitan Park District (“District”) is a municipal corporation organized under chapter 35.61 RCW, with authority to operate and promote recreational facilities and programs for the benefit of the public; and;

**WHEREAS**, the Des Moines Legacy Foundation (“Foundation”) is a nonprofit organization that raises funds to support community access to aquatic programs, including swim lesson scholarships, lifeguard certification training, and partnerships that enhance District programming and services; and;

**WHEREAS**, the foundation’s annual Bayside Ball fundraising event, to be held on Friday, June 6, 2026, is a primary source of funding for scholarships and aquatic workforce development opportunities that directly benefit the Mount Rainier Pool and the Des Moines community; and;

**WHEREAS**, the District recognizes that increasing the success of the Bayside Ball directly supports expanded access to swim lessons, water safety education, and lifeguard training, thereby advancing the District’s mission of public safety, recreation, and equitable access; and;

**WHEREAS**, the District has the ability to provide limited staff support for community events that directly benefit District programs and services, when such support serves a clear public purpose and is properly authorized; and;

**WHEREAS**, the Board finds that authorizing District lifeguard staff to serve as event support personnel (servers) at the Bayside Ball for a limited duration will enhance the success of the event, increase community engagement, and may contribute to increased charitable donations supporting District-related programs; and;

**WHEREAS**, the Board further finds that such participation provides a direct public benefit by:

- Supporting scholarship funding that increases access to swim lessons and water safety programs;
- Promoting lifeguard certification and aquatic workforce pathways;
- Strengthening partnerships between the District and the Foundation; and;

**WHEREAS**, the Board determines that this authorization constitutes a public gift of service and programming benefit, consistent with the District’s authority under RCW 35.61.010 et seq., and is not a prohibited gift of public funds because it serves a fundamental public purpose and directly supports District programs and community access.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE DES MOINES POOL METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT:**

**Section 1. Authorization.**

The Board authorizes the assignment of District lifeguard staff to provide event support services (including serving functions) at the Des Moines Legacy Foundation Bayside Ball on Friday, June

6, 2026, from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. This may include an optional staff training of one hour on serving.

**Section 2. Purpose.**

The authorized staff support is intended to:

- Support fundraising efforts that provide scholarships for swim lessons and aquatic programs;
- Advance water safety and equitable access to District services;
- Promote aquatic workforce development through lifeguard certification and employment pathways;
- Strengthen community partnerships that benefit the District and its residents.

**Section 3. Conditions.**

- (a) Participation by lifeguard staff shall be voluntary and coordinated by the District’s General Manager or designee.
- (b) Staff shall be compensated in accordance with District policies and applicable labor laws.
- (c) The number of staff assigned shall be limited to ensure no disruption to regular District operations or required pool staffing levels.
- (d) The Foundation shall provide appropriate event coordination, and the District may require proof of insurance or indemnification as determined necessary.
- (e) Staff roles shall be limited to appropriate event support functions and shall not conflict with District policies or professional standards.

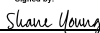
**Section 4. No Gift of Public Funds.**

The Board finds that this authorization constitutes a valid public gift of service and programmatic benefit and does not violate constitutional or statutory prohibitions on gifts of public funds, as it directly advances the District’s mission, supports community access to aquatic services, and provides measurable public benefit consistent with RCW 35.61.


**Section 5. Implementation.**

The General Manager or designee is authorized to implement this Resolution and coordinate with the Des Moines Legacy Foundation to ensure appropriate staffing, oversight, and compliance with District policies.

**Adoption.** ADOPTED at an open public meeting of the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT on the 28th day of April 2026 the following Commissioners being present and voting:

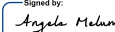
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