



Special Election - Proposition No. 1
 Submitted by The Pierce County Council
 ANNEXATION OF THE CITY OF SUMNER TO PIERCE COUNTY
 FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 22



Official Ballot Title:

The Pierce County Council adopted Resolution No. R2008-15 concerning the annexation of the City of Sumner into Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 22 (“District 22”). If approved, Proposition No. 1 would result in the annexation of the City of Sumner into District 22, thereby creating one fire protection district under the name of Pierce County Fire Protection District 22, which is commonly known as East Pierce Fire and Rescue.

Should Proposition No. 1 be approved or rejected?

Statement For:

Firefighters, EMTs and local leaders urge you to Vote Yes to annex the City of Sumner Fire and EMS into East Pierce Fire and Rescue (EPFR).

The annexation will ensure that you receive the highest quality emergency services, rapid response times and 24/7 staffing by highly trained firefighters and EMTs more efficiently and cost effectively without duplicative spending.

You will continue to receive the same high quality emergency services for the same cost.

911 calls have increased, and modern firefighting requires more lifesaving equipment, supplies and training. Sumner and EPFR have been working closely together for several years to provide the best fire and emergency services. This has resulted in faster response to emergencies in Sumner, and a more efficient and cost effective fire department for our community.

Please Vote Yes on Prop 1.

Committee Members: Gary Sanford, Kathy Hayden, Brian Van Meter

Explanatory Statement:

The Pierce County Council has passed an ordinance calling for the annexation of the City of Sumner into Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 22 (East Pierce Fire & Rescue) for fire protection and emergency medical services (EMS) only. For approximately two years, the Sumner Fire Department has been consolidated with East Pierce operating as one fire department. The consolidation has been successful. Now Sumner and East Pierce wish to complete the process of combining.

The registered voters of the City of Sumner and East Pierce are being asked to approve annexation of the City into East Pierce to complete the transition to one unified fire department. If annexation is approved, Sumner would no longer have a city fire department, but would be part of a regional fire department. There will be no change in the delivery of services; administration will be centralized at the East Pierce headquarters, but the Sumner Fire Station will remain open. Employees of the Sumner Fire Department will continue as East Pierce employees.

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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