

Special Election – April 17, 2012

Don't wait to mail your ballot!

Your ballot must be postmarked by **April 17, 2012** to be counted. If you mail your ballot on Election Day, check the mail pick-up time to ensure it will be postmarked on time.

You can drop off or mail your ballot anytime after you've voted it.

Ballot Deposit Sites - Open March 19th - April 17th

Gig Harbor Fire Station 6711 Kimball Dr Gig Harbor, WA 98335	Purdy Fire Station 5210 144th St NW Gig Harbor, WA 98332	Pt. Fosdick Safeway 4811 Pt. Fosdick Dr NW Gig Harbor, WA 98335 <i>(Opens March 23rd)</i>	Pierce County Annex 2401 S 35th St Tacoma, WA 98409
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All sites close at 8 p.m. on April 17, 2012.

Voting Centers - Open April 16th and 17th, 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Gig Harbor Civic Center 3510 Grandview St Gig Harbor, WA 98335	Pierce County Election Center 2501 S 35th St, Suite C Tacoma, WA 98409
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- Voter registration.
- Ballot drop off.
- Provisional ballots.
- Voting assistance from Election staff.
- Accessible voting using touch screen equipment.

If you want to vote on the accessible voting equipment, don't return your ballot. Be sure to bring photo ID.

Need to register to vote? You must be:

- A citizen of the United States.
- A legal resident of Washington.
- At least 18 years old by Election Day.
- Not under the authority of the Department of Corrections.

How to register:

- Online - piercecountywa.org/elections
- In person - Pierce County Election Center.
- By mail - Call to request a mail-in form.

Registration Deadline:

It's not too late to register **in person** for the April Election.

In person deadline is **April 9, 2012**. New Washington voters only.

Questions?

Need a replacement ballot?

Pierce County Elections
piercecountywa.org/elections
pcelections@co.pierce.wa.us
253-798-VOTE (8683) or
800-446-4979

**2501 S 35th St, Suite C
Tacoma, WA 98409**



Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

Fire Protection District No. 5 (Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One) Proposition No. 1 Emergency Medical Services Property Tax Levy

Ballot Title:

Shall Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 5 (Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One) be authorized to impose a PERMANENT regular property tax levy of \$0.50 or less per \$1,000 of assessed valuation to fund emergency medical services, including advanced life support (paramedic) services?

Explanatory Statement:

Last year, Gig Harbor Fire and Medic One responded to 3,442 Emergency Medical Services and rescue 911 calls. Since 2010, the operating budget has decreased \$2.4 million.

This measure would restore approximately half of those funding cuts and preserve current levels of service including average emergency response times of five minutes within the city of Gig Harbor and seven minutes outside the city. These times meet or exceed national standards over 90% of the time.

The Emergency Medical Services levy would be used for paramedics, personnel, training, equipment, supplies, and facilities. If any resident or taxpayer of the District is transported by ambulance, and assessed charges, the non-insured portion of the charges would be forgiven. The measure would include citizens' right of referendum and require separate accounting of all expenditures, updated every two years and available to the public free of charge.

If approved, the rate would be the same as all other Pierce County fire departments that provide Advanced Life Support. The Board of Fire Protection District No. 5 (Gig Harbor) passed a resolution requesting an election to authorize a permanent property tax levy of fifty cents or less per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for Emergency Medical Services.

Statement For:

Yes Medic One! Maintain Emergency Medical Services.

Prop. 1 will maintain current levels of service including Basic and Advanced Life Support, Medic One Units, all paramedics, training and emergency medical equipment.

Yes! Keep Fast Response Times to 911 Rescue Calls.

Prop. 1 will preserve fast response times to 911 Emergency and rescue calls – average 5 minutes in Gig Harbor and 7 minutes outside the city. These times meet or exceed national standards over 90% of the time.

Yes! Stable Funding to Preserve Emergency Services.

Emergency Services funding has been cut by more than \$2.4 million since 2010. Prop. 1 would restore about half the cuts to preserve current quality emergency services and fast response times.

Yes! Keep Gig Harbor Safe.

Prop. 1 would maintain current Emergency Medical Services to Gig Harbor, Fox Island and Raft Island - at the same rate as all Fire Districts in Pierce County providing Medic One, Basic and Advanced Life Support. Please vote Yes on Prop. 1 to Keep Gig Harbor Safe.

Committee Members: Paul Conan, Gretchen Wilbert, and Karl Kreitzer, Yes Medic One, 253-620-0712
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Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.