

Special Election - Proposition No. 1

Submitted by Pierce County

FORMATION OF NEW KEY PENINSULA METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT



Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District

Commissioner, Position No. 1

Official Ballot Title:

The Pierce County Council passed Resolution No. R2004-17, proposing formation of the Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District by election. If approved, Proposition No. 1 will create a new metropolitan park district with the statutory power, among others, to levy annually a general tax on all property in the District not to exceed seventy-five cents per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. The District's boundaries will be identical to those of the existing Key Peninsula Park & Recreation District. A five-member board of commissioners, elected at large, will govern the District.

Explanatory Statement:

If Proposition No. 1 passes, a new metropolitan park district will be created with boundaries identical to those of the existing Key Peninsula Park & Recreation District. The District, which will be known as the Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District, will be a municipal corporation with all the powers enumerated in Ch. 35.61 RCW including, but not limited to, the authority to manage, control, improve, maintain and acquire parks and recreational facilities; to contract indebtedness; to issue and sell revenue bonds; to exercise the power of eminent domain; and to levy general taxes upon real property within the District. The District will be governed by a board of commissioners consisting of five members elected at large from among residents within the District.

Statement For:

The Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District Formation Committee is requesting that the registered voters of the Key Peninsula vote for the creation of the Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District. This action will allow us to obtain funds from the ZooTrek sales taxes, already being collected, which will provide a dependable and ongoing funding source.

The existing Park Commissioners support this proposal and if this measure is passed they will take appropriate legal action to transfer all assets of the existing parks district to the newly formed Metropolitan Park District.

Candidates for the newly formed Metropolitan Park District will be elected on an accompanying ballot also at this time. The passage of this measure will require a simple majority (50% + 1) of yes votes.

Committee Members Include: Ben Thompson, Irene Torres, and Kip Clinton

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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Education:

Occupation:

Professional Qualifications:

Personal Information:

Community Involvement:

Personal Views: I am running for the position as Park Commissioner to offer the voters a competent, informed, reliable candidate. I have been actively involved in the community in many ways for years. I have served as a Park Commissioner previously, so that experience will come with me. I am one of the longest serving members of the Key Peninsula Civic Center where I served as Vice-President and then as President. I am one of the founding three organizers of the Key Peninsula Fair. I've lived in this community since 1968 so I am acutely aware of the wants and needs of the citizens here. In years past, I have owned and operated several businesses and am now semi-retired. I own and operate "The Farm" which is a "you pick" vegetable place at Wauna.



Caril Ridley
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Education: Caril has a Bachelors in Environmental Planning with Minors in Psychology and Experiential Education, a Masters in Cultural Anthropology with Thesis in environmental adaptation, village form and cultural structure.

Occupation: As a Pierce County business owner and mental health professional for twenty-five years Caril has worked with an array of community resources providing Rehabilitative Community Programs for vulnerable citizens. She is an accomplished researcher in the fields of Psychology and Human Development who has studied cultures in fifty countries learning the value of communities working-together toward a-common-good.

Professional Qualifications: Caril is a practiced facilitator who has lectured the importance of recreation for growing communities, and as an environmentalist instructed responsible stewardship and long-term-planning.

Community Involvement: Numerous professional and civic groups such as Key Peninsula News, Key Peninsula Trails, Key Peninsula Comprehensive Planning, Key Peninsula Outdoor Club, Mountaineers, Sierra Club and the US Olympic Team.

Personal Views: Caril grew-up designing homes and platting residential communities with her father but more importantly she's the Mother of two boys and sees our community on the cusp of change. With her vision, experience and regional connections she hopes to build parks and recreational infrastructures into a diverse and growing community complete with recreational opportunities...

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Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District



Commissioner, Position No. 2



Ross Bischoff
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Education: 1945 Graduated from Stadium HS (Tacoma); 1949 Graduated from Univ. of Puget Sound B.A. in Economics and Business Administration; 1951 Graduated from Univ. of Puget Sound B.A. in Education; 1974 W.S.U. certification for Vocational/Tech in Agriculture. Horticulture Education

Occupation: Currently retired teacher from Peninsula H.S. Agric, Horticulture and Fisheries. Active with Bischoffs Lakebay Farm and Apple Cider

Professional Qualifications:

Personal Information:

Community Involvement: Retired member of the Pierce County Agricultural Advisory Commission; Key Peninsula Community Services Advisory Board, Key Peninsula Business Association, and T.H.E. Farmers Market of Gig Harbor. I grew up in Tacoma and the Key Peninsula. And have lived at Home Wash since 1961. Married to my wife Joyce for 53 years. We have four children and nine grandchildren who all live locally. The Volunteer Park has been part of our lives since its startup. As the agriculture teacher at PHS our FFA and some of our 4H students were involved at the Park with raking and picking rocks, and leveling what today are the baseball fields. Later our school greenhouse supplied free landscaping plants for the Park.

Personal Views: I am very concerned about the financial accountability and long term vision and operation of our Park.

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Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District



Commissioner, Position No. 3



Ben Thompson
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Education: B.S. Civil Engineering, Montana State College; Registered Professional Engineer, Washington

Occupation: Retired, Assistant Director of Public Works, Tacoma, Washington
Professional Qualifications: Experienced in organization and management of projects and personnel. Experience in operating a personal business.

Personal Information:

Community Involvement: Chairman, Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District Formation Committee

Personal Views: Key Peninsula resident for over 20 years; Married with five (5) children and eight (8) grandchildren; Retired City Engineer; owned and operated private construction company for five (5) years in the Tacoma, Bremerton, and Gig Harbor area. The Key Peninsula needs a solvent, responsible and progressive park system. I would like to help make this happen.

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Paula DeMoss
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Education: I received my A.A.S. in 1999 from Olympic Community College, my B.A. in Arts from the University of Washington in 2001 and my Teaching Certification at Central Washington University in 2002.

Occupation: I am an elementary music teacher in the Peninsula School District. Prior to my job placement in September 2003 I was a substitute in all the Key Peninsula Schools.

Professional Qualifications: I have been the President of Key Peninsula Little League for the past three years and I have a degree in teaching.

Personal Information: My husband and I are enjoying three sons. I spend my time volunteering for organizations trying to better our community for the future.

Community Involvement: I am a teacher and an advocate for the children of our community. I have been involved in building "community" through teaching and organizing sporting groups over the past eight years.

Personal Views: As our community continues to grow I see our parks as being one of our greatest benefits. We may use the parks to further community growth and encourage life choices that don't include any form of crime. This may be established through the versatile growth of the Key Peninsula Metro Parks in an attempt to meet many of the communities needs.

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Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District



Commissioner, Position No. 4



Jerry Schick
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Education: Pierce College from 1987 thru 1991; majoring in math, science and pre-engineering. Green River Community College 1998; received Fiber Optics Technician certification. Currently pursuing professional certification in computer networking and security.

Occupation: Fiber Optics Technician

Professional Qualifications: Lucent and 3M certified Fiber Optics Technician. Key Peninsula Park & Recreation District Commissioner and Park Manager.

Personal Information: Hobbies include: computer system design and integration; audio engineering, loudspeaker design, and acoustics; colorimetry. I participate in a variety of sports and recreational activities including: hiking and trekking, mountain biking, off-road motorsports, whitewater rafting, tennis, and slow-pitch softball.

Community Involvement: As a Key Peninsula Park & Recreation District commissioner I have been working to improve Key Peninsula parks with the expectation of expanding the number of park programs available to the community. I am presently involved in the administration and organization of adult softball on the Key Peninsula.

Personal Views: My goal is to continue to work with the community, as well as various businesses and organizations, to promote and develop a safe, clean, accessible, and efficient park system that will provide a diverse range of activities and programs for the residents of the Key Peninsula and neighboring communities.

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Edward Duke
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Education: Attended Tacoma Community College, Rillos Engineering, Green River Community College, Lake Washington, Bates and Clover Park Vocation Technical Colleges.

Occupation: Electrical Designer for 24 years, contract engineer currently.

Professional Qualifications: Grant writer, engineering background love for community service.

Personal Information: Born and raised in the Tacoma area. Married to wife, Wanda for 20 years with two boys.

Community Involvement: I have served my community for over 14 years through Cub/Boys Scouts, Little League, School District Committees, Gig Harbor Chamber Commerce, including grant writing projects.

Personal Views: Parks are important assets to the children and adult lives in our community. I believe the new Metro Park District holds many advantages. It opens doors to not only existing tax monies but also a plethora of grants and other funds. But I do not believe we should expand the District until we have met our present obligations. I do not support raising taxes. We also need to decide if Metro employees should be full/part time, and whether or not Park Commissioners should have a salary. These last issues would be determined by the operating budget. I believe together we can build a strong, healthy Metro Park District. Please Vote Edward Duke.

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Key Peninsula Metropolitan Park District



Commissioner, Position No. 5



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Education:

Occupation: Network Systems Engineer, Ignition MTS. Owner and Consultant, Wauna Networks.

Professional Qualifications:

Personal Information: Married for 17 years, to my best friend Elaine. My son, Michael "Smiles", is active in sports, and a freshman at Peninsula High School.

Community Involvement: Chair, Pierce County Youth Violence Allocations Committee. Member, Peninsula School District Safety Advisory. Member, Peninsula High School Truancy Task Force and Prevention Advisory Council. Board Member and Baseball Chair, Peninsula Athletics Association (PAA).

Personal Views: Parks are a vital part of our community fabric. They enhance the quality of living and provide space for all of us to join together to enjoy this beautiful area we live in. Each park whether they are active or passive by design provides us the ability to enjoy, learn, and play. We must have a structure in place to maintain them as well as seek new locations working with the community and Pierce County Parks. I believe that I can help make this happen for our community and its future.

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Kip Clinton
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Education: B.S. Biology University of Washington, 2 years University of Puget Sound Law School.

Occupation: President and Manager of Clinton's Music House, Inc. in Tacoma, an old family owned piano sales business.

Professional Qualifications: I worked for the Department of Ecology for 4 years after college in the SEPA permit department and also participated with D.O.E.'s legal council on the Northern Tier Pipeline project.

Personal Information: My family moved out to Home on a permanent basis in the early 1970's. We were lucky to be able to afford waterfront at the time, so I enjoy all watersports as well as horseback riding.

Community Involvement: I have been involved in trying to develop a K.P. Park Plan over the last 2 years. Some of you may have seen me at those meetings. I am also interested in, and intend to participate in, the upcoming Key Peninsula Community Land Use Plan. I am currently a Key Peninsula Park & Recreation District Commissioner.

Personal Views: I support a full park system, but it has to be managed in a business like and responsible manner. Current park assets must be repaired and expanded upon but all commissioners must be creative and open minded. I will not raise taxes or take any per diem.

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Commissioner, Position No. 1

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Explanatory Statement:

If Proposition No. 1 passes, a new metropolitan park district will be created with boundaries encompassing the unincorporated portion of the Gig Harbor Peninsula lying within Pierce County, including Fox, Tanglewood, Raft and Cutts Islands, and excluding the City of Gig Harbor, the proposed Northwest Gig Harbor Employment Center Annexation and the proposed Burnham Drive Annexation. The District, which will be known as the Peninsula Metropolitan Park District, will be a municipal corporation with all the powers enumerated in Ch. 35.61 RCW including, but not limited to, the authority to manage, control, improve, maintain and acquire parks and recreational facilities; to contract indebtedness; to issue and sell revenue bonds; to exercise the power of eminent domain; and to levy general taxes upon real property within the District. The District will be governed by a board of commissioners consisting of five members elected at large from among residents within the District.

Statement For:

Parks affect everyone's quality of life.

People expect to have parks in their community. Yet, our community has very few park facilities, and we have no regular funding for a park system. We now have the opportunity to establish a new Peninsula Metropolitan Park District that will provide improved parks.

Local Control of Local Park Money

By forming a Metropolitan Park District, \$240,000 in Zoo-Trek tax currently going to the county will instead come directly to our community.

Develop Homestead Park

Formation of a Metropolitan Park District will provide the maintenance funding required to proceed with development of Homestead Park.

Improved Park and Recreation Opportunities

Establishing a Metropolitan Park District will enable improvements to other community parks, improve water access, and provide support for existing and new recreation programs. Comprehensive park planning recommended the formation of a Metropolitan Park District. A majority of citizens have consistently expressed support for improving our parks. Please vote yes to form the Peninsula Metropolitan Park District. Make more parks and better parks a reality!

Committee Members Include: Eric Guenther, Curtis Hancock, and Dianne M. Lee

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

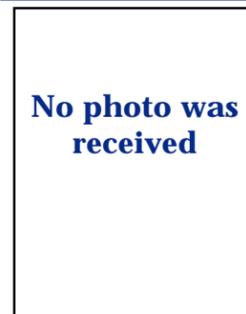
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Occupation: Director of Operations, Peninsula Neighborhood Association; Head Cross Country Coach, Peninsula H.S.; Head Track & Field Coach, Peninsula H.S. Retired school teacher and coach, Peninsula S.D., 25 years
Professional Qualifications: Spent last 2 years administering the Peninsula's largest environmental and land use advocacy organization. Current chairman of the Friends of Homestead Park. Served 5 years as Athletic Director at Gig Harbor H.S. managing personnel, budgets, event scheduling and facilities use and maintenance.
Personal Information: 31 year resident of the Gig Harbor Peninsula, married to Lucinda for 39 years with three grown children and two granddaughters.
Community Involvement: Currently active in PNA, Peninsula Heritage Chapter of Great Peninsula Conservancy, Friends of Homestead Park, Peninsula Area Recreation Council and coaching at Peninsula H.S.
Personal Views: A metropolitan park district will provide the Gig Harbor Peninsula with local control over planning, developing and maintaining parks and recreation for our community. We need people on the Board who are knowledgeable about the full spectrum of recreational needs parks must meet. I believe my experience working on environmental and land use issues together with my background in athletic administration has prepared me well for the challenge of overseeing the organization of the new metropolitan park district.

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Education: BA in History from University of California, Irvine.
Occupation: Sales, Office Equipment
Professional Qualifications: I have experience working with other people and developing comprehensive solutions. Through my career I have demonstrated an ability to succeed against challenging circumstances.
Personal Information: Jonathan and his wife live together in Gig Harbor with their four children. Our family loves to play sports and participate in other community events.
Community Involvement: I am actively involved in my church and sports programs for my children.
Personal Views: My wife and I chose to live in Gig Harbor because of its "hometown" atmosphere and education for our children. I want to be an active force in helping to preserve what we have come to love while adding creative ideas on how to improve recreational activities for our children.

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Peninsula Metropolitan Park District



Commissioner, Position No. 2



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Education: Graduated Peninsula High School, Purdy, 1969; Attended college no degree.

Occupation: Real Estate and Construction Industries.

Professional Qualifications: Good working knowledge of land use issues and construction practices. I am able to work well with others.

Personal Information: Proud father of 3 children and grandfather of 1. Lifelong resident of the Gig Harbor area.

Community Involvement: I have been active in park activities since 1992. Member of P.A.R.C.s and Friends of Homestead Park. I'm currently a commissioner of the Peninsula Park & Recreation District. I've helped work on the current comprehensive plan for Gig Harbor.

Personal Views: Our area needs park facilities desperately. I am committed to working with the community to provide these needed services.

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Commissioner, Position No. 3



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Education:

Occupation: Owner of Rosedale Gardens and Rosedale's in Purdy

Professional Qualifications: Professional Landscaper, Certified Professional Horticulturist, small business for over 34 years, previous Master Gardener

Personal Information: I have been married to my wife Lyn for 20 years and have four children, Kristen, Matthew, Mark, and Michael. I enjoy sports of all kinds, and play soccer and USTA tennis. I have been a coach for my kids soccer and basketball teams for several years. I also enjoy hiking and just being outdoors.

Community Involvement: I have been a member of Gig Harbor Rotary for the past 11 years and on the board for seven. I am also a past president for the club. I have served two terms on the board for the Gig Harbor Chamber of Commerce. I have also served on the board for the Rosedale Community Center as well as the Cultural Arts Commission, Friends of Homestead Park, and the YMCA Task Force.

Personal Views: I believe parks are important to our community. There is a great need for more active recreation for our youth and open space for all. Even if you never step foot into one of our parks, you will benefit. Property values and quality of life increase with quality parks.

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Peninsula Metropolitan Park District



Commissioner, Position No. 4



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Education: BS in Forest Management - University of Washington

Occupation: Natural Resource Manager - Washington State Department of Natural Resources

Professional Qualifications:

Personal Information: Lorna and I have been married for 23 years and are raising two active boys Nathan (12) and Kyle (14). We have lived in the Gig Harbor area since 1996.

Community Involvement: Appointed to the following Pierce County Committees: KGI Watershed Plan, Gig Harbor Community Plan, Peninsula Advisory Committee (PAC) and Homestead Park. Coached youth soccer for 26 years, the last seven years with Harbor Soccer Club, and Little league Baseball for the last three years.

Personal Views: In visiting other communities, I am amazed at the quality of parks and fields that are available, and the lack of similar facilities in our own community. This lack of recreational amenities is why I am running for position #4. The Gig Harbor community is blessed with a wealth of possibilities for both active and passive recreation. Foresight and judicious use of funds will ultimately lead to a successful parks program for the Peninsula. As a resource manager for the State, I understand how to manage recreational sites on a limited budget and I want to bring this experience to the Metro Parks Board. I would appreciate your vote.

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Peninsula Metropolitan Park District



Commissioner, Position No. 5

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Education: Varied Colleges and Universities
Occupation: Real Estate Broker and Investor
Professional Qualifications: Private Business Owner.
Personal Information: My wife Flora and I have lived in Gig Harbor for 24 years. We have four children, one dog, three cats and we all enjoy outdoor activities.
Community Involvement: I've worked on political, transportation and park issues for the past ten years. I've helped coach youth baseball, soccer and I'm currently a WOA Volleyball Referee.
Personal Views: As past Chair of the Pierce County Parks Advisory Board, current Chairman of the Peninsula Parks & Recreation District, a member of the Peninsula Parks Advisory Council and a member of the National and Washington Recreation and Parks Association I understand the importance of parks to the livability of a community. I'm extremely proud that under my leadership the current Park Board was able to gain voter approval of the \$6.53 million park bond last May, the first such bond in twenty years. The Board collectively developed and endorsed the creation of the Metropolitan Park District to facilitate the construction of the 100-acre Homestead Park. I hope to use my extensive park experience as a contributing member of the new Metro Park Board to complete Homestead Park and other future parks for our community.

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Education: Graduated from Hamlin High School, 1979; University of South Dakota and South Dakota State University, Psychology/English
Occupation: Law Office Receptionist, Pampered Chef Consultant
Professional Qualifications: Bank management with research marketing and conflict resolution experience. Professional volunteer and Mom.
Personal Information: Have lived in Gig Harbor for almost 7 years. Married for 20 years to Todd and have three children Kelli(12), Eric(10) and Brian(8).
Community Involvement: Gig Harbor/Key Peninsula Promise to Youth Leadership Team; District Parent Council Representative, Peninsula School District; Harbor Heights PTA Co-president, 2 years; Harbor Heights PTA Vice-president, 1 year; Cub Scout Leader; Sunday School Teacher, 4/5 grade
Personal Views: When you have an opportunity to make a difference, to have a positive impact on those around you, you should do it.

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Peninsula Metropolitan Park District



Commissioner, Position No. 5

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Occupation: Business Owner, Marketing Consultant, Web Designer
Professional Qualifications: Social Ecology and Psychology and Social Behavior focused on the analysis and resolution of community problems stemming from environmental degradation and threats to health and community disruption; participated in field studies in an interdisciplinary setting for: Environmental Analysis and Design, Urban and Regional Planning, Psychology and Social Behavior, and Criminology, Law and Society.
Personal Information: Single parent, head-of-household for family of five children, three currently attending local middle school, high school and college. Honors graduate and designated Hewlett Scholar for two years.
Community Involvement: Treasurer for Peninsula Park and Recreation Board for two years; actively promoted establishment of a Metro Park for our community; served internships in retirement residences and day care centers; involved in educational outreach programs; liaison between faculty, staff and students; represented transfer student community at conferences; volunteered at hospital outpatient clinic.
Personal Views: Dedicated to promote and protect our unique peninsula environment, while maintaining a balance between the needs of the community, and the needs of our vulnerable ecosystems. Supportive of ongoing environmental education programs for our schools and community.

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Special Election - Proposition No. 1
Submitted by Orting School District No. 344
ORTING SCHOOLS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS - \$18,500,000



Official Ballot Title:

The Board of Directors of Orting School District No. 344 adopted Resolution No. 7.03-04 proposing issuance of general obligation bonds to finance capital improvements. If passed, Proposition No. 1 would authorize the District to issue \$18,500,000 in general obligation bonds to construct and equip a new middle school, to upgrade and improve existing District facilities, including classrooms, music and performing arts facilities and student commons, and to make other capital improvements. Proposition No. 1 would also authorize the District to levy, in addition to regular property tax levies, an annual property tax to repay such bonds, which would mature within a maximum term of 20 years. Should this proposition be approved?

Explanatory Statement:

Passage of Proposition No. 1 will authorize Orting School District to borrow \$18,500,000 by issuing general obligation bonds. In accordance with Resolution No. 7.03-04 approving this proposition, the bonds will pay for constructing and equipping a new middle school on a site owned by the District and making capital improvements to existing District facilities, including classrooms, music and performing arts facilities, student commons and other related upgrades. The bonds would be repaid out of annual property tax levies over a period of not to exceed 20 years. The exact amount of such annual levies for these bonds would depend on the amount of principal paid each year and on the interest rates available at the time the bonds are sold, but levies are expected to increase an average of approximately \$1.51 per \$1,000 of assessed value for the term of the bonds.

Statement For:

The passage of a 20-year Bond issue for **\$18,500,000** will enable the Orting School District to build a **new middle school** on recently acquired property adjacent to Ptarmigan Ridge Intermediate School. This proposed middle school, designed to house 600 to 650 students, will replace the existing middle school where approximately half of the student body receives instruction in aging portable classrooms.

In addition, the funding will provide for **expanded facilities at Orting High School**. Specifically, high school gym space will be increased to accommodate the physical education program and provide room for the popular wrestling program. Also, a **multi purpose complex** will provide a student commons as well as space for the **music** and **drama** programs, including a stage for student performances.

In anticipation of surging student enrollment and increased community requests for public facilities, this ballot measure addresses both current and future needs of the school district and community.

Committee Members Include: Marte Casso, Kasia Forster, and Frank Adams

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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Special Election - Proposition No. 1
Submitted by Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 6
Central Pierce Fire & Rescue

AUTHORIZING INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAXES OVER 1% LIMITATION



Official Ballot Title:

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 6 passed Resolution No. 04-03 concerning a proposition to finance fire protection and emergency medical services within the District. If passed, Proposition No. 1 would permit the District to levy the previously authorized rate of \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation of taxable property within the District, thereby exceeding the one percent limitation on annual increases in property tax revenues imposed by Ch. 84.55 RCW. Proposition No. 1 does not authorize an excess levy rate and is subject to all other limits imposed by law except the one percent limitation on annual increases in property tax revenues. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved or rejected?

Explanatory Statement:

Pierce County Fire Protection District #6, a junior taxing district located in Pierce County, is placing a lid lift proposition on the May 18, 2004 ballot. This proposition will authorize the property tax Levy rate to remain at \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. The proposition is presented to provide voters the opportunity to exceed the limitation imposed by Initiative 747, which would otherwise limit total property tax revenue to 101% of the previous year's revenue, regardless of the authorized dollar rate limitation of \$1.00.

This proposition meets the requirement of Initiative 747, which was enacted by the voters of the State of Washington in November 2001, mandating that any increase in revenue of more than 1%, over the previous year, be approved by the voters.

Approval of this proposition would allow the maintaining of the current level of services. Rejection of this proposition would lead to the loss of approximately \$508,000 in projected tax revenue, which would necessitate cutbacks in service, including cancellation of future emergency equipment purchases, possible layoff of personnel, potential elimination of special services and similar cutbacks.

Statement For:

Initiative 747 calls for a vote of the citizens to increase local taxes above the 1% limitation. Our fire department is being fiscally prudent and responsible to the taxpayers by asking for authorization to collect the \$1.00 allowed by law. The 1% limitation erodes the operating budget and the department because costs grow faster than 1%. All this proposition does is maintain the current status of our emergency services. It is *not* a new tax. Merely, "lifting the lid" back to authorized amount.

In these uncertain times, it is nice to be sure of our fire department, we know they will be there for us, let's give them the tools they need to maintain what we have. Please vote *Yes* on this measure.

Committee Members Include: Gary Hauenstein

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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Central Pierce Fire & Rescue

AUTHORIZING INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAXES OVER 1% LIMITATION
EMS LEVY



Official Ballot Title:

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 6 passed Resolution No. 04-04 concerning a proposition to finance emergency medical services within the District. If passed, Proposition No. 2 would permit the District to levy the previously authorized rate of \$.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation of taxable property within the District, thereby exceeding the one percent limitation on annual increases in property tax revenues imposed by Ch. 84.55 RCW. Proposition No. 2 does not authorize an excess levy rate and is subject to all other limits imposed by law except the one percent limitation on annual increases in property tax revenues. Should Proposition No. 2 be approved or rejected?

Explanatory Statement:

Pierce County Fire Protection District #6, a junior taxing district located in Pierce County, is placing a lid lift proposition on the May 18, 2004 ballot. This proposition will authorize the property tax EMS Levy rate to remain at \$.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. The proposition is presented to provide voters the opportunity to exceed the limitation imposed by Initiative 747, which would otherwise limit total property tax revenue to 101% of the previous year's revenue, regardless of the authorized dollar rate limitation of \$.50.

This proposition meets the requirement of Initiative 747, which was enacted by the voters of the State of Washington in November 2001, mandating that any increase in revenue of more than 1%, over the previous year, be approved by the voters. In 2001, voters approved the EMS Levy at \$.50; this would continue that authorized amount.

Approval of this proposition would allow the maintaining of the current level of services. Rejection of this proposition would lead to the loss of approximately \$264,000 in projected tax revenue, which would necessitate cutbacks in service, including cancellation of future emergency equipment purchases, possible layoff of personnel, potential elimination of special services and similar cutbacks.

Statement For:

Initiative 747 calls for a vote of the citizens to increase local taxes above the 1% limitation. Our fire department is being fiscally prudent and responsible to the taxpayer by asking for the authorization to collect the \$.50 allowed by law and the voters. The 1% limitation erodes the operating budget of the department because costs grow faster than 1%. All this proposition does is maintain the current status of our emergency services. It is *not* a new tax. Merely, reauthorizing what we voted for with the EMS Levy in 2001.

In these uncertain times, it is nice to be sure of our fire department, we know they will be there for us, let's give them the tools they need to maintain what we have. Please vote *Yes* on this measure.

Committee Members Include: Gary Hauenstein

Statement Against:

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Special Election - Proposition No. 1
Submitted by Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 8
AUTHORIZING INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAXES OVER 1% LIMITATION



Official Ballot Title:

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 8 passed Resolution No. 407 concerning a proposition to finance fire protection and emergency medical services within the District. If passed, Proposition No. 1 would permit the District to levy the previously authorized rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation of taxable property within the District, thereby exceeding the one percent limitation on annual increases in property tax revenues imposed by Ch. 84.55 RCW. Proposition No. 1 does not authorize an excess levy rate and is subject to all other limits imposed by law except the one percent limitation on annual increases in property tax revenues. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved or rejected?

Explanatory Statement:

Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 8, a junior taxing district located in Pierce County, is placing a lid lift proposition on the May 18, 2004 ballot. This proposition will authorize the property tax levy rate to remain at \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. The proposition is presented to provide voters the opportunity to exceed the limitation imposed by Initiative 747, which would otherwise limit total property tax revenue to 101% of the previous year's revenue, regardless of the authorized dollar rate limitation of a total of \$1.50, which has been in effect in the district since 1987.

This proposition meets the requirement of Initiative 747, which was enacted by the voters of the State of Washington in November of 2001, mandating that any increase in revenue of more than 1%, over the previous year, be approved by the voters.

Approval of this proposition would allow the maintaining of the current level of services. Rejection of this proposition would lead to the loss of approximately \$267,000 in projected tax revenue, which would necessitate cutbacks in services, including cancellation of future emergency equipment purchases, possible layoff of personnel, potential elimination of special services, and similar cutbacks.

Statement For:

Your support is needed to maintain the current level of services provided by the Edgewood Fire Department. We are asking you to vote **Yes** for a lid lift, allowing the fire district to levy taxes within its previously authorized limit of \$1.50 per 1,000 of assessed value.

Currently your fire department is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week providing valuable services to the growing needs of the community.

Recent initiatives and legislation have significantly impacted fire department funding. Without the approval of this proposition, the impact would lead to the loss of approximately \$214,000 in projected revenue, which would require cutbacks in much needed services and personnel. Your **Yes** vote will ensure the continuation of quality emergency services for the community.

Our firefighters need your support. Vote **Yes** to help keep our community safe.

Committee Members Include: Doug Grenfell and Yvonne Swift

Statement Against:

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Special Election - Proposition No. 1
Submitted by Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 12
AUTHORIZING INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAXES OVER 1% LIMITATION



Official Ballot Title:

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 12 passed Resolution No. 03-04 concerning a proposition to finance fire protection and emergency medical services within the District. If passed, Proposition No. 1 would permit the District to levy the previously authorized rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation of taxable property within the District, thereby exceeding the one percent limitation on annual increases in property tax revenues imposed by Ch. 84.55 RCW. Proposition No. 1 does not authorize an excess levy rate and is subject to all other limits imposed by law except the one percent limitation on annual increases in property tax revenues. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved or rejected?

Explanatory Statement:

Pierce County Fire District #12 is placing a lid lift proposition on the May 18, 2004 ballot. This proposition will authorize the property tax levy not to exceed \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. The current levy rate is \$0.97 per thousand. If approved by the voters, the additional property tax would be \$53.00 per year on a \$100,000 home. The proposition meets the requirement of Initiative 747, which was enacted by the voters of the State of Washington in November of 2001, mandating that any increase in revenue of more than 1%, over the previous year, be approved by the voters.

Operating costs, such as fuel, and medical equipment and supplies, are rising faster than current budget levels can keep pace with. Approval of this proposition would allow improvements to emergency response, and maintain the current level of services. Emergency calls have increased 75% in the last 5 years. The Fire District at the same time has continued to improve emergency response. Lifting the lid would sustain continued improvements, and maintain the current level of fire and emergency medical services.

Statement For:

Help our fire department maintain and improve services to our community by approving the lid lift.

The department will place full time **firefighter / paramedics, 24 hours a day**, 7 days a week in the headquarters station (234th and SR 410) this spring. Faster response to emergency calls will result. Part time **'resident firefighters'** will be placed in the **Wilkeson** station, to improve emergency response there also. These additions will **greatly improve emergency response** to our community!

At the same time, costs for operating our fire department have gone up significantly. **Emergency calls have increased by 75%** in the last 5 years alone. Fuel prices, medical supplies, and equipment costs continue to increase. The lid lift is necessary to keep pace with these rising costs, and to continue improvements in emergency response.

Please support **continued improvement** in fire and emergency response to our community by voting Yes on Proposition One.

Committee Members Include: Yes For Emergency Services Committee

Statement Against:

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Special Election - Proposition No. 1
Submitted by Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 14
AUTHORIZING INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAXES OVER 1% LIMITATION



Official Ballot Title:

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 14 passed Resolution No. 2004-146 concerning a proposition to finance fire protection and emergency medical services within the District. If passed, Proposition No. 1 would permit the District to levy the previously authorized rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation of taxable property within the District, thereby exceeding the one percent limitation on annual increases in property tax revenues imposed by Ch. 84.55 RCW. Proposition No. 1 does not authorize an excess levy rate and is subject to all other limits imposed by law except the one percent limitation on annual increases in property tax revenues. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved or rejected?

Explanatory Statement:

The Riverside Fire & Rescue (or Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 14), a junior taxing district located in Pierce County, is placing a lid lift proposition on the May 18, 2004 ballot. This proposition will authorize the property tax levy rate to remain at \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. The proposition is presented to provide voters the opportunity to exceed the limitation imposed by Initiative 747, which would otherwise limit total property tax revenue to 101% of the previous year's revenue, regardless of the authorized dollar rate limitation of a total of \$1.50, which has been in effect in the district since 1998.

This proposition meets the requirement of Initiative 747, which was enacted by the voters of the State of Washington in November of 2001, mandating that any increase in revenue of more than 1%, over the previous year, be approved by the voters.

Approval of this proposition would allow the maintaining of the current level of services. Rejection of this proposition would lead to the loss of approximately \$15,000.00 in projected tax revenue, which would necessitate cutbacks in services, including cancellation of future emergency equipment purchases, possible layoff of personnel, potential elimination of special services, and similar cutbacks.

Statement For:

The volunteer firefighters of your community need your support. Due to the passing of I-747, the fire district is only allowed to collect 1% more this year than last year in taxes. The cost of living (electricity, fuel, station & vehicle maintenance) has gone up more than that 1%.

By voting **Yes** on May 18th we will not be raising our taxes. We will allow them to collect the tax money we have already approved. This will not be a new tax.

Let us show our continued support for the men and women that volunteer their time to protect us.

Vote **Yes** for the protection of ourselves, our friends, and our family. Vote **Yes** for Riverside Fire and Rescue.

Committee Members Include: John Campbell, Ronald Lauer, and Doug Baldwin

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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Special Election - Proposition No. 1
Submitted by Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 17
AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROPERTY TAX LEVY



Official Ballot Title:

Shall Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 17 be authorized to impose regular property tax levies of fifty cents (\$.50) or less per thousand dollars (\$1,000) of assessed valuation for each of six consecutive years for basic and advanced (paramedic) emergency medical services?

Explanatory Statement:

Since 1979, Fire District 17 voters have approved a property tax levy of twenty-five cents per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for emergency medical services. Since 1999, the volume of calls has increased 40%, and contract paramedic service was started.

The Board of Commissioners of Fire District 17 has passed a resolution requesting an election to authorize a property tax levy of up to fifty cents per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation, each year for six (6) successive years. This levy would fund the emergency medical services (EMS) program, including salaries, equipment and medical supplies to deliver emergency medical care, which will now include full-time paramedic employees.

Approximately 70% of the service calls within the District are EMS calls. The regular property tax levy does not provide funds for an adequate level of emergency medical services. With voter approval, District 17 can maintain and enhance its current level of services.

Statement For:

Pierce County Fire District No. 17 needs your “yes” vote to stabilize funding for the permanent hiring of two additional paramedics and to implement the cross-training of paramedics (PM) to firefighters (FF).

Substantial population growth in the Roy, McKenna, Lacamas, and Hart’s Lake areas has contributed to an increase in call volumes. In 2003, Fire District Volunteers and paid staff responded to 1,116 calls and that means your neighborhood emergency response teams answered 3 or more calls per day. The busy schedule has created a need for two Advanced Life Support (ALS) personnel and duly trained FF/PMs to increase our efficient service to you. The average tax contribution would amount to approximately \$4.71 per month.

Your past generosity has enabled the district to provide fire protection, Basic Life Support transports, hire a permanent Fire Chief and three salaried FFs, and has noticeably reduced response times. Your “yes” vote now could help to significantly enhance the operation and professional services of Pierce County Fire District #17.

Committee Members Include: Olivia Werner, Melissa Ledgerwood, and Becky Hoggan

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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Special Election - Proposition No. 1
Submitted by Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 20
AUTHORIZING INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAXES
OVER 1% LIMITATION



Official Ballot Title:

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 20 passed Resolution No. 02-2004 concerning a proposition to finance fire protection and emergency medical services within the District. If passed, Proposition No. 1 would permit the District to levy the previously authorized rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation of taxable property within the District, thereby exceeding the one percent limitation on annual increases in property tax revenues imposed by Ch. 84.55 RCW. Proposition No. 1 does not authorize an excess levy rate and is subject to all other limits imposed by law except the one percent limitation on annual increases in property tax revenues. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved or rejected?

Explanatory Statement:

Pierce County Fire District #20 (South Prairie) is placing a lid lift proposition on the May 18, 2004 ballot. This proposition will authorize the property tax levy not to exceed \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. The current levy rate is \$1.39 per thousand. If approved by the voters, the additional property tax would be \$11.00 per year on a \$100,000 home. The proposition meets the requirement of Initiative 747, which was enacted by the voters of the State of Washington in November of 2001, mandating that any increase in revenue of more than 1%, over the previous year, be approved by the voters.

Operating costs, such as fuel and medical equipment and supplies, are rising faster than current budget levels can keep pace with. Approval of this proposition would allow improvements to emergency response, and maintain the current level of services. Emergency calls for service have increased 53% in the last 5 years. Lifting the lid would sustain continued improvements, and maintain the current level of fire and emergency medical services.

Statement For:

Help our fire department maintain and improve services to our community by approving the lid lift. Vote Yes on Proposition One!

Costs for operating our fire department have gone up significantly. Emergency calls have increased by 53% in the last 5 years alone. Fuel prices, medical supplies, and equipment costs continue to increase. The department will place **'resident firefighters' in the station** this Spring, to provide a **faster response** to emergency calls. The lid lift would fund such improvements in emergency response, and help to maintain the current level of service to our community.

The increase of 11 cents per thousand assessed value, amounts to \$11.00 a year on a \$100,000 home. Please support **continued improvement** in fire and emergency response by voting Yes on Proposition One.

Committee Members Include: Yes For Emergency Services Committee

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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Special Election - Proposition No. 1
Submitted by Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 21

Graham Fire & Rescue

AUTHORIZING INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAXES OVER 1% LIMITATION



Official Ballot Title:

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 21 passed Resolution No. 572 concerning a proposition to finance fire protection and emergency medical services within the District. If passed, Proposition No. 1 would permit the District to levy the previously authorized rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation of taxable property within the District, thereby exceeding the one percent limitation on annual increases in property tax revenues imposed by Ch. 84.55 RCW. Proposition No. 1 does not authorize an excess levy rate and is subject to all other limits imposed by law except the one percent limitation on annual increases in property tax revenues. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved or rejected?

Explanatory Statement:

Graham Fire & Rescue or Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 21, a junior taxing district located in Pierce County, is placing a lid lift proposition on the May 18, 2004 ballot. This proposition will re-authorize the property tax levy rate to remain at \$1.50 per 1,000 of assessed valuation. The proposition is presented to provide voters the opportunity to exceed the limitation imposed by Initiative 747, which would otherwise limit total property tax revenue to 101% of the previous year's revenue, regardless of the previous voter-authorized dollar rate limitation of \$1.50, which has been in effect in the District since 1992.

This proposition meets the requirement of Initiative 747, which was enacted by the voters of the State of Washington in November of 2001, mandating that any increase in revenue of more than 1%, over the previous year, be approved by the voters.

Approval of this proposition would allow the maintaining of the current level of services. Rejection of this proposition would lead to the loss of approximately \$192,406.

Statement For:

A lid lift will turn the \$1.50 per thousand that our community's fire department operates on into a voter approved tax thereby protecting the district from the effects of Initiative 864. A measure which will reduce each tax base by 25%, *unless the tax is a voter approved tax!* With the loss of 1.2 million dollars in revenue, Pierce County Fire District #21 will find it most difficult to meet the objectives our community voted for this past election. We must act now to overcome that loss because election dates and taxing cycles delay the fire district from doing a lid lift until after the fall elections.

Protect your vote. This lid lift will allow the fire district to recapture what could be lost.

Send a message of support for those who protect you, your friends, family and community.

Committee Members Include: Walter Balmer

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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Special Election - Proposition No. 1
Submitted by Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 22
East Pierce Fire & Rescue
AUTHORIZING INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAXES OVER 1% LIMITATION



Official Ballot Title:

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 22 passed Resolution No. 432 concerning a proposition to finance fire protection and emergency medical services within the District. If passed, Proposition No. 1 would permit the District to levy the previously authorized rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation of taxable property within the District, thereby exceeding the one percent limitation on annual increases in property tax revenues imposed by Ch. 84.55 RCW. Proposition No. 1 does not authorize an excess levy rate and is subject to all other limits imposed by law except the one percent limitation on annual increases in property tax revenues. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved or rejected?

Explanatory Statement:

East Pierce Fire & Rescue (Pierce County Fire District 22) is placing a lid lift proposition on the May 18, 2004 ballot. This proposition will authorize the property tax levy rate to remain at \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. The proposition meets the requirement of Initiative 747, which was enacted by the voters of the State of Washington in November of 2001, mandating that any increase in revenue of more than 1%, over the previous year, be approved by the voters.

Approval of this proposition would enable the District to maintain the current level of services. Operating costs, such as medical equipment and supplies, are rising faster than current budget levels can keep pace with. Emergency calls for service have increased 26% in the last 5 years. Lifting the lid, back to the authorized \$1.50 per \$1,000 assessed value, would sustain continued improvements, and maintain the current level of fire and emergency medical services.

Statement For:

Help our fire department keep pace with **increased demands and rising costs**, by voting to restore its funding. Vote Yes on the lid lift – Proposition One!

Costs for operating our fire department (East Pierce Fire & Rescue) have gone up significantly. **Emergency calls have increased by 26%** in the last 5 years alone. Fuel prices, medical supplies, and equipment costs continue to increase. But the property tax collected has actually gone down from the authorized \$1.50 per thousand, to \$1.37 per thousand. The lid lift would restore funding for our fire department, and **maintain current services** to our community.

The increase of 13 cents per thousand assessed value amounts to \$19.50 a year on a \$150,000 home. Please vote Yes to **restore our fire department's funding**.

Committee Members Include: Yes For Emergency Services Committee

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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Special Election - Proposition No. 1
Submitted by Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 26
SETTING NEW LIMIT ON REGULAR PROPERTY TAX LEVIES



Official Ballot Title:

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 26 passed Resolution No. 04-148 concerning a proposition to finance maintenance and operating expenses. If passed, Proposition No. 1 would permit the District to levy the previously authorized rate of \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation of taxable property within the District, thereby exceeding the one percent limitation on annual increases in property tax revenues imposed by Ch. 84.55 RCW. Proposition No. 1 does not authorize an excess levy rate and is subject to all other limits imposed by law except the one percent limitation on annual increases in property tax revenues. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved or rejected?

Explanatory Statement:

Pierce County Fire District 26, a junior taxing district located in Greenwater, Pierce County, is placing a permanent lid lift proposition on the May 18, 2004, ballot. This proposition will authorize the property tax levy rate to return to \$1.00 per thousand of assessed valuation as previously authorized by the voters.

This proposition meets the requirements of Initiative 747, which was enacted by voters of the state of Washington in November 2001, mandating that any increase in tax revenue of more than 1% over the previous year be approved by the voters.

Approval of this proposition will maintain the level of service, cover training, maintenance, equipment, and supply costs. Rejection of this proposition could result in a lower level of service and training as well as an inability to replace obsolete equipment and supplies provided by the District.

Statement For:

Your fire district strives to give the best protection and service they can, while remaining one of the lowest tax rates in Pierce County. They try to be accountable for the spending of your tax dollars efficiently and effectively.

To maintain this funding, the Board of Commissioners has asked the voters to reinstate the fire taxes.

With this lid lift the department will be able to continue its present level of service while striving to ensure minimum safety standards.

Committee Members Include: James Harte

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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