

Central Pierce Fire & Rescue

Special Election - Proposition No. 1
Submitted by Central Pierce Fire & Rescue
(Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 6)
RE-AUTHORIZING PREVIOUSLY EXISTING PROPERTY TAX LEVY RATE

Official Ballot Title: The Board of Fire Commissioners of Pierce County Fire District No. 6 (Central Pierce Fire & Rescue) passed Resolution No. 04-10 proposing to continue the existing regular property tax levy rate. If passed, Proposition No. 1 would permit the District to levy for collection in 2005 the regular property tax at the rate of \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, which is the same rate authorized for collection in 2003, thereby lifting the revenue limitation in Chapter 84.55 RCW. Should proposition No. 1 be approved or rejected?

Explanatory Statement: Central Pierce Fire & Rescue, a junior taxing district located in Pierce County, is placing a lid lift proposition on the September 14, 2004 ballot. This proposition will authorize the property tax levy rate of \$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 in November of 2001, mandating that any increase in revenue of more than 1%, over the previous year, be approved by the voters. In 2002, voters approved the property tax levy rate of \$1.00; this would re-establish that authorized amount.

Approval of this proposition would increase the regular tax levy rate from 98 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation collected in 2004 to \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2005, and would allow the Fire District to maintain the high level of services it provides to the community. Rejection of this proposition would lead to the loss of approximately \$508,000 in projected tax revenue, which could affect the Fire District's ability to continue its level of services.

Statement For:

Statement Against:

Essential services need funding.
Our local fire department needs our support. They respond to you in your time of need. Now it's your turn to respond to them. The firefighters and paramedics are keeping up with our rapidly growing community. Increased emergency calls have not delayed their response to you and your family. Show your support by voting "yes" on Proposition 1.
They are not asking for an additional dollar, but rather two cents. That amount will restore the Regular Fire Levy to the \$1.00 per \$1000 assessed valuation, as it was in 2003. For a \$150,000 home, that's just \$3.00 per year! Isn't it worth that small amount to ensure the high quality of service and care we've known? Our fire department provides essential life saving services and needs our support.

Committee Members Include: Audrey Chase, Terry Glass, Ron Pearson

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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