



Special Election - Proposition No. 1
Submitted by Carbonado Historical School District No. 19
PROPERTY TAX LEVY TO FUND MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS



Official Ballot Title:

The Board of Directors of Carbonado Historical School District No. 19 adopted Resolution No. 03-07 concerning educational funding. If passed, Proposition No. 1 would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes on all taxable property within the District to replace an expiring levy and to support the District's educational programs, maintenance and operations, all as provided in Resolution No. 03-07:

<u>Collection Years</u>	<u>Approximate Levy Rate Per \$1,000 of Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2009	\$4.53	\$463,000
2010	\$4.54	\$477,000
2011	\$4.54	\$492,000
2012	\$4.55	\$507,000

Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

Statement For:

The quality of a school district is one of the most important measures of a communities' overall health. Although the State of Washington funds basic education, the maintenance and operation levy picks up cost that are under funded by the State. The levy allows our district to fund additional teachers and classified employees to keep our class sizes low.

The levy also supports student learning materials, supplies, books, instructional technology materials, computer equipment, field trips, music programs, sports, transportation, maintenance and upkeep.

This is not a new tax but replaces the existing maintenance and operations levy that expires in December 2008. This levy is for four years. It is a renewal of what you supported four years ago.

The citizens of Carbonado have a long history of supporting their school and have never defeated a maintenance and operation levy. Supporting this levy will keep our investment working for us.

Committee Members: Joe Mills, Cathy Johnston, Tom Argo

Explanatory Statement:

Carbonado Historical School District #19 is requesting local support for the maintenance and operations replacement levy on property within the District in the amount of \$463,000 for 2009 collection, \$477,000 for 2010 collection, \$492,000 for 2011 collection, and \$507,000 for 2012 collection. If Proposition No. 1 is approved by the voters, such property taxes would be collected at a rate estimated to be \$4.53 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2009, \$4.54 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2010, \$4.54 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2011, and \$4.54 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2012.

In accordance with Resolution No. 03-07 approving this levy proposition, these taxes would be deposited in the District's General Fund to pay part of the general expenses of operating the District. The maintenance and operations levy provides approximately 25% of the district's operating budget. These local dollars support educational programs not fully funded by the state; such as lower class sizes, textbooks, classroom supplies, utilities, insurance, technology, safety, maintenance and operations costs.

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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