

Special Election - Proposition No. 1
Submitted by Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 1
MERGER OF PIERCE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS

Official Ballot Title:

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 1 (“District 1”) adopted Resolution No. 008-01 concerning a merger with Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 22 (“District 22”). If approved, Proposition No. 1 would result in a merger of District 1 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 merge Fire District 1 into East Pierce Fire and Rescue.

District 1 and East Pierce already work together to provide emergency services for our community. The merger completes the process begun a few years ago, and will ensure that you continue to receive the highest quality emergency services, rapid response times and 24/7 staffing by highly trained firefighters and EMTs more efficiently and cost effectively over the long term.

The merger will not increase your tax rate and you will continue to receive the same high quality emergency services you have now.

911 calls have increased, and modern firefighting requires more lifesaving equipment, supplies and training. Working together, we can provide the best fire and emergency services, faster response times, better trained firefighters available 24/7 more efficiently and cost effectively.

Please Vote Yes on Prop 1.

Committee Members: Don Hayford, Phil Cervenka, Roger Knutson

Explanatory Statement:

The Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 1 Board of Fire Commissioners has passed a resolution to merge into Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 22 (East Pierce Fire & Rescue). For the last two years, fire protection and emergency medical services have been provided to the residents of District No. 1 under a contract for services with East Pierce (District No. 22).

The consolidation has been successful. The Board of Fire Commissioners for East Pierce has accepted the petition to merge and both Boards have requested this election. If a majority of the registered voters of District No. 1 vote for merger, then the merger will become complete. Approval of merger will not change the delivery of services, which have been unified already under the consolidation agreement. If merger is approved, District No. 1 will be dissolved and its assets transferred to East Pierce. The tax rate will not be impacted.

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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