

Lakewood Water District



Special Election - Proposition No. 1
Submitted by the Lakewood Water District
FLUORIDATION OF THE LAKEWOOD WATER DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY

Ballot Title: The Board of Commissioners of the Lakewood Water District adopted Resolution No. B-1365 concerning fluoridation of the Lakewood Water District's water supply. If passed, Proposition No. 1 would authorize the District to add fluoride to the water supply of the Lakewood Water District. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved or rejected?

Explanatory Statement: The law of the State of Washington permits, but does not require, the addition of fluoride to public water supplies in accordance with regulations adopted by the Washington Department of Health. Water Districts are further authorized to submit the question of fluoridation to District voters. The water supply of the Lakewood Water District comes from groundwater that is not currently treated by the addition of fluoride. If the proposition is approved, the Lakewood Water District will add fluoride to the District's water supply in accordance with regulations of the State Department of Health. If the proposition is not approved, the Lakewood Water District will not add fluoride to the District's water supply.

Statement For:

Did you know?

In 2000, the U.S. Surgeon General said "*tooth decay is the most common chronic childhood disease*" and "*it affects more than half of those aged 5 to 17.*" In 2001, the US Centers for Disease Control said "*fluoridated water has reduced tooth decay by up to 60% in the U.S. since WW II.*" In 1999, the CDC called fluoridation "*one of the top 10 public health achievements of the 20th century.*" And in 2000, the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research said that after 50 years of research, "*it's clear fluoride is safe and effective when used properly.*"

Cost

According to Lakewood Water, it only will cost about *\$14 per household per year*, that's about *\$1.15 a month*, to obtain the benefits of fluoride for your family and others.

You choose

If you believe the experts, and if you think \$14 a year is reasonable, vote *yes* to fluoridate Lakewood's water.

Committee Members Include: Linda Farmer, Raymond Schuler, and Linda VanDyk

Statement Against:

Fluoridation does not reduce tooth decay and is costly

The most recent Medicaid records show per capita dental care costs for fluoridated Tacoma kids is \$2.93 *higher* than Lakewood kids who drink pure water! Fluoridation is promoted on the basis of being the only way to prevent cavities in the poor children who have no access to dental care. This claim is a cruel hoax. Inner cities throughout the US are rampant with dental decay, even though they have been fluoridated for decades.

98% of Western Europe has rejected Fluoridation

The European governments acting on the advice of their scientists (some of whom were Nobel Prize winners) rejected fluoridation or did not start it. Some passed legislation forbidding the use of fluoridation.

Fluoridation chemicals added to your drinking water are toxic

They are unprocessed toxic industrial waste products recovered from pollution control equipment, and contain contaminants such as arsenic and lead. Fluoride has never been approved by the U S Food and Drug Administration for ingestion.

See for references: www.purepublicwater.org
Committee Members Include: Carol Else, Ursula Hall, and James Peterson

Rebuttal of Statement Against:

Fluoridation does not reduce tooth decay. *Hogwash. Water fluoridation is intended to mimic, at 1PPM, areas where natural fluoride, and fewer cavities, were noted over 100 years ago. 98% of Western Europe has rejected Fluoridation. 60% of US public water suppliers have not. Who's right? Fluoridation chemicals are toxic. A whole bottle of vitamin pills is toxic, too, but only one is beneficial. Lakewood proposes using Sodium Fluoride, the additive found in most toothpaste.*

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Newer, better studies clearly show Fluoride is effective only on the surface of the teeth, not by ingestion. Many studies of excellent quality indicate Fluoride carries with it many long term dangers such as fluorosis of children's teeth. "Experts" are not those bureaucrats issuing press releases to defend an outdated public policy. The real experts are those who have actually been involved with the science and politics of fluoridation. Please see www.purepublicwater.org

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