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Explanatory Statement – Proposition Two

Election Date: November 6, 2018
Name of Jurisdiction
Submitting Measure: Pierce County Fire Protection District No 17
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Pierce County Fire Protection District No 17 (South Pierce Fire and Rescue) units responded to emergency services 2,973 times last year. This is a 30.5% increase since 2011. While call volume is on the rise, the voter approved \$0.50 levy rate fell in 2018 to due to 1% limitations.

Prop 2 would *maintain* the voter approved levy rate of \$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessed property value (APV) for 2019 and then apply a limit factor of six percent in the succeeding 5 years; SPFR *will never* collect more than \$0.50 per \$1000 APV even if property values increase.

This is not a new tax: Prop 2 provides critical funding for emergency medical services, such as staffing, and replacing very old out dated medical equipment. Prop 2 will allow SPFR to keep up with the ever increasing demands and maintain a high level of service.

Prop 2 authorizes SPFR to *maintain* the levy rate of \$0.50 per \$1,000 APV as previously approved by voters. This would allow the levy dollar amount to increase no more than six percent per year over the next 5 years; the rate *will never* exceed the \$0.50 even if property values increase above six percent.