

April 26, 2016 Special Election

King County

Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

as requested by East Pierce Fire & Rescue



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Proposition No. 1 Levy Lid Lift

The Board of Fire Commissioners of East Pierce Fire & Rescue adopted Resolution No. 795 concerning an increase in the District's regular property tax levy. For the purpose of maintaining current levels of fire protection and emergency medical services, Proposition No. 1 will restore the District's regular property tax levy to fifty cents (\$.50) per thousand dollars (\$1,000) of assessed value for collection in 2017, thereby exceeding the revenue limitation in Chapter 84.55 RCW. Should Proposition No. 1 be:

Approved

Rejected

The complete text of this measure is available at the Elections Office or online at kingcounty.gov/elections.

Statement in favor

Submitted by:
William Sandlian

This is not a new tax! This is a request to *reauthorize* your previously approved

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) levy rate of .50 cents per \$1,000 assessed valuation. Average of \$1.25 a month on \$250,000 home.

Your support of the EMS Levy has allowed the District to hire paramedics and support a fully staffed Advanced Life Support (ALS) program. In addition, the citizens of East Pierce Fire/Rescue enjoy the benefits of *Medic Unit transport to the hospital with no out of pocket expenses*.

Our goal is to continue to provide the highest level of emergency services that you authorized with the previous EMS Levy. Please join us in voting *yes* to maintain this quality of service to you and your loved ones.

Explanatory statement

East Pierce Fire and Rescue, a fire district located partly in King County, is placing a lid lift proposition on the April 26, 2016 ballot. This proposition will authorize the property tax EMS levy rate to return to the previously voter-approved rate of \$.50 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 \$.50.

This proposition meets the requirement of Initiative 747, mandating that any increase in revenue of more than 1% be approved by the voters.

Approval of this proposition would allow maintaining the current level of services. Rejection of this proposition would lead to the loss of approximately \$600,000 in projected tax revenue, which would necessitate cutbacks in services, including the inability to increase the number of paramedics to address a rapidly increasing medical call volume and to keep pace with the rising costs of medical supplies.

For questions about this measure, contact:
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Statement in opposition

No statement submitted.

Statements in favor of and in opposition to a ballot measure are submitted by committees appointed by the jurisdiction. No persons came forward to serve on the committee and to write a statement in opposition. If you would like to be involved with a committee in the future please contact the jurisdiction.

Registering to vote

Requirements

To register to vote in Washington, you must be:

- A citizen of the United States
- A legal resident of Washington state
- At least 18 years old by election day
- Not under the authority of the Department of Corrections

How to register

- Register online with the Secretary of State, vote.wa.gov
- Download a registration form from the King County Elections website.
- Register in person at the King County Elections office or at the King County Voter Registration Annex.

Registration deadlines

While you may register to vote at any time, there are registration deadlines before each election. The deadlines for the April 26, 2016 special election:

- **March 28** – Deadline to register to vote or update voter registration information.
- **April 18** – In-person registration deadline for people not currently registered in Washington. Register in person at the Elections office in Renton or at the Voter Registration Annex in Seattle.

Keep your voter registration current

Update your registration if you have moved or changed your name, or if your signature has changed. Simply submit a new registration form to update your information.

