

Fire Protection District No. 11 Littlerock Fire Rescue - Proposition No. 2 Fire Protection Bonds Fire & Emergency Medical Facilities & Equipment

Official Ballot Title:



The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 11 adopted Resolution No. 2004-314, concerning a proposition to issue general obligation bonds. This proposition would authorize the District to modernize and improve its firefighting and emergency medical facilities by acquiring, constructing and equipping new fire stations and acquiring additional fire apparatus and firefighting and other lifesaving equipment and issue no more than \$2,998,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 20 years payable from annual excess property tax levies upon all taxable property within the District, all as provided in Resolution No. 2004-314.

Should this proposition be:

Approved _____

Rejected _____

Statement For:

Littlerock Fire Rescue Experiences Rapid Growth & Increased Emergency 911 Call Volume:

Today our emergency 911- response zone is the largest and one of the fastest growing in the County. Twenty years ago a firefighter's primary job was to put out fires. Today firefighters respond to almost all local hazards including emergency medical, car accidents, disasters, floods, rescues, wild fires, hazmat, etc., thereby significantly increasing demand for service.

Investing in Your Local Fire Department Will Improve Your Community's Emergency Preparedness:

Fire and emergency medical service facilities built in the 1970s still stand ready, and in some cases still house 24-year-old fire engines. These local stations are just garages and the equipment parked within is well beyond its life cycle. The buildings lack space for 24-hour staff, are not earthquake proof, and can't serve as disaster centers. Today's engines carry the Jaws of Life, oxygen, medical supplies and other life saving equipment and in some cases, modern fire engines will not fit in the existing fire stations.

Your Yes Vote Will Improve Your Emergency Service & Life Saving Response Times:

In an emergency every minute counts. Fire stations adequately spaced, with proper equipment, and personnel will improve critical life and property saving response times. Funding will provide for replacement of local fire stations, a new engine, water truck and aid/rescue unit. The stations' conservative design and size will maximize efficiency, be equipped as community disaster shelters, and will accommodate 24-hour staff.

Improved Fire and Emergency Medical Service at a Reasonable Cost:

The capital improvements would cost \$0.28 per \$1,000 assessed value. An owner of property valued at \$100,000 would pay \$28 per year or about \$0.53 a week.

Vote Yes for the Future of Your local Fire and Emergency Medical Services.

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Statement Against:

No statement against was submitted.

Explanatory Statement:

Thurston County Fire Protection District No. 11 (Littlerock Fire Rescue) is the largest geographical fire district in Thurston County. Currently, fire protection, rescue and emergency medical services are delivered primarily from a single fire station, which is the only facility in the 100 square mile Fire District capable of staffing firefighters and emergency medical technicians. The other facilities were built in the 1970s and lack space to accommodate firefighters around the clock and in some cases, will not accommodate modern fire apparatus.

Passage of Proposition 2 will authorize the District to incur debt and to issue and sell bonds for no more than \$2,998,000 to modernize and improve its firefighting and emergency medical facilities by acquiring, constructing and equipping new fire stations and acquiring additional fire apparatus and firefighting and other life saving equipment. The capital improvement projects are planned to distribute fire department resources over a larger region of the Fire District to improve life saving response times, accommodate growth and replace equipment that has exceeded its service life. The bonds will be paid from annual excess property taxes levied by the district, and will mature within twenty (20) years.

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