

Fire Protection District No. 9 – McLane Proposition No. 1 Fire Protection Bonds

Official Ballot Title:



The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 9 adopted Resolution No. 04-347 concerning a proposition to issue general obligation bonds. This proposition would authorize the District to acquire and equip new fire apparatus, a water tender and rescue vehicles, acquire real property and equipment, and construct, remodel and equip new and existing fire stations, incur indebtedness and issue no more than \$5,900,000 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. 04-347. Should this proposition be:

Approved _____ **Rejected** _____

Statement For:

Citizen’s Advisory Board recommends approval of \$5.9 million bond request

This volunteer group representing stakeholders from throughout the District concludes that requested bond funds are necessary to mitigate deficiencies by providing essential apparatus, facilities and training improvements, critical to meeting the current and future service needs of the community. Their recommendation is made after nine months of evaluating the District’s response capabilities, growth projections, apparatus, facilities and fiscal resources.

Improved facilities support faster, more reliable system wide response

Replacing the 42-year old headquarters station with a new station on a larger site and building a new sub-station will provide the necessary sleeping, living, parking and training space to accommodate more on-duty firefighters. Firefighter availability equates to faster service. Training grounds located in the core of the District at the new headquarters station will greatly reduce the need for off-site training, keeping firefighters readily available for response.

The new headquarters station will be a community resource; functioning as a disaster shelter and providing meeting rooms with adequate parking to accommodate local community needs.

Sufficient and reliable apparatus are critical to emergency response

The District’s aged fleet of apparatus is unreliable. The first out fire engines exceed industry standard life expectancies. Fleet maintenance costs have soared because of major repairs. The District is without a required backup fire engine or water tender. Reliable apparatus are critical to meeting

the response needs of the community.

Vote yes to support fast, reliable, cost effective service

Bond Funds will provide essential facilities, apparatus and training grounds critical to meeting the response needs of the community and will cost approximately \$0.35/\$1000 of assessed value. By partnering with local municipalities to meet collective needs, tax dollars will be maximized.

Voters’ Pamphlet Statement prepared by: Tod Miner, Michel George, Casey Sobol.

No Statement Against:

No one could be found to write a statement against the Fire District No. 9 - McLane - Fire Protection Bonds.

Explanatory Statement:

A vote for Proposition No. 1 will authorize Thurston County Fire District 9 to incur debt and to issue and sell bonds for no more than \$5,900,000 to acquire and equip new fire apparatus, acquire real property for expanded parking and potential future station expansion, construct and equip two new Fire Stations and remodel existing Fire Stations.

The bond proceeds will be used to pay the costs of capital improvements in the District as recommended by the District’s Citizen’s Advisory Board following a comprehensive needs assessment and incorporated into the Capital Improvement Plan so as to maintain and/or improve service levels and benefit all residents serviced by the District.

If approved, the bonds will mature within 20 years of issue and be repaid through annual levies of property taxes.

Explanatory Statement prepared by: Gottlieb, Fisher & Andrews, PLLC, bond counsel to the District.