

Fire Protection District No. 11 (Littlerock)

Proposition No. 1 - Levy Lid Lift

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 11, Thurston County, Washington, (Littlerock Fire Rescue) adopted Resolution No. 08-416 concerning a proposition to restore the District's regular property tax levy. The proposition would authorize the District to restore its regular property tax levy to an amount not to exceed \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value for collection in 2009 for maintenance, operations, equipment and personnel costs. The levy amount will be used to calculate subsequent levy limits.

Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

Explanatory Statement:

Revenue from the regular levy is used for delivering Emergency 911- Rescue, Emergency Medical, Fire and other services to District residents. Voters previously (2004) authorized a levy of \$1.50 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. This proposition seeks to restore that levy rate.

Restoring the levy will help improve response times over the 100 square mile District by authorizing funding to staff the Littlerock Rd. Station, Maytown/Tilley Station (construction complete 2008), and Scott Lake/Case Station (construction complete 2009). It will also help fund the District's share of a Transport Paramedic Unit and will offset other increasing costs.

The Fire District has not restored the regular property tax levy since 2004. This proposition will only restore the rate to that level for one year. The District has been proactive in developing partnerships with neighboring Fire Districts to consolidate administrative and operational activities to reduce costs.

This Public Safety levy restoration proposition will cost a family with property valued at two hundred and fifty thousand dollars less than ten dollars (\$9.58) per month.

Approved by: Joseph Quinn

Statement For:

Restoring the Maintenance and Operations Levy Will Fund Emergency Medical, Rescue and Fire Service Response

The Fire District has reduced costs and improved efficiency by consolidating administrative and operational function with other West Thurston Fire Districts. Even with these cost cutting measures expenses outpace revenue growth limitations of 1%. The levy is the Fire Department's only source of revenue for funding maintenance and operational costs associated with responding to 911 emergency medical, rescue and fire incidents.

Levy Funds Will be Used to Staff the Maytown, Scott Lake and Littlerock Fire Stations 24 Hours a Day

Restoring the levy will help fund a staffed station closer to your home. Rescue, Emergency Medical and Fire Service Trained Professionals closer to your home gives you or your family member a better chance of survival when you need 911 Emergency Medical, Rescue or Fire Services.

The new fire stations will be completed in Winter 2008 – Maytown/Tilley Community and Scott Lake/Case Community – Summer 2009. Restoring the Levy rate will provide funding to staff the new stations, and maintain staffing at the Littlerock Road Station. When the new stations are completed and staffed, District residents will benefit by significantly faster primary and secondary emergency response times.

This Proposition Restores the Regular Maintenance and Operations Levy, This is Not a New Tax

The Fire District has not restored the M&O Levy since 2004. The public safety improvements will cost a family .31 cents per day or less than ten dollars per month (for \$250,000 of assessed home value).

Your Yes Vote Will Help Fund a Paramedic Unit

Restoring the Levy rate will restore funding needed to maintain and upgrade the life saving non-transport Paramedic Unit to a transport Paramedic Unit. Rochester/Grand Mound and Littlerock Fire District residents share in 20% of the costs associated with this unit.

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Statement Against:

Fire Protection District No. 11 (Littlerock Fire Rescue) has indicated they could not find anyone to write a statement against this proposition.