

# Thurston County Fire Protection District No. 3 (Lacey) Proposition No. 1

Only voters in Lacey Fire District will vote on this measure.

## Increasing the Board of Commissioners of Lacey Fire District No. 3 From Three to Five Members

### Ballot Title:

Shall the Board of Commissioners of Thurston County Fire Protection District No. 3 (Lacey Fire District Three) be increased from three members to five members?

Yes

No

### Explanatory Statement:

In the April 2010 election, a majority of voters in Thurston County Fire Protection District No. 3 (Lacey Fire District No. 3) and in the City of Lacey approved the District's annexation of the City. The District's fire protection and medical services within the City will now be funded directly through a District levy rather than indirectly through a City contract. Under the City and District's Interlocal Agreement for Annexation, the District agreed to have the voters of the enlarged District determine whether the number of Fire Commissioners should increase from three to five. Approving this proposition will enable the current Fire Commissioners to appoint two additional Fire Commissioners to serve until the positions are filled by the voters in future general District elections.

Explanatory Statement prepared by P. Stephen DiJulio – Foster Pepper PLLC, special counsel to the District.

### Statement For:

Voters from both the City of Lacey and Fire District No. 3 overwhelmingly approved annexation of the City into the Fire District at a special election held April 27, 2010. This important change officially brings over 39,000 citizens into the expanded Fire District.

Current Washington law provides for three fire commissioners to govern the District (RCW 52.14.010); three fire commissioners currently serve on the Board of Fire District No. 3. However, if additional representation is in the best interests of the District, the law also provides that citizens may vote to increase the number of commissioners to five (RCW 52.14.015).

As elected officials and citizens worked toward this annexation, many recognized that an expanded District would create both the need and opportunity to strengthen representation within the enlarged District through additional Fire Commissioners on the District Board. To that end, an interlocal annexation agreement between the City of Lacey and Fire District No. 3 included a provision to submit to the voters a proposition to expand the Board of Fire Commissioners from three members to five members.

This annexation has increased District population by 85%. The Board of Fire Commissioners needs and wants an enhanced voice from our community and urges your support of this proposition.

Statement For prepared and written by: Skip Houser, John Christiansen, and Eugene Dobry.

### Statement Against:

No one could be found to write a statement against the Fire Protection District No. 3 Proposition No. 1.

Please Note: "for" and "against" statements are the opinions of the authors and have not been checked for factual accuracy by the Auditor's Office.