

April 23, 2013 Special Election

King County

Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

as requested by King County Fire Protection District No. 43
(Maple Valley Fire & Life Safety)



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Proposition No. 1 Levy of General Tax

The Board of King County Fire Protection District No. 43 (Maple Valley Fire & Life Safety) adopted Resolution No. R-2013-005 concerning a proposition to finance maintenance and operations. This proposition would authorize the District to levy an excess property tax on all taxable property within the District beginning with collection in 2014 and continuing for two years thereafter to be used for maintenance and operations to maintain the current level of fire services and emergency medical services. The levy amount for each of the three years would be \$1,500,000 with an approximate rate each year of \$0.38 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation (the actual rate will be based on assessed values).

Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

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

Statement in favor

Please join your local concerned citizens and Vote Yes for Proposition 1.

Your Yes vote will save lives and maintain the quality fire and emergency services our community expects and deserves.

Declining property values has resulted in a 1.5 million shortfall in our fire district's budget since 2010. Without this levy, the deficit is anticipated to increase well over 2.5 million in the year 2014. Firefighters and staff have already given concessions in wages and benefits and despite reducing staff by 9 positions and cutting programs, the fire district cannot continue to provide the same quality of services without replacing lost revenue.

Approving this levy will save lives.

- It will keep all current fire stations open and fully staffed.
- It will guarantee 24 hour staffing of an aid car currently part time.
- It will prevent the planned firefighter layoffs.
- It will prevent response time from continuing to rise and jeopardizing the safety of our community.

The fire district isn't asking for an increase in revenue, they're asking to restore some of the lost revenue caused by declining home values.

It's your Choice! Please support the fire district that supports you. Please join us and Vote Yes!

Statement submitted by: Sue Van Ruff, Mike Maryanski, and Brett Habenicht • 206-669-7200

Explanatory statement

Maple Valley Fire and Life Safety, serving the citizens of Greater Maple Valley, is placing a maintenance and operations levy proposition on the April 23, 2013 ballot. This proposition will authorize the fire district to collect \$1.5 million annually, at an approximate rate of \$0.38 per \$1000 of assessed valuation, for a three year period covering 2014 through 2016. This proposition is presented to allow voters the opportunity to maintain current fire department services and personnel. In addition, it will allow the district to re-staff an aid car for emergency responses, which has been currently reduced to part-time.

The fire district has lost over \$1.6 million in revenues since 2010 and projects a further reduction of approximately 1 million in 2014 due to the nationwide recession and loss of property values. Declining tax revenues and increasing costs have necessitated cutbacks in service levels and personnel, including one aid car reduced to part-time status. The reduction of revenue has also caused a total of nine department vacancies, including five firefighters eliminated through layoffs and/or attrition.

Approval of this proposition would allow the department to maintain the current level of service, maintain all current firefighter positions, allow the district to move the aid car from part-time to fulltime status, and prevent cutbacks in services and the imminent layoff of firefighters that would otherwise be necessary.

For additional questions regarding 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.

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