

# Fire Protection District No. 19

## Proposition 1

### Ballot Title

Maintenance and Operation Levy

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 19 adopted Resolution No. 3, concerning a proposition to finance maintenance and operation expenses. This proposition would authorize the District to meet the fire protection and life safety needs of its residents by levying the following excess taxes, on all taxable property within the District, for support of the District's maintenance and operation expenses:

Collection Year	Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2013	\$0.57	\$190,000
2014	\$0.57	\$190,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 3. Should this proposition be approved?

Levy Yes  
Levy No

### Explanatory Statement

Snohomish County Fire Protection District No. 19 (Silvana) is requesting voters to consider a two-year maintenance and operation levy to supplement the regular taxes collected by the District during the years 2013 and 2014. The maintenance and operation tax levy is necessary because lower assessed property values in the District will result in decreased regular tax levy amounts that are insufficient to pay for the current level of fire protection and life safety services provided by the District.

Passage of Proposition 1 would authorize the District to collect taxes in the amount of \$190,000 in 2013 and \$190,000 in 2014. The taxes would be in addition to regular property taxes permitted to be levied in those years, for the purpose of paying a portion of the maintenance and operation expenses of the District. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$0.57 per \$1,000 of assessed value in 2013 and \$0.57 per \$1,000 of assessed value in 2014.

Exemptions from taxes for levies may be available to homeowners who are 61 or older, or disabled, and who meet certain income requirements. To determine if you qualify, call the Snohomish County Assessor at 425.388.3433.

### Statement For

Statement by: Ken Christoferson,  
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### Proposition 1 helps maintain Fire and Aid Services

#### What will it do?

Proposition 1 is a two year levy which will help replace lost funding that has occurred due to the decline in funding from the Fire and EMS levies. This levy will help Fire District 19 to continue to provide a high level of fire, medical, and rescue services to our community.

#### Why do we need this levy?

97% of Fire District 19's operating funds come from the voter approved Fire and EMS levies. Since 2009 property assessments have declined 38% which directly impacted the funding available to provide emergency services to the community. While funding was declining, requests to provide emergency services have increased by 26%.

The District has taken a number of significant steps to reduce spending without impacting emergency services. Unfortunately the length and severity of the funding decline has reached a point where it may soon begin to impact emergency services being provided.

#### Vote Yes on Proposition 1!

Please join this committee and your neighbors in voting yes. A yes vote will allow Fire District 19 to continue to provide vital emergency services to the community. Thank you for your support of this important issue.

### No Statement Against Submitted