

August 16, 2011 primary

# Voters' pamphlet

CLARK COUNTY WASHINGTON



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# Auditor's letter

## Dear Clark County Voters

Welcome to the 2011 Primary Voters' Pamphlet. It contains statements by candidates and information about two local issues on the August 16 primary ballot.

To receive your ballot, please be sure your current address is on file at the Elections Department. The U.S. Postal Service will not forward ballots. If you need to update your address, go online to [www.clarkvotes.org](http://www.clarkvotes.org) or call the Elections Department at (360) 397-2345.

If you return your voted ballot by mail, it must be postmarked no later than August 16. On Election Day, you can drop off your completed ballot at one of the 20 secure ballot boxes located throughout the county. For a list of drop-box locations, please see Page 4 of this voters' pamphlet.

Also, you can drop your ballot in the red "drive up" collection box in the center of 14th Street one block east of the Elections Department, 1408 Franklin St., in downtown Vancouver. The deadline to drop off a ballot is 8 p.m., August 16.

This year, the primary is being conducted in Vancouver, Washougal, Woodland and Yacolt as well as the Ridgefield School District and District No. 2 of the Camas-Washougal Port District. Also, Yacolt and Emergency Medical Services District No. 1 have propositions on the primary ballot.

Residents of these jurisdictions will receive this pamphlet. Voters who live outside these jurisdictions will not receive a ballot for this election.

If you are eligible to vote but have not yet registered, I hope you will do so. Information on how to register to vote is available on Page 3.

Democracy works best when citizens participate in the collective decision-making process. I hope you will participate by casting your ballot in the primary on August 16, 2011. Every vote counts!

Sincerely,



Greg Kimsey

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### Participating jurisdictions

City of Vancouver, City of Washougal, Town of Yacolt, Ridgefield School District No. 122, Camas-Washougal Port District, Clark County Emergency Medical Service District No. 1

Cover photo:  
Carousel at the  
Clark County Fair.

# A reminder to vote

## Registering to vote

Registering takes only a few minutes, and you may do it by mail or online at [www.clarkvotes.org](http://www.clarkvotes.org). You must complete a voter registration form if you are registering for the first time in Washington or if you moved to a new county. If you have moved within the same county, you may complete a new form or contact the Elections Department by mail, e-mail or phone. Registration forms are available during business hours at public libraries, schools when they are open, city and town halls, and the County Elections Department.



## Who is eligible to vote

The requirements for registering to vote are simple. You must be a United States citizen, 18 years or older on August 16, and live in Clark County 30 days prior to the election.

## How to vote

Clark County voters will receive their ballots by mail. If you are a registered voter in Clark County, we will mail you a ballot for every election in which you are entitled to participate.

The page **Voting instructions** (page 5) in this pamphlet explains how to vote using the Clark County voting process. Please read the instructions in this pamphlet. We want your vote to count!

## Lost or damaged ballot?

If you lose your ballot, or it becomes damaged, you can obtain a replacement ballot by contacting the Elections Department.

**Phone:** (360) 397-2345

**E-mail:** [elections@clark.wa.gov](mailto:elections@clark.wa.gov)

**Mailing address:** PO Box 8815, Vancouver, WA 98666-8815

**Street address:** 1408 Franklin Street, Vancouver

**Speech to speech relay:** (800) 833-6384

# Be an informed voter. Here's how.

There are many sources of information for citizens wishing to know more about candidates, issues, and coverage of the upcoming August 16 primary.



## Read all about it

- **The Columbian**  
[www.columbian.com](http://www.columbian.com)
- **The Oregonian**  
[www.oregonlive.com/elections/](http://www.oregonlive.com/elections/)
- **The Camas/Washougal Post Record**  
[www.camaspstrecord.com](http://www.camaspstrecord.com)
- **The Reflector**  
[www.thereflector.com](http://www.thereflector.com)



## League of Women Voters

For a schedule of events or candidate forums, see their website at [www.washingtonvoter.org](http://www.washingtonvoter.org) or call (360) 693-9966.

## Watch cable TV

CVTV Clark-Vancouver Television on Comcast cable channels 21 and 23. Election coverage will include candidate forums and interviews of candidates in various races. See TV listings in *The Columbian*, cable channel 2, and the CVTV website, [www.cvtv.org](http://www.cvtv.org) or call (360) 696-8233.

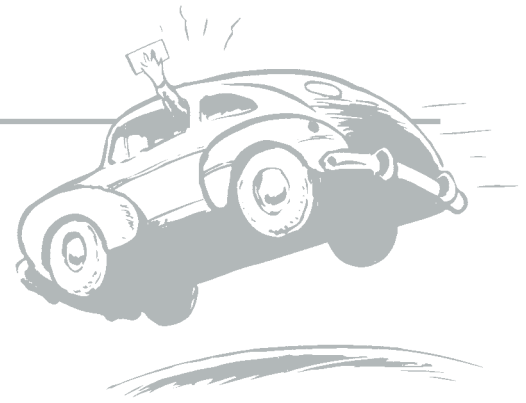
If you do not have cable TV you can obtain video tapes of any program at any Fort Vancouver Regional Library branch or from CVTV.



## Look online

- Information about candidates for statewide offices can be found on the Secretary of State's website at [www.secstate.wa.gov/elections](http://www.secstate.wa.gov/elections).
- Election coverage can be found on the Clark County Elections Department website at <http://clarkvotes.org>.
- The Fort Vancouver Regional Library has computers with Internet connections available for public use.

# Ballot drop locations



If you wish to return your voted ballot in person before the primary, August 16, take it to the:

■ **Clark County Elections Department**

1408 Franklin Street, Vancouver. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you lose your ballot or it becomes damaged, you can obtain a replacement ballot only at this location.

■ **Red permanent ballot drop box**

West 14th and Esther streets, Vancouver (one-half block east of the Elections Department). *Available 24 hours a day.*

**Election Day is Tuesday, August 16, 2011.** If you wish to return your voted ballot in person on Election Day take it to the red ballot drop box before 8 p.m.

In addition, election workers will be present to accept completed ballots only on Election Day from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at these locations:

**Clark County Elections Department**

1408 Franklin Street, Vancouver

**Burton Elementary School**

14015 NE 28th Street, Vancouver

**Crestline Elementary School**

13003 SE 7th Street, Vancouver

**Dorothy Fox Elementary School**

2623 NE Sierra Street, Camas

**Eleanor Roosevelt Elementary School**

2921 Falk Road, Vancouver

**Ellsworth Elementary School**

512 SE Ellsworth Avenue, Vancouver

**Fisher's Landing Elementary School**

3800 SE Hiddenbrook Drive, Vancouver

**Grace Foursquare Gospel Church**

717 SE Everett Road, Camas

**Helen Baller Elementary School**

1954 NE Garfield Street, Camas

**Image Elementary School**

4400 NE 122nd Avenue, Vancouver

**Lincoln Elementary School**

4200 Daniels Street, Vancouver

**M.L. King Elementary School**

4801 Idaho Street, Vancouver

**Mill Plain Elementary School**

400 SE 164th Avenue, Vancouver

**Minnehaha Elementary School**

2800 NE 54th Street, Vancouver

**Prune Hill Elementary School**

1601 NW Tidland Street, Camas

**Ridgefield Nazarene Church**

747 Pioneer Street, Ridgefield

**Riverview Elementary School**

12601 SE Riveridge Drive, Vancouver

**Washougal Community Center**

1681 C Street, Washougal

**Yacolt Primary School**

406 W Yacolt Road, Yacolt



# Voting instructions

Your ballot packet will be mailed to you about 20 days before the August 16 primary. It will contain:

- An instruction sheet that explains the voting process.
- The official ballot where you will mark your choices (it will be folded).
- A yellow secrecy envelope with instructions printed on it.
- A return affidavit envelope with green stripes that is addressed to the county Auditor.

To make sure your vote is counted please follow the steps below when you receive your ballot package.

- 1 Read the following instructions** that explain how to vote in this election.
- 2 Unfold and read the ballot.** It contains all the races and ballot measures that you can vote.
- 3 Mark your ballot by completely filling in the box to the left of your choice with a black or blue ink pen.**

*Example:*  
 Candidate C has been chosen in the Mayor race, and Candidate D has been chosen in the Council Position race. One candidate has been marked in each race and the box is filled in completely.

CITY OF VANCOUVER	
MAYOR	
Nonpartisan Full Four Year Term Vote For One	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Candidate A
<input type="checkbox"/>	Candidate B
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Candidate C
<input type="checkbox"/>	Write-in
COUNCIL POSITION NO. 1	
Nonpartisan Full Four Year Term Vote For One	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Candidate D
<input type="checkbox"/>	Candidate E
<input type="checkbox"/>	Candidate F
<input type="checkbox"/>	Candidate G
<input type="checkbox"/>	Write-in

**4** *Optional.* If you want to vote for a candidate not appearing on the ballot, completely fill in the box to the left of the Write-In choice and use the line provided.

**5** **Check your ballot to be sure you have voted for all the candidates and measures you intended.** Make sure you voted for only one candidate in each race. If you vote for more than one candidate, your votes in that race will be rejected. Your other votes will be counted if they are done correctly.

**If you make a mistake marking your ballot**, draw a line through the entire candidate's name as shown below. You then have the option of making another choice.

Full Two Year Term VOTE FOR ONE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Candidate D
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<del>Candidate E</del>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Write-in

**6** **Refold the ballot in the same way you received it and place it inside the yellow secrecy envelope.** Then seal it. Don't write on this envelope.

**7** **Place the yellow secrecy envelope into the white affidavit envelope with green stripes.**

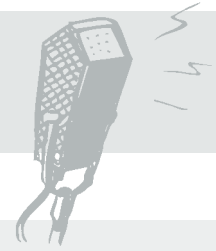
**8** **Read the oath on the affidavit envelope, and then sign and date it.**

**9** **Seal the envelope and put a first class stamp (44¢) on the envelope and mail it so it is postmarked no later than August 16 .**

You may also deliver your envelope in person. Please turn to page 4 for information about ballot deposit locations.

If you need help, call the Elections Department at (360) 397-2345.

# Candidate statements



## City of Vancouver Nonpartisan

### COUNCIL POSITION NO. 6



#### Pat Campbell

During my first term Council worked as a team with staff triaging severely declining finances while moving the CRC project, vital to our future, forward. We broadened the citizen engagement process while working through some difficulties with those who would hijack it.

Personally, I've worked on improving and protecting our air and water quality, using the capacity of our waste treatment resources more

fully, improving neighborhood equity in our city services, promoting transparency, and supporting police reform.

I can be direct when necessary.

I receive no campaign contributions. I have no special interests to appease.

Your thoughtful vote is appreciated.

**Phone:** (360) 904-0815;

**Website:** [www.patservesus.com](http://www.patservesus.com)



#### Bill Turlay

Annually the City of Vancouver has paid \$10 million interest on debt servicing, while committing to more expensive obligations and tax revenue bonds. We cannot invest in our future by "borrowing" from parks, police, fire and road funds, jeopardizing our basic core services. Difficult economic times demand prioritizing projects according to *need not want!*

Improving our neighborhoods, our safety, and developing a more favorable business climate are

my highest priorities.

City council must be held accountable and transparent through FOIA laws.

*Yes for Turlay* means back to core services and "back to basics."

**Address:** Committee to Elect Bill Turlay, PO Box 871313, Vancouver 98687;

**Phone:** (360) 608-4689;

**E-mail:** [bill.turlay@mail.com](mailto:bill.turlay@mail.com);

**Website:** [www.turlay4citycouncil.com](http://www.turlay4citycouncil.com)



#### Anne McEnery-Ogle

It would be an honor and privilege to serve the citizens of Vancouver as a council member.

I'm committed to: keeping our taxes low with an efficient government; ensuring that public safety remains a priority; planning our community's economic future by working with our current business owners; giving our families and neighborhoods a voice to protect our Pacific Northwest values.

With your help we can enhance and improve

Vancouver as a great place to live, work, shop, and play.

My commitment to the people is reflected in my 37 years of community and volunteer service. I ask for your vote.

**Address:** McEnery-Ogle For Council, 1701 Broadway #309, Vancouver 98663;

**Phone:** (360) 695-5124;

**E-mail:** [anne@annecan.com](mailto:anne@annecan.com);

**Website:** [www.annecan.com](http://www.annecan.com)

## COUNCIL POSITION NO. 2



### Caryn Plinski

I am a proud wife and mother of three who has a vested interest in keeping our small town atmosphere while improving our employment and business opportunities. Advancing lower tax rates, promoting fiscal responsibility and government transparency, are keys to our community's future. I feel it is necessary to increase collaboration between the city and our schools to find mutual cost savings. As a small business owner, I bring excellent negotiating, relationship building,

and conflict resolution skills to the table. I want to be your voice on city council, and I ask for your vote. God bless our city.



### George Kolin

You need a representative, not a special-interest politician. We are facing higher taxes, water and sewer fees, unemployment, and an unsustainable budget. Our city must live within its means, avoid debt, hold accountable public officials who profit at our expense, and cut taxes for the sake of creating jobs.

As an Attorney, I have dedicated my life to representing many in our community. As your Councilman, accountability will be my guide as I

defend you, the Taxpayer, from the abuse of the public trust.

Read more at [www.wakolin.com](http://www.wakolin.com).

May God bless you and our city.

**Address:** George Kolin, PO Box 173, Washougal 98671;

**Phone:** (360) 835-8101;

**E-mail:** [wakolin@comcast.net](mailto:wakolin@comcast.net);

**Website:** <http://www.wakolin.com>



### Rodney P. Morris

For 33 years Washougal has not only been my home but my passion. During that time I have had the honor to serve our community as a volunteer firefighter. I support the need to keep our city alive by bringing passion, integrity, honesty and maturity to the council. I believe in city government and the message that citizens send to our city leaders. There is still much work to be done to move our city in the direction to

continue growth and harmony. I have the experience and most importantly the desire to work for you the citizens of Washougal.

**Address:** Rodney P. Morris, 4050 Addy Street, Washougal 98671;

**Phone:** (360) 835-9604



### Mike Moreau

Like you, I am proud of Washougal. However, past scandals involving Mayors and Council Members have sullied our reputation in the region. Such behavior is unacceptable. I will be a City Council Member that honors your trust by protecting Washougal's reputation. We must attract new business partners, more visitors, more shoppers, and revenue dollars to stabilize our economy and create jobs. We must change course in order to move our city forward. I have a strong public

safety and business background to guide my decision making as your City Councilman. I ask for your vote and God's blessing.

**Phone:** (360) 844-5647;

**E-mail:** [gowashougal@gmail.com](mailto:gowashougal@gmail.com)

# City of Washougal Nonpartisan

## COUNCIL POSITION NO. 5

### Mark Rohr

I am very interested in bringing the smaller communities together and making it known that these communities are here and we are a powerful force. It seems to me like Vancouver thinks that they are the only ones in Clark County. We have a voice too here in Washougal. I would also like to preserve the neighborhood spirit that we have in Washougal, that is one of the reasons I love living in Washougal. I hope I can help bring this community together.

*No photo submitted*

**Phone:** (360) 210-7689;

**E-mail:** marmir72@comcast.net



### Niki Anderson

As a fifth-generation Washougal resident, I care about Washougal and its future.

I want to be part of the decision-making process in Washougal. I feel like Washougal is losing some of its small-town appeal and I want to be part of recapturing that.

I have chosen to live in Washougal, raising my children. Now I want to help ensure that Washougal remains the wonderful community it is for all our citizens and future generations.

That includes keeping rates and fees at affordable levels.

I truly love Washougal.

I ask for your support.

**E-mail:** Niki4council@gmail.com



### Jennifer McDaniel

Washougal has experienced challenges. Through hard work, planning and cooperation, we're moving forward in a positive way. We've prioritized and cut spending without raising taxes on our citizens to get us through the recession. Our Economic Development Association is formed and will bring additional jobs; E Street is nearly complete to provide a safer, more efficient and attractive thoroughfare. Washougal is moving forward and I am honored to play a role in this. As

your City Councilwoman, I will continue to work hard for Washougal. With your vote, together we can keep our positive momentum moving forward.

**Phone:** (360) 513-4559;

**E-mail:** jennifer@snowskibums.com;

**Website:** <http://www.ElectJennifer.org>



## COUNCIL POSITION NO. 7



### Hugh Roberts

In the early 1980s I created the Washougal police department, and then reorganized another department in Eastern Washington. In 1994, our family returned to Washougal. Being fiscally cautious, I believe the community should not have to pay for the mistakes of its elected officials. This is not the time to burden the taxpayers with ill-advised projects. I strongly support our outstanding fire and police departments as well as other hard working city employees.

I believe in character, integrity, and promoting a well-rounded community. I would be honored to serve my fellow citizens as a member of the Washougal City Council.

**Address:** 830 "H" Street, Washougal 98671;

**Phone:** (360) 335-9691



### Molly Coston

Washougal needs leadership that listens and considers all views as it makes decisions that continue to move Washougal toward a bright future. My experienced leadership is based on listening, gathering information, and being a positive force in shaping solid, reasonable decisions that reflect the needs of all our citizens.

I have a well-known, well-documented track record of providing such leadership. I will continue to build consensus to achieve positive

outcomes in my service to our community, ensuring and improving our quality of life. It has been, and is, a privilege to serve the people of Washougal, my friends and neighbors.

**Address:** Elect Molly Coston, PO Box 1284, Washougal 98671;

**Phone:** (360) 903-7912;

**E-mail:** mollycoston@gmail.com;

**Website:** www.mollycoston.com



### Connie Jo Freeman

I want Washougal to be a "one city" economic recovery story. We can achieve this goal with the right team in place on city council. Government must create an atmosphere where businesses can thrive and produce jobs. We must lower taxes, fees and burdensome regulations on business. It also means curbing high water-sewer bills to put more money in the pockets of our residents. It's time for a new era in Washougal; an era of priority spending and accountability. My

background is in education administration and private business. I ask for your vote. God bless.

**E-mail:** conniejofreeman@gmail.com;

**Website:** ConnieJoforcouncil.com

# Town of Yacolt Nonpartisan

## MAYOR



### James Weldon

As Mayor I will work with the Town Council to fulfill audit recommendations, oversee financial decisions, work within our budget, find creative solutions to the challenges unique to our community, continue Community Events, and restore public trust in our elected officials and town policies. With years of experience as Mayor and former councilman, and a balance of Servant Leadership and integrity I will represent the citizens and restore their right to express themselves

and their concerns. I invite you to join me on an exciting and challenging journey to a promising future for Yacolt and its citizens.

**Address:** James L. Weldon, 604 N Hubbard Avenue, Yacolt 98675;

**Phone:** (360) 907-1037



### Skip Bengel

As a lifelong resident and committed community member of Yacolt, I seek your support. With the economic downturn, I have concepts to improve and promote Yacolt financially and environmentally.

A Mayor should be involved in their community; I'm a current and former City Council Member, an active member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, I've dedicated 18 years to the North Clark County

Little League and participate in the Relay For Life.

With my strong desire to serve the needs of the people, I believe it's time to advance and make a change for the future.

**Address:** PO Box 245, Yacolt 98675;

**Phone:** (360) 607-2117



### Jeff Carothers

Hi my name is Jeff Carothers; I'm a retired U.S. Marine with 21 years of service. I'm a proven Leader who believes in Honesty and Integrity. I have married for 20 years with three boys. I have been an active volunteer in town events and regularly attend the town council meetings. Yacolt is a great place to live and raise a family. We need to continue moving the town forward in a positive manner listening to our citizens. Let's

move forward together with Leadership, Honesty and Integrity.

Thank you, Jeff Carothers

**Address:** 102 E Humphrey Street, Yacolt 98675;

**E-mail:** jcarothers@vzw.blackberry.net

## SCHOOL DIRECTOR, DISTRICT NO. 2

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### Brad Bauges

*No photo or statement submitted*



### Joe Vance

My wife and I moved to Ridgefield in 1998. One of the main reasons we chose Ridgefield was because of its great schools. We love Ridgefield and its schools. However, the school district faces many difficult challenges that, depending on how they are handled, will impact the quality and reputation of our schools. I am running to serve as a school director because I want to help ensure that our schools remain among the best in the state.

Experience: Partner with law firm Miller Nash LLP; years of service on nonprofit boards; volunteer youth sports coach; father of seven children.

**Phone:** (360) 887-4249;

**E-mail:** josephvance@mac.com



### Wendi Morris

I am deeply committed to ensuring quality educational experiences for all students in the Ridgefield School District. I will continue to advocate practices that will ensure every student reaches their maximum academic potential. It is imperative that we continue to balance the financial needs of our district with the expectations of our community.

As Ridgefield continues to grow, it is critical that we focus on long term facilities planning,

while maintaining a safe learning environment for all students.

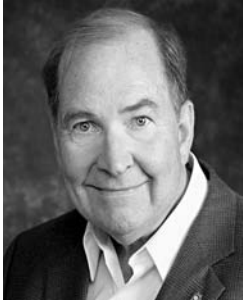
Academic excellence is a gift we leave our children and I am committed to continuing the tradition of excellence in Ridgefield schools.

**Phone:** (360) 608-6266;

**E-mail:** wendimorris@comcast.net

# Camas – Washougal Port District

## COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT NO. 2



### Bill Ward

As your current Port of Camas-Washougal Commissioner Bill Ward has increased public involvement, established a vision for the future, avoided tax increases and promoted economic development in partnership with both cities. He has aggressively worked to protect the Parkersville Historic Site, Marina Park and the waterfront. Bill will continue to keep the Port serving everyone through building alliances, creating jobs, expanding recreational opportunities,

increasing access to the river and enhancing the quality of community life.

Bill is a professional engineer, manages his own business and is active in Rotary and international technical groups. Keep Bill working for us all.

**Website:** [www.electbillward.com](http://www.electbillward.com)



### Neil T. Cahoon

We need to manage public money better. I'll be the strongest advocate for Port taxpayers. Just like all of us in the private sector have been forced to do, the Port must do more with less money. I'll fight for an open, transparent Port that listens to you and keeps spending under control. Quality of life starts with a job. My focus is bringing family wage jobs to our Port. With your vote, together we will make a difference!

Neil Cahoon, Maj. USAF Retired, is a graduate of the Air Force Academy and has lived in Camas for 20 years.

**Address:** 26300 NE Third Street, Camas 98607;

**Phone:** (360) 600-0239;

**E-mail:** [NeilCahoon@comcast.net](mailto:NeilCahoon@comcast.net);

**Website:** [ElectNeilCahoon.com](http://ElectNeilCahoon.com)



### David Luse

As your Port Commissioner, I will champion the effort to bring new economic development opportunities to all areas of our Port. We need more taxpayers, not higher taxes. We need private business in our community, not more government. I'll be an honest and frugal steward of your tax dollars, as my wife Sally and I are on our own.

Camas for 27 years, and we care greatly about our community and its future. Please vote for me to improve your Port's operations.

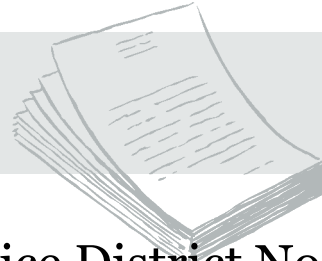
**Address:** 813 NE 267th Avenue, Camas 98607;

**Phone:** (360) 834-6178;

**E-mail:** [dluse@iglide.net](mailto:dluse@iglide.net)

I'm a proud US Military Veteran and a retired Forester. Sally and I have owned our home in

# Ballot measure



## Clark County Emergency Medical Service District No. 1

### PROPOSITION NO. 1

#### EMERGENCY MEDICAL PROGRAM EXCESS LEVY

The Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Washington, as governing body for the Clark County Emergency Medical Service District No. 1, adopted Resolution No. 2011-05-16, referring to the voters a proposition to allow the electors of Clark County Emergency Medical Service District No. 1 to authorize a one-year excess levy to be made in 2011 for collection in 2012 in the total amount of \$1,226,935, at an approximate tax rate of \$1.10 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, with the proceeds of such excess levy to be used for maintenance, operation and staff salaries for the North Country Emergency Medical Service for an estimated three (3) year period. Should this tax levy be approved?

TAX LEVY...YES

TAX LEVY...NO

#### Explanatory statement

Clark County Emergency Medical Services District #1 seeks voter approval to impose an excess property tax levy in an approximate amount of one dollar and ten cents (\$1.10) per thousand dollars of assessed value of property in the District to be collected in the year 2012. The tax revenue would be used for the provision of emergency medical care or emergency medical services for an estimated three (3) year period.

### Statement for:

Keep your ambulance, vote yes!

North Country EMS (NCEMS), a local government entity, has been the provider of paramedic ambulance service to north Clark County and southeast Cowlitz County since 1976.

*This is not a new tax!* This is a continuation of previous voter approved excess levies, and is a decrease from \$1.41 to \$1.10 per thousand dollars assessed valuation (AV). This levy maintains ambulance staffing of 2 ambulances 24/7. NCEMS has a proven record of being responsible stewards of the public funds entrusted to them.

Current revenue sources and tax limitations prevent NCEMS from keeping up with rising costs of emergency vehicle maintenance, fuel, medical supplies, and insurance. Special excess levies are our only revenue source option for offsetting funding deficits.

Voters approved a 3 year excess levy in 2002 for \$1.50, which lasted 4 years. Voters again approved a 3 year excess levy in 2006, this time for \$1.41 which also lasted 4 years.

For 2011, the NCEMS Administrative Board decided to use reserve funds to balance the budget. This was the responsible thing to do with reserves; however, this is *unsustainable*.

It's necessary for a continuation of the previous excess levies, but at a lower rate of \$1.10. The one time collection will be in 2012, then used over the following three years. This allows NCEMS to continue at its current service level.

Excess levies require 60 percent voter approval. It is critical we maintain our current ambulance staffing and everyone votes yes!

Written by:  
Ben Peeler

*No statement against was submitted.*



# Ballot measure



## Town of Yacolt Emergency Medical Service District No. 1

### PROPOSITION NO. 1

#### EMERGENCY MEDICAL PROGRAM EXCESS LEVY

The Town Council, Town of Yacolt, Clark County, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 449, referring to the voters a proposition to allow the electors of the Town of Yacolt, to authorize a one-year excess levy to be made in 2011 for the collection in 2012 in the total amount of \$85,226, at an approximate tax rate of \$1.10 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, with the proceeds of such excess levy to be used for maintenance, operation and staff salaries for the North Country Emergency Medical Service for an estimated three (3) year period. Should this tax levy be approved?

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For 2011, the NCEMS Administrative Board decided to use reserve funds to balance the budget. This was the responsible thing to do with reserves; however, this is *unsustainable*.

It's necessary for a continuation of the previous excess levies, but at a lower rate of \$1.10. The one time collection will be in 2012, then used over the following three years. This allows NCEMS to continue at its current service level.

Excess levies require 60 percent voter approval. It is critical we maintain our current ambulance staffing and everyone votes yes!

Written by:  
Ben Peeler

*No statement against was submitted.*

# Complete text of measures

## Clark County Emergency Medical Service District No. 1

### PROPOSITION NO. 1

#### EMERGENCY MEDICAL PROGRAM EXCESS LEVY

##### RESOLUTION NO. 2011-05-16

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of Clark County Emergency Medical Service, District No. 1, Clark County, Washington, is proposing submission to the voters of the District at an election to be held therein on August 16, 2011, a proposition authorizing a levy to be made in 2011 for collection in 2012 upon all taxable property within the District of \$1,226,935, the estimated cost to be approximately \$1.10 per \$1,000 assessed valuation in excess of the maximum tax levy specified by law for Emergency Medical Service Districts without a vote of the electors for the General Fund of the District. The proceeds of the levy are to be used for operating funds, maintenance and salaries of the North Country Emergency Medical Service for an estimated period of three (3) years; and

WHEREAS, it is certain that the money which will be available for 2012-2014 will be insufficient to pay the costs of the Medical Program and to meet the other general expenses of the Emergency Medical Service District and that an additional tax levy of \$1,226,935 needs to be made for the purposes outlined above; and

WHEREAS, this situation requires that an election be held in the District; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, as Governing Board of Clark County Emergency Medical Service District No. 1, as follows:

**Section 1.** It is hereby found and declared that a need exists requiring the calling of an election, and the County Auditor of Clark County, Ex-Officio supervisor of elections for said County, is hereby requested to find and declare the existence of such need. The Auditor is further requested and directed to call and conduct an election in the District in the manner provided by law to be held therein on August 16, 2011 between the hours of 7:00 am and 8:00 pm (D.T.) for the purpose of submitting to the electors of the District for their approval or rejection the question whether or not a tax levy shall be made in 2011 for collection in 2012 upon all the taxable property of the District for the General Fund of the District of \$1,226,935 (the estimated cost to be approximately \$1.10 per \$1,000 assessed valuation) in excess of the maximum tax levy provided by law for Emergency Medical Service Districts without a vote of the electors of the District, the proceeds thereof to be used for the sole purpose of continuing the operation, maintenance, and the staff salaries of the North Country Emergency Medical Service for an estimated three (3) year period.

**Section 2.** The "Ballot Title" of the aforesaid proposition shall be as follows:

##### PROPOSITION NO. 1

#### EMERGENCY MEDICAL PROGRAM EXCESS LEVY

The Board of County Commissioners of Clark County, Washington, as governing body for the Clark County Emergency Medical Service District No. 1, adopted Resolution No. 2011-05-16, referring to the voters a proposition to allow the electors of Clark County Emergency

Medical Service District No. 1 to authorize a one-year excess levy to be made in 2011 for collection in 2012 in the total amount of \$1,226,935, at an approximate tax rate of \$1.10 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, with the proceeds of such excess levy to be used for maintenance, operation and staff salaries for the North Country Emergency Medical Service for an estimated three (3) year period. Should this tax levy be approved?

TAX LEVY...YES

TAX LEVY...NO

**Section 3.** The Clerk of the District is directed to certify to the County Auditor of Clark County, Ex-Officio supervisor of elections of said County, a copy of this Resolution showing its adoption by the Board of Commissioners, at least 45 days prior to the date of such election, and to perform such other duties as are necessary or required by law to the end that the question of whether or not said excess tax levy shall be made as herein provided for shall be submitted to the voters of Emergency Medical Service District No. 1 at the aforesaid election.

ADOPTED this 10th day of May, 2011.

Board of Commissioners  
of Clark County, Washington  
Tom Mielke, Chairman  
Marc Boldt, Commissioner

Attest:

Rebecca Tilton  
Clerk of the Board

Approved as to Form:  
Christopher Horne for the  
Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

## Town of Yacolt Emergency Medical Service District No. 1

### PROPOSITION NO. 1

#### EMERGENCY MEDICAL PROGRAM EXCESS LEVY

##### RESOLUTION No. 449

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Yacolt, Clark County, Washington, is proposing submission to the voters of the District at an election to be held therein on August 16, 2011, a proposition authorizing a levy to be made in 2011 for collection in 2012 upon all taxable property within the District of \$85,226, the estimated cost to be approximately \$1.10 per \$1,000 assessed valuation in excess of the maximum tax levy specified by law for Emergency Medical Service Districts without a vote of the electors for the General Fund of the District. The proceeds of the levy are to be used for operating funds, maintenance and salaries of the North Country Emergency Medical Service for an estimated period of three (3) years; and

WHEREAS, it is certain that the money which will be available for 2012-2014 will be insufficient to pay the costs of the Medical Program and to meet the other general expenses of the Emergency Medical Service District and that an additional tax levy of \$85,226 needs to be made for the purpose outlined above; and

WHEREAS, this situation requires that an election be held in the



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District; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council, Town of Yacolt, Clark County, Washington, as follows:

Section 1. It is hereby found and declared that a need exists requiring the calling of an election, and the County Auditor of Clark County, Ex-Officio supervisor of elections for said County, is hereby requested to find and declare the existence of such need. The Auditor is further requested and directed to call and conduct an election in the District in the manner provided by law to be held therein August 16, 2011 between the hours of 7:00am and 8:00pm (D.T.) for the purpose of submitting to the electors of the District for their approval or rejection the question whether or not a tax levy shall be made in 2011 for collection in 2012 upon all the taxable property of the District for the General Fund of the District of \$85,226 (the estimated cost to be approximately \$1.10 per \$1,000 assessed valuation) in excess of the maximum tax levy provided by law for Emergency Medical Service Districts without a vote of the electors of the District, the proceeds thereof to be used for the sole purpose of continuing the operation, maintenance, and the staff salaries of the North Country Emergency Medical Service for an estimated three (3) year period.

Section 2. The "Ballot Title" of the aforesaid proposition shall be as follows:

**PROPOSITION NO. 1**

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL PROGRAM EXCESS LEVY**

The Town Council, Town of Yacolt, Clark County, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 449, referring to the voters a proposition to allow the electors of the Town of Yacolt, to authorize a one-year excess levy to be made in 2011 for the collection in 2012 in the total

amount of \$85,226, at an approximate tax rate of \$1.10 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, with the proceeds of such excess levy to be used for maintenance, operation and staff salaries for the North Country Emergency Medical Service for an estimated three (3) year period. Should this tax levy be approved?

TAX LEVY...YES

TAX LEVY...NO

Section 3. The Clerk of the Town of Yacolt is directed to certify to the County Auditor of Clark County, Ex-Officio supervisor of elections of said County, a copy of this Resolution showing its adoption by the Town Council, at least 45 days prior to the date of such election, and to perform such other duties as are necessary or required by law to the end that the question of whether or not said excess tax levy shall be made as herein provided for shall be submitted to the voters of Emergency Medical Service District No. 1 at the aforesaid election.

PASSED by the Town Council of the Town of Yacolt, Washington, at a regular meeting thereof this 2nd day of May, 2011.

TOWN OF YACOLT  
James Weldon, Mayor

Attest:

Cindy Marbut, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

Approved as to Form:

David W. Ridenour, Town Attorney