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**Official local
voters' pamphlet
for Clark County**

*Vote.
Let your
voice
be heard.*

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**General election
November 4, 2008**



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CAN BE FOUND ON PAGES 90 TO 92.**

Dear Clark County Voter,

Writer Isaac Asimov's observation that "the only constant is change" certainly applies to the administration of elections since 2000. During the last eight years, almost every aspect of conducting elections in Clark County has changed. Most recently, as a result of a voter-approved initiative, candidates appearing on this year's general election ballot were selected using the Top 2 Primary system.

In marked contrast to past years when we used the "pick-a-party" primary, Clark County voters appear to be very pleased with the Top 2 Primary. A recent poll of voters across the state showed that almost 71 percent preferred the Top 2 Primary, with 20 percent preferring the pick-a-party system and the rest saying "neither" or not responding. I hope we will be able to continue using the Top 2 Primary system for many, many years.

Successful candidates from this upcoming general election will make decisions that will affect you and future generations. You will also find on your ballot several initiatives and, depending on where you live, local issues which if passed will have a direct and immediate impact on citizens, our community and state.

The privilege and responsibility of voters in our system of self government are humbling in their power. I urge you to read this pamphlet but also to seek out more information. The best decisions are made by informed voters.

Sincerely,



Greg Kimsey
Clark County Auditor

Participating jurisdictions:

Clark County, Public Utility District No. 1 of Clark County, Fire Protection District No. 12, Ridgefield Transportation Benefit District.

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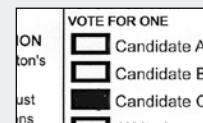
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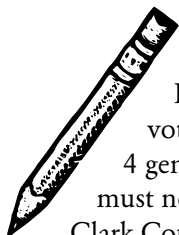
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A reminder to vote: It's really simple



Registering to vote

In order to register to vote for the November 4 general election you must now go in person to the Clark County Elections Department located at 1408 Franklin Street, Vancouver. By the time you receive this pamphlet, the deadline for registering by mail or online will have passed. You can now only register in person at the Elections Department, open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. In-person registration ends at 5 p.m., Monday, October 20.

Who is eligible to vote

The requirements for registering to vote are simple. You must be a United States citizen, 18 years or older by Election Day, 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 86) 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!

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

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

Street address: 1408 Franklin Street, Vancouver

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 November 4 general election.

Read all about it.

■ The Columbian.

Web site:

www.columbian.com.



■ The Oregonian.

Web site: www.oregonlive.com/elections/

■ The Camas/Washougal Post Record.

Web site: www.camaspostrecord.com.

■ The Reflector.

Web site: www.thereflector.com.

League of Women Voters

For a schedule of events or candidate forums, see their Web site at www.washingtonvoter.org or call (360) 693-9966.

Cable TV

CVTV Clark-Vancouver Television on Comcast cable channel 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 Web site, 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.



Surf the Internet.

■ Information about candidates for



statewide offices can be found on the Secretary of State's Web site at www.secstate.wa.gov/elections.

■ Election coverage can be found on the Clark County Elections Department Web site at <http://clarkvotes.org>.

■ The Fort Vancouver Regional Library has computers with Internet connections available for public use.



Ballot drop-off locations

If you wish to return your voted ballot in person **before Election Day**, take it to the:

■ **Clark County Elections Office**
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 Office).
Available 24 hours a day

Election Day is Tuesday, November 4, 2008. 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 Office
1408 Franklin Street, Vancouver

Battle Ground City Hall
109 SW 1st Street, Battle Ground

Battle Ground High School
300 W Main Street, Battle Ground

Burton Elementary School
14015 NE 28th Street, Vancouver

Chinook Elementary School
1900 NW Bliss Road, Vancouver

Crestline Elementary School
13003 SE 7th Street, Vancouver

Dorothy Fox Elementary School
2623 NW Sierra Street, Camas

Eleanor Roosevelt Elementary School
2921 Falk Road, Vancouver

Felida Elementary School
2700 NW 119th Street, Vancouver

Fisher's Landing Elementary School
3800 SE Hiddenbrook Drive, Vancouver

Glenwood Heights Primary School
9716 NE 134th Street, Vancouver

Grace Foursquare Gospel Church
717 SE Everett Road, Camas

Hazel Dell Elementary School
511 NE Anderson Road, Vancouver

Helen Baller Elementary School
1954 NE Garfield Street, Camas

Hockinson Middle School
15916 NE 182nd Avenue, Brush Prairie

Image Elementary School
4400 NE 122nd Avenue, Vancouver

La Center Community Center
1000 E 4th Street, La Center

Lieser Early Childhood Center
301 S Lieser Road, 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

Pleasant Valley School
14320 NE 50th Avenue, Vancouver

Prune Hill Elementary School
1601 NW Tidland Street, Camas

Ridgefield Nazarene Church
747 Pioneer Avenue, Ridgefield

Riverview Elementary School
12601 SE Riveridge Drive, Vancouver

Salmon Creek Elementary School
1601 NE 129th Street, Vancouver

Sarah J. Anderson Elementary School
2215 NE 104th Street, Vancouver

Sifton Elementary School
7301 NE 137th Avenue, Vancouver

Sunset Elementary School
9001 NE 95th Street, Vancouver

Vancouver School of Arts and Academics
3101 Main Street, Vancouver

Walnut Grove Elementary School
6103 NE 72nd Avenue, 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 November 4 general election. 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 resolutions 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 B has been chosen in the U.S. Representative race, and Candidate C has been chosen in the Governor race.

One candidate has been marked in each race and the box is filled in completely.

	FEDERAL PARTISAN OFFICE
	3RD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
	U.S. Representative Vote For One
ON on's st is this aw?	<input type="checkbox"/> Candidate A (Prefers Democratic Party) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Candidate B (Prefers Republican Party) <input type="checkbox"/> Write-in
	STATE PARTISAN OFFICE
	GOVERNOR Vote For One
ON of ons ate is or	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Candidate C (Prefers Democratic Party) <input type="checkbox"/> Candidate D (Prefers G.O.P Party) <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. If you cast a write-in vote for a partisan office be sure to include the candidate's political party.

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.

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 Open the flap on the affidavit envelope, read the oath, and then sign and date it.

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.

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

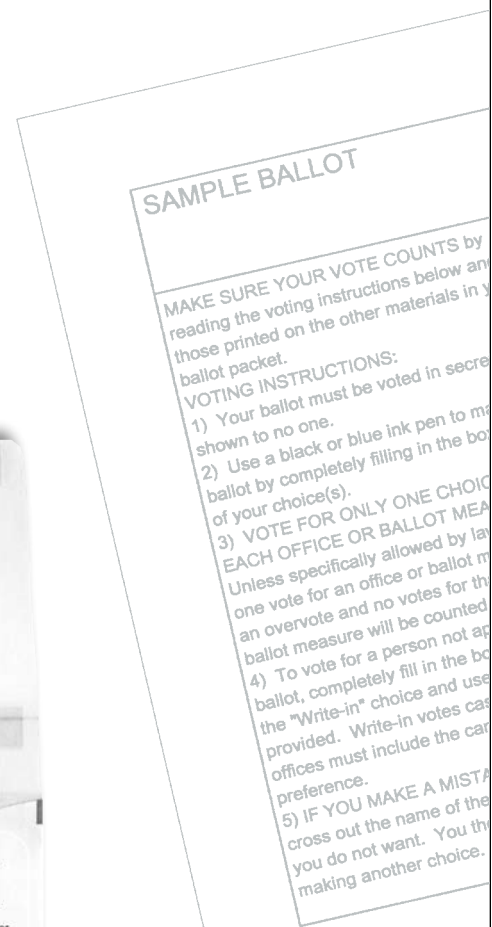
9 To fold the affidavit envelope please follow these instructions carefully.

- Start with the front of the envelope facing down and the flap open. See (a) below.
- You will see two glue strips. These need to be lightly moistened.
- Fold the flap over, and press firmly over the glue strips. See (b) below.

10 Put a first class stamp (42¢) on the envelope and mail it so it is postmarked no later than November 4.

You may also deliver your envelope in person. Please turn to page 85 for information about ballot drop locations.

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



(a)

Glue strips

Are you currently a member of the United States military or temporarily living or visiting overseas?

Yes, I am a member of the United States military or

Yes, I am living or visiting overseas

If you are a member of the military or living overseas, you can have your ballot sent directly to you. Just mark the correct box above and print your name and new address on the following lines:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Please be sure to seal this envelope using both of the adhesive strips provided, one to be found at the top of this flap and the other to be found near the bottom.

AFFIDAVIT OF VOTER

I do solemnly swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that:

- I am a citizen of the United States;
- I am a legal resident of the state of Washington;
- I will be at least 18 years old on or before election day;
- I am not presently denied my voting rights as a result of being convicted of a felony;
- I have not been judicially declared mentally incompetent;
- I have not already voted in this election; and

● I understand it is illegal to cast a ballot or sign a ballot envelope on behalf of another voter.

Attempting to vote when not qualified, attempting to vote more than once, or falsely signing this oath is a felony punishable by a maximum imprisonment of five years, a maximum fine of \$10,000, or both.

Voter's Signature _____
(Signature of Voter - Sign as Registered)

Date Voted _____ Telephone _____

If you are unable to sign your name, you may mark an "X" on the signature line above and have it witnessed by two other people using the two signature lines below. Signatures made by using "Power of Attorney" are NOT valid.

1. Signature of witness required if voter uses a mark (X) _____

2. Signature of witness required if voter uses a mark (X) _____

(b)

IMPORTANT! Before you seal this envelope remember to sign and date it. Failure to Sign and Date the oath on this envelope may invalidate your ballot.

Your ballot **must** either be mailed and postmarked on or before Election Day or delivered to the Elections Office, 1408 Franklin Street before 8 PM on Election Day. On Election Day only one or more ballot deposit locations will be open from 7 AM until 8 PM to accept your voted ballot. The "Voting Instructions" sheet included with your ballot gives the complete listing of ballot deposit locations and addresses.

For further assistance see the enclosed "Voting Instructions" sheet or call the Clark County Elections Office at (360) 397-2345.

First Class postage is required.

Accessible voting

Using the eSlate

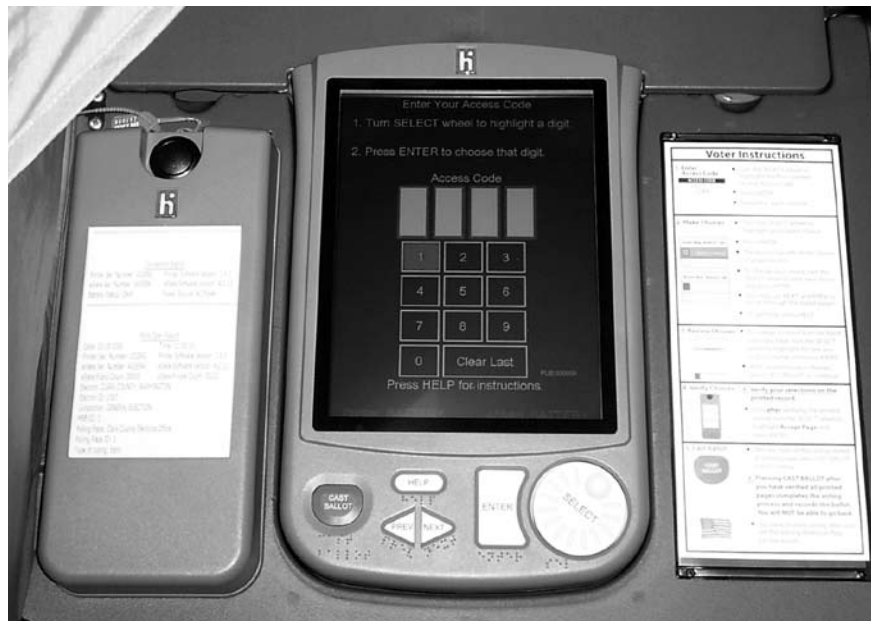
Clark County voters with disabilities now have the option of casting a truly secret ballot using an accessible voting unit.

The new eSlate accessible voting unit is a direct record electronic machine that allows voters with disabilities, including those who are blind, mobility impaired or lack upper-body dexterity, to vote privately and independently. The eSlate is in a booth that is wheelchair accessible. The photos to the right are of the eSlate, encased in its booth.

Beginning 20 days before each election this accessible voting machine is available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Clark County Elections Office, 1408 Franklin Street, Vancouver.

The elections office may be reached by taking C-Tran bus #1 Fruit Valley Route. You will be let off at Franklin Street and Mill Plain Blvd.

The top photograph shows a close-up of the e-Slate. The photograph below shows the e-Slate as part of the wheelchair accessible booth.



About the accessible eSlate

The eSlate is accessible in six ways.

- For those who cannot operate the eSlate using the buttons and wheel, special interface devices are available as shown here.
- For those who cannot see or read the eSlate screen, use the headphones with volume control to hear the ballot.



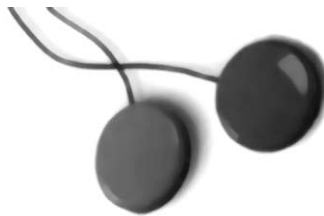
Accessible features

■ Those who are blind, visually impaired, or have difficulty reading can listen to the ballot. The SELECT wheel is the trigger to the audio. Turning clockwise moves the listener through the ballot. To hear something repeated, turn the SELECT wheel counterclockwise.

Those using hearing aids with a telecoil mode may use their neckloop rather than the headphones.

- The RED jelly switch is the same as the SELECT wheel. The GREEN jelly switch is the same as the ENTER button.

■ Voters with quadriplegia can use their sip-n-puff to move through the ballot. Sip to move through the ballot. Puff to mark your choice.



The accessible eSlate unit is in a wheelchair-accessible booth. If you are not in a chair but need to sit while voting, a chair can be used with the special booth.



Candidate **statements**

CLARK COUNTY COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT No. 1

Pam Brokaw

Prefers Democratic Party



I'm running for Commissioner because I believe in Clark County. We can build on our successes and create new opportunities in Southwest Washington.

We can keep our neighborhoods safe. We can bring jobs supporting families. We can grow responsibly and within our means.

My experience as a reporter, in local government, as a Congressional staffer, and in the affordable housing industry, provides a unique combination of skills for the job. As your Commissioner, I will bring people together to find solutions.

This is a historic time for our county. We can move forward and change our course for the better.

*Address: Friends of Pam Brokaw, 1111 Main Street, Suite 400, Vancouver 98660;
Telephone: (360) 609-3527*

Tom Mielke

Prefers Republican Party



Tom Mielke, successful former Clark County businessman of 18 years (employing 35 people) and 8-year State Representative is running for County Commissioner. A decorated Vietnam combat veteran, a father and grandfather, Tom resides in Battle Ground. Tom is dismayed by over-regulation and the business-strangling Clark County fee structure. Tom realizes the urgent need for jobs in Clark County and will focus on economic development and transportation as his priorities. He will work to protect private property rights and pledges to end intrusive government practices. Tom is voter tested and approved and is asking for your vote.

*Telephone: (360) 687-1106; E-mail: TomMielke@q.com;
Web site: www.TomMielke.com*

CLARK COUNTY COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT No. 2

Marc Boldt

Prefers Republican Party



Working with your other County Commissioners, it has been an honor to help lead Clark County into a promising future.

As my first term ends we now have a growth plan that is realistic and pays for itself, a park system that is accountable to you, transportation infrastructure that will build roads ahead of demand, and a permit structure that will attract business.

We also have new sheriff deputies on the street, a sustainable way of attacking the meth problem, and policies that will result in protecting our environment.

I've proved my leadership and ask for your vote. God Bless.

Address: 19405 NE 112th Street, Brush Prairie 98606; Telephone: (360) 256-9025

Jeanne Harris

Prefers Democrat Party



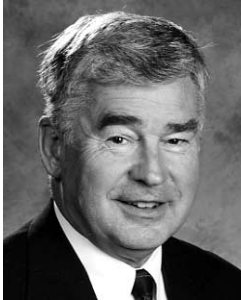
I believe a new direction for our county is needed. We must create a sustainable, livable child-centered Clark County that will attract good paying jobs in a new green economy. Our citizens will save money and have options for healthy lifestyles because we will build green, have choices of walking, biking, or using public transit and all our kids can be in an after-school program to get help with homework, eat healthy foods and do something that sparks their imagination! With twelve years experience as an elected leader and your support I promise we will do these things and more!

Address: People for Jeanne Harris, Diana Smith, Treasurer, 14511 NE 49th Circle, Vancouver 98682; Telephone: (360) 896-0422; E-mail: jeanne@jeanneharris.com; Web site: www.jeanneharris.com

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO.1 OF CLARK COUNTY COMMISSIONER, DISTRICT NO. 3

Byron H. Hanke

Nonpartisan



During the past six years, as your elected representative on the Clark Public Utilities Board of Commissioners, my goal has been to bring knowledge, experience and a common sense approach to the ever increasing complexities of utility governance. With your support, my efforts during this next six year term will continue to be in the best interests of our customers.

I'm a longtime supporter of the public power concept and understand the duties and responsibilities of the Commission. Stable rates, reliable service and financial integrity will head my list of priorities.

Address: 1429 SE Columbia Way, Vancouver 98661; Telephone: (360) 694-9414



Ballot measures

TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF RIDGEFIELD, WASHINGTON PROPOSITION NO. 1

SALES AND USE TAX LEVY FOR I-5/SR 501 INTERCHANGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

The Governing Board of the Transportation Benefit District of the City of Ridgefield, Washington, adopted Resolution No. TBD001 concerning a sales and use tax to finance transportation improvements. This proposition would authorize a sales and use tax of two-tenths of one percent (0.2%) to be collected within the District in accordance with RCW 82.14.0455 for a term of ten years for the purpose of paying or financing a portion of the costs of designing, permitting, acquiring rights-of-way and constructing a new interchange at Interstate-5/State Route 501 located in the City of Ridgefield, Washington.

Should this proposition be approved?

- YES
- NO

Statement for:

What's the need?

The most important transportation improvement needed in the Ridgefield area is the replacement of the existing I-5 interchange. Retailers like Safeway and Fred Meyer will not build until this interchange is rebuilt, and the current exit and overpass will soon reach maximum capacity. We can rebuild this interchange now, and encourage job creation and economic development in our community.

Who pays? Why use sales tax?

Most of the funding for this project has already been obtained. This proposal would charge a small percentage of sales tax on purchases made in the area immediately around the I-5 interchange. When this ballot measure passes and a retailer like Fred Meyer comes to Ridgefield, a small portion of the sales tax they charge goes toward funding this project. This way the users of the interchange will help pay for it, whether they are from Ridgefield or just passing through the area.

There are many ways to pay the "local share" of a project, but this is one of the least burdensome for us, the taxpayers. Other methods like property taxes and fees are less desirable, and don't offer the chance for shoppers outside of our community to contribute.

How much will it cost me?

This only affects sales made near the interchange. On a \$10 taxable purchase, you'd pay 2 more cents. Compare this to what you may spend today driving to Woodland or Salmon Creek for groceries, and the development of our interchange will save you money.

Written by "Pro" Committee Members:

Randy Mueller, (360) 921-9314 cell, randy.mueller@yahoo.com

Roy Garrison, gloroy@netscape.com

Lee Wells, leeewells@gmail.com

Explanatory statement

On June 26, 2008, the Ridgefield City Council approved Ordinance No. 998 creating the Ridgefield Transportation Benefit District, encompassing a portion of the city of Ridgefield. Currently the sales and use tax rate that applies to the city of Ridgefield also applies to the Ridgefield Transportation Benefit District. If this ballot measure is approved by the voters, the sales tax rate within the Ridgefield Transportation Benefit District will be increased by two-tenths of one percent (0.2%).

No statement against was submitted

**CLARK COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 12
PROPOSITION NO. 1
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS –
PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING THE MERGER OF THE DISTRICT INTO CLARK COUNTY FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 11, A FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

The proposition will authorize the merger of Clark County Fire Protection District No. 12 into Clark County Fire Protection District No. 11, a fire protection district, effective on the date the election results are certified and to be named Clark County Fire and Rescue.

Should this Proposition be enacted into law?

- YES
- NO

Statement for:

In February of this year Clark County Fire Districts 11 and 12 consolidated their operations into Clark County Fire & Rescue. As a result of that consolidation, the level of service to the communities in both fire districts has improved significantly. Voter approval of the *merger* will formalize the current consolidation of the fire districts and establish one legal entity known as *Clark County Fire & Rescue*. Doing so will *cost our citizens nothing extra*. In fact, approval of the merger will result in a slight reduction in property taxes for fire protection for residents of Clark County Fire Protection District 12.

The newly created fire department now has at its disposal 7 fire stations and nearly 150 paid, part-paid and volunteer firefighters available to respond to emergencies in the nearly 120 square miles covering the areas of Ridgefield, Battle Ground, and La Center.

In addition to enhanced staffing, this consolidation has enabled the department to expand and strengthen programs to the entire community. These programs include First Aid/CPR courses, Fire Extinguisher classes, Child Safety Seat program, Juvenile Firesetter Intervention, Emergency Bike Teams, and a Marine Response program.

Approval of the merger will continue all these great improvements. Please vote yes on this proposition.

Written by:
Jason Leavitt, Committee Chair

Explanatory statement

Currently Clark County Fire Protection District No. 12 is a fire protection district created under the laws of the state of Washington. The district is managed by a three member board of elected commissioners. If this measure is approved by the voters of Fire Protection District No. 12, the District will be merged into and become a part of Clark County Fire Protection District No. 11. The combined districts shall be renamed Clark County Fire and Rescue.

No statement against was submitted

Complete text of local measures

**CITY OF RIDGEFIELD
RIDGEFIELD
TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT
DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. TBD001**

RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF RIDGEFIELD, WASHINGTON, PROVIDING FOR A BALLOT PROPOSITION TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT ON NOVEMBER 4, 2008 TO IMPOSE A SALES AND USE TAX IN THE AMOUNT OF TWO-TENTHS OF ONE PERCENT (0.2%) WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING A PORTION OF THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE INTERSTATE-5/STATE ROUTE 501 INTERCHANGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 998 adopted on June 26, 2008, the City Council of the City of Ridgefield, Washington (the "City") authorized the creation of the Transportation Benefit District (the "District") under chapter 36.73 RCW for the purpose of financing a portion of the costs associated with the design, permitting, a right-of-way acquisition and construction of the Interstate-5/State Route 501 Interchange Replacement Project (the "Project"); and,

WHEREAS, the City has received both federal and state funding sources equal to approximately \$23 million that will be used for the costs of the Project; and,

WHEREAS, the City's most

recently adopted Transportation Capital Facilities Plan allocates Traffic Impact Fee revenues in the amount of \$2 million towards the costs of the Project; and,

WHEREAS, the estimated funding shortfall of approximately \$15 million requires identification of additional funding sources to allow the Project to be bid for construction; and,

WHEREAS, the City does not currently have sufficient funds with which to pay for transportation capital improvements associated with the Project that are identified as necessary in the City's current Comprehensive Plan, as well as by the Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council as a project of regional significance, and that are necessary to address existing or reasonably foreseeable congestion levels due to anticipated population increases; and,

WHEREAS, the City has received significant support from private stakeholders and the Port of Ridgefield for construction of the Project; and,

WHEREAS, the District is authorized pursuant to RCW 36.73.040(3) (a) to impose a sales and use tax in accordance with RCW 82.14.0455 in the amount of two-tenths of one percent (0.2%) for a period of ten years upon a favorable vote of the qualified electors within the District for the purpose of financing certain transportation improvements; and,

WHEREAS, the City, Port of Ridgefield, and private stakeholders have identified the sales and use tax as an allowable and feasible source of funding for a portion of the costs of the Project; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed sales and use tax is estimated to generate,

based on the anticipated growth of retail sales over the next ten years, an average of \$60,000 of additional revenue per year, which will be used solely to fund the shortfall in funding for the Project;

NOW THEREFORE, THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF RIDGEFIELD, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Governing Board of the District (the "Board") hereby finds that the best interests of the inhabitants of the District require the District to impose a sales and use tax in the amount of two-tenths of one percent (0.2%) pursuant to RCW 36.73.040(3)(a) and RCW 82.14.0455 for the purpose of providing a portion of the funds necessary to design, permit, acquire rights-of-way, and construct a new interchange at Interstate-5/State Route 501, known as the "I-5/SR501 Interchange Replacement Project" (the "Project"), located in the City of Ridgefield, Washington.

Section 2. It is hereby found and declared that the best interests of the District require the submission to the qualified electors of the District of the proposition whether the District shall impose a sales and use tax within the limitations established in RCW 82.14.0455 for their ratification or rejection at a special election to be held on November 4, 2008. For the purpose of providing funds necessary to pay or finance a portion of the costs of the Project, the Clark County Auditor, as *ex officio* supervisor of

elections in Clark County, Washington, is hereby requested to call and conduct such special election to be held within the District on such day and to submit to the qualified electors of the District for their approval or rejection, a proposition to impose a sales and use tax in the amount of two-tenths of one percent (0.2%) of the selling price in the case of a sales tax, or value of the article used, in the case of the use tax. The sales and use tax authorized by this section is in addition to any other taxes authorized by law, shall be collected from those persons who are taxable by the State of Washington under chapters 82.08 and 82.12 RCW upon the occurrence of any taxable event within the boundaries of the District, and shall be imposed for a period of ten years from its first date of collection.

Upon approval of the voters of the proposition hereinafter set forth, the District may use proceeds of such sales and use tax for the purpose of paying or financing a portion of the costs of the Project. The Treasurer of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to certify said proposition to said official in the following form:

TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT
DISTRICT
OF THE CITY OF RIDGEFIELD,
WASHINGTON

SALES AND USE TAX LEVY FOR
I-5/SR 501 INTERCHANGE RE-
PLACEMENT PROJECT

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percent (0.2%) to be collected within the District in accordance with RCW 82.14.0455 for a term of ten years for the purpose of paying or financing a portion of the costs of designing, permitting, acquiring rights-of-way and constructing a new interchange at Interstate-5/State Route 501 located in the City of Ridgefield, Washington. Should this proposition be approved?

Yes
No

Section 3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective from and after its passage.

ADOPTED BY THE GOVERN-
ING BOARD OF THE TRANS-
PORTATION BENEFIT DISTRICT
OF THE CITY OF RIDGEFIELD,
WASHINGTON THIS 24TH DAY
OF JULY 2008.

Transportation Benefit District of
the City of Ridgefield, Washington

Lee E. Wells, Chair

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Gaylynn Brien, Treasurer/
Secretary

**CLARK COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 12
RESOLUTION NO. 08-14-3
RESOLUTION PROVIDING
FOR THE SUBMISSION OF
MERGER APPROVAL**

(GENERAL ELECTION)

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLARK COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 12, PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE DISTRICT ON NOVEMBER 4, 2008, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STATE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE SAME DATE, OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING THE MERGER OF THE DISTRICT INTO CLARK COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 11, A FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.

Background: WHEREAS, the Boards of Commissioners of Clark County Fire Protection District No. 11 and Clark County Fire Protection District No. 12 have approved a plan of merger for the two Districts. The Boards of Commissioners believe that it is in the best interests of the two Districts and the citizens they serve to merge and combine their operations into a single fire department.

Resolution: NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Clark County Fire Protection District No. 12, Clark County, Washington as follows:

Section 1. In order to combine the operations of the Districts, the Districts are authorized to merge

and become a single District under the provisions of chapter 52.06 RCW. The Board of Commissioners of District No. 12 previously petitioned the Board of Commissioners of Clark County Fire Protection District No. 11 to merge into the District.

Section 2. Clark County Fire Protection District No. 11 has declared itself lead agency for SEPA review, has completed and reviewed an environmental checklist and has issued a Determination of Nonsignificance; and

Section 3. RCW 52.06.030 requires that the question of the merger must be approved by the voters of the merging district at a special election in the merging district. Clark County Fire Protection District No. 12 is the merging district.

Section 4. If approved by the voters, the merger shall become effective on the date the election results are certified and the name of the District will be changed to Clark County Fire and Rescue.

Section 5. There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection, at the general election on November 4, 2008, in conjunction with the state general election to be held on the same date, the question of whether or not Clark County Fire Protection District No. 12 shall merge into Clark County Fire Protection District No. 11. The Board of Commissioners hereby requests the auditor of Clark County, as ex-officio Supervisor of Elections, to call such election, and submit the following proposition at such election, in the form of a ballot title substantially as follows:

PROPOSITION

Clark County Fire Protection District No. 12 – Board of Commissioners – Proposition Authorizing the Merger of the District into Clark County Fire Protection District No. 11, a Fire Protection District.

The proposition will authorize the merger of Clark County Fire Protection District No. 12 into Clark County Fire Protection District No. 11, a fire protection district, effective on the date the election results are certified and to be named Clark County Fire and Rescue.

Should this Proposition be enacted into law?

Yes
No

Adoption: ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Clark County Fire Protection District No. 12, Clark County, Washington, at a regular open public meeting of such Board on the 14th day of May, 2008, the following Commissioners being present and voting:

Wm Hargett, Commissioner
S. Jon Babcock, Commissioner
Michael J. Lambrecht, Commissioner
Dennis Mason, Secretary