

SJC Fire Protection District No. 4

Proposition No. 1 - Emergency Medical Services Property Tax Levy

Will San Juan County Fire Protection District No. 4, aka Lopez Island Fire & EMS, be authorized to impose a regular property tax levy of \$.50 or less per thousand dollars of assessed valuation for each of ten consecutive years beginning in 2022 to provide emergency medical care or emergency medical services?

Yes
 No

Explanatory Statement

Written by **Brian K. Snure, Attorney for District,**
Revised by Randall K. Gaylord, Prosecuting Attorney

The elected Board of Commissioners of San Juan County Fire Protection District No. 4, aka Lopez Island Fire & EMS has determined that funding of EMS services on Lopez Island requires more stable and consistent funding. If approved by the voters, this measure will authorize emergency medical services (EMS) property tax levy at a rate not to exceed \$0.50 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation for each of ten years beginning in 2022.

The vote on the levy is required by RCW 84.52.069. Any tax revenue may be used only for the provision of emergency medical care or emergency medical services, including related personnel costs, training for such personnel, and related equipment, supplies, vehicles and structures needed for the provision of emergency medical care or emergency medical services.

Approval of the levy will allow the Lopez Island Fire & EMS to improve the level of emergency medical services provided to the citizens of the Lopez Island Fire & EMS.

If approved, this EMS tax on a \$500,000 assessed valuation residence would not exceed \$250.00 each year or approximately \$20.83 per month. A “yes” vote is for approval of the levy. A “no” vote is to reject the levy. A 60 percent approval is required.

Argument For

Lopez Island Fire & EMS (LIFE), EMTs, Paramedics and Firefighters are available to help you 24 hours a day, every day year in and year out. Now they need your help. The Department has maximized available resources in its daily operations by extending loans, refurbishing existing vehicles, purchasing used vehicles and equipment, seeking federal and state grants, billing insurance companies to recover some of the District’s cost in providing Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and cooperative purchasing agreements. As emergency responses increase, these measures are no longer adequate to maintain our current level of emergency services, specifically EMS. LIFE cannot operate at a deficit! Funds from this Levy will be used to maintain the high level emergency services LIFE provides to our community by continuing to fund LIFE’s Strategic Plan begun with the 2005 levy increase, continued with the 2013 levy increase and continue with the updated 2021 plan and beyond. LIFE is proud to serve our Community and we are committed to continuing this high level of service. However, without this 50 cent EMS levy, the level of emergency services LIFE provides could be reduced. Please vote yes for EMS!

This 50 cent EMS Levy is a small cost for the safety and health of your family and our community. Support Lopez Fire & EMS cost of Emergency Services. Please vote Yes for LIFE!

Written by

Jim Ghiglione
Dr. Bob Wilson
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Argument Against

No information submitted.

Lopez Island School District No. 144

Proposition No. 1 - Capital Projects Levy

The Board of Directors of Lopez Island School District adopted Resolution No. 20/21-9 concerning capital improvement levies. This proposition authorizes construction, building repairs and upgrades to the water system; and authorizes the following excess levies for such purposes on all taxable property within the District:

Collection Years	Approximate Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2022	\$0.0920	\$139,000
2023	\$0.0902	\$139,000
2024	\$0.0884	\$139,000
2025	\$0.0867	\$139,000
2026	\$0.0850	\$139,000

Should this proposition be approved?

Yes
 No

Explanatory Statement

Written by **Cynthia Weed, Lopez Island School District No. 144**

Lopez Island School District seeks voter approval of a capital levy to fund projects to improve the District’s facilities through construction, building repairs and upgrades to the water system, and shall make other capital project expenditures as found necessary by the District’s Board of Directors.

If the levy is approved, taxable property within the District would be taxed to pay for improvements over the next five years. The estimated rates of this levy are \$.09 (2022 collection); \$.09 (2023 collection); \$.08 (2024 collection); \$.08 (2025 collection), and \$.08 (2026 collection) per year for each thousand dollars of assessed property value. The levy would generate funding in the amount of \$139,000 each year of the levy.

Explanatory Statement (Continued)

The exact levy rates shall be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the property within the District at the time of the levy. Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. To determine if you qualify, call the San Juan County Assessor at (360) 378-2172.

A “yes” vote approves the imposition of the levy. A “no” vote opposes the imposition of the levy. To pass, the measure must be approved by a simple majority of

Argument For

With a minimal tax of .09 per \$1000 of assessed valuation this Capital Levy will achieve several essential goals. It will fund a more reliable water system replacing an old and problematic well, also lowering mineral content, preserving the school’s water pipes. It will also support upkeep and improvements to facilities and equipment, easing the burden on the district’s general fund. With the limits to local funding resulting from the state’s cap on the district’s Enrichment Levy, the dollars saved will provide much needed support for teaching and learning. For merely \$45 per year on the median value of a home, we will get a lot in return.

Written by

Kirm Taylor
Lexi Taylor
Stephanie Cariker

Argument Against

No information submitted.

Return Your Ballot

Ballot drop box

Return your ballot to a ballot drop box by 8:00 pm on Election Day, August 3:

San Juan County Elections Office

55 Second St., Ste. A, Friday Harbor
M-F 8:00 am to 4:30 pm
Election Day 8:00 am to 8:00 pm

San Juan County Courthouse

Second St. Entrance, 350 Court St., Friday Harbor

Lopez Island Fire District Office

Fisherman Bay Rd., Lopez Village

In person

The Elections office is open 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, M-F, and 8:00 am to 8:00 pm on Election Day, August 3:

San Juan County Elections

55 Second St., Ste. A, Friday Harbor
(across from the Courthouse)

By mail

No stamp is needed! Place your ballot in the mail before the deadline. Your ballot must be postmarked on or before August 3 in order to count.

Replacement Ballots

1. Contact SJC Elections as soon as possible:
Phone: 360-378-3357
Email: elections@sanjuanco.com
OR
2. Print a replacement ballot:
 - Sign in to votewa.gov with your name/birthdate
 - Click *MyBallot* -> *Online Ballot* in the left column
 - Follow instructions to vote and return your ballot



San Juan County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet August 3, 2021 Primary



Local Jurisdiction Participating in this Election
SJC Fire Protection District No. 4
Lopez Island School District No. 144

Register to Vote

Online

Log in to votewa.gov to register to vote or update your address. You must have a Washington State driver's license, permit, or ID card. Online registrations must be submitted no later than July 26 in order to process the registration for the Primary Election.

In person

The Elections office is open for registration 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, M-F, and 8:00 am to 8:00 pm on Election Day, August 3. In person registrations must be initiated no later than 8:00 pm on Election Day, August 3.

By mail

Print a voter registration form from sos.wa.gov/elections/print-voter-registration-forms.aspx
Fill out the form and mail it to:

San Juan County Auditor
Elections Division
PO Box 638
Friday Harbor, WA 98250

San Juan County Elections must receive the mailed form by July 26 in order to process the registration for the Primary Election.

Accessible Voting

San Juan County voters with disabilities have the option of voting independently and privately using an accessible voting unit.

The accessible voting equipment will be available Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, beginning Friday, July 16, through August 3, and from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm on Election Day, August 3.