

Whatcom County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet Primary Election August 17, 2010





Dear Whatcom County Voter:

This year marks the 100th anniversary of women's right to vote in the State of Washington! In 1910 after years of crusading and repeated attempts to pass legislation, women were at long last granted the right to vote. Washington was the fifth state in the Union to enact women's suffrage and it wasn't until ten years later in 1920 that women were finally afforded the right to vote on a national level.

We proudly salute the women that crusaded with endless perseverance enabling us to celebrate this historic, 100-year anniversary of women's right to vote.

Sincerely,

Shirley Forslof
Whatcom County Auditor

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Whatcom County, Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 16

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Accessible Voting Unit

What is an Accessible Voting Unit?

An accessible voting unit (AVU) is federally required. It is equipped with visual and audio technology that allows voters with impaired vision and/or physical disabilities to vote a secret ballot. The AVU is an accurate and secure way to vote.

Where will the AVU be located?

The AVU will be located at the Whatcom County Auditor's Office, Whatcom County Courthouse, 311 Grand Ave., Suite 103, Bellingham, WA.

When can I vote using the AVU?

You may vote beginning Wednesday, July 28, 2010. The AVU will be available to vote in the Auditor's Office Mon. – Fri., 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

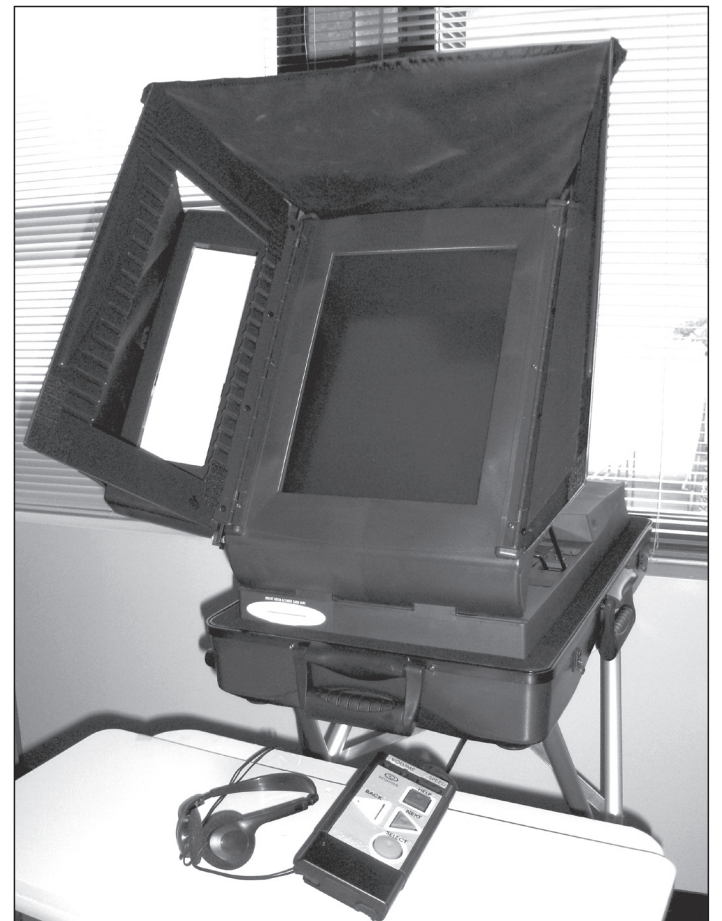
The AVU will be available on Election Day, Tuesday, August 17, 2010, from 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Is the AVU secure?

Yes. The AVU stands alone and is not connected to the Internet or an intranet. When a vote is cast the ballot selections are encrypted and stored within the voting unit. The ballot order is scrambled to ensure the voter's anonymity and leaves no connection between the voter and his or her recorded vote.

How can I be sure my vote will be counted?

The AVU displays a paper record of your selections before you cast your ballot. Your secret ballot is electronically stored and it cannot be traced back to you.




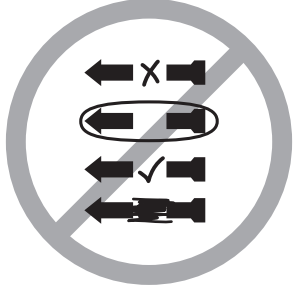
About the 2010 Washington Primary Election

Washington has a new primary. You do not have to pick a party. In each race, you may vote for any candidate listed.

The two candidates who receive the most votes in the August primary will advance to the November general election.

Each candidate for partisan office may state a political party that he or she prefers. A candidate's preference does not imply that the candidate is nominated or endorsed by the party, or that the party approves of or associates with that candidate.

Voting Instructions

CORRECT	INCORRECT
	
Use blue or black ink to connect the arrow by your choice with a single line. Do NOT use a felt tip pen or pencil.	

Step 1: Vote your ballot and remove the stub.

Step 2: Put your voted ballot in the white secrecy envelope.

Step 3: Put the secrecy envelope in the purple return envelope.

Step 4: Sign the voter affidavit, seal the envelope, and return it to the Auditor's Office. If you use a mark for the signature, then two other people must sign as witnesses.

If your ballot is destroyed, spoiled, or lost, you may get a replacement from the Auditor's Office, 311 Grand Avenue, Suite 103, Bellingham.

If you make a mistake: Draw a line through the incorrect choice like this:

John Doe ← —, or *YES* ← —, or *NO* ← —.

You then have the option of making another choice, if you wish. **Do not erase!**

To write in a name not on the ballot, connect the arrow and write in the name of the candidate on the line provided.

Returning Your Ballot

By Mail

Your ballot will count if your envelope is postmarked by Election Day, August 17, 2010. 1st Class postage is required.

If you do not wish to return your ballot by mail, the following ballot drop box locations will be available:

Ballot Drop Box Locations Open 20 Days Prior To Election Day

Whatcom County Auditor's Office

Whatcom County Courthouse
311 Grand Ave., Suite 103
Bellingham, WA

HOURS: Monday – Friday
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Election Day Only: 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

OR

Curbside Ballot Drop Box

311 Grand Avenue
(near Courthouse Rotunda)
Bellingham, WA

OPEN: 20 Days Prior to Election

Election Day: Closes at 8:00 p.m.

Election Day Only - Ballot Drop Box Locations

Drop Box Hours: 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Blaine City Hall	344 H Street, Blaine, WA
Deming Library	5044 Mt. Baker Hwy., Deming, WA
Everson Library	104 Kirsch Dr., Everson, WA
Ferndale Library	2222 Main St., Ferndale, WA
Laurel Fire Station	6028 Guide Meridian, Bellingham, WA
Lynden Library	216 4th St., Lynden, WA

If You Have Not Received Your Ballot

If you have not received your ballot by August 2, 2010, please contact the Whatcom County Elections Division at (360) 676-6742 or TTY (360) 738-4555, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.






Washington State Law Prohibits Ballots Deposited After 8:00 p.m. on Election Day From Being Counted.























































Sample Ballot





























































Sample Ballot Whatcom County, Washington Primary Election - August 17, 2010


























Not all districts or measures on this sample will appear on your ballot. Only the district that you're entitled to vote on will appear.

READ: Each candidate for partisan office may state a political party that he or she prefers. A candidate's preference does not imply that the candidate is nominated or endorsed by the party, or that the party approves of or associates with that candidate.

- **To Vote:** Use either blue or black ink. Do not use a felt tip pen or pencil. Connect the Head and Tail of the arrow that points to your choice with a **Single Line as shown.** 
- **To Correct A Mistake:** Draw a line through the incorrect choice like this: ~~John Doe~~  or ~~YES~~  You then have the option of making another choice if you wish.
- **Overvote:** More than one vote for an office or ballot measure will be an overvote and no votes for that office or measure will be counted.
- **Write-In:** To vote for a person not on the ballot, connect the arrow and write in the name of the person on the line provided.

Federal Partisan Offices	
U.S. Senator	
6 Year Term	Vote For One
Norma D. Gruber <small>(Prefers Republican Party)</small>	 
Mohammad H. Said <small>(Prefers Centrist Party)</small>	 
Goodspaceguy <small>(Prefers Democratic Party)</small>	 
Mike The Mover <small>(Prefers Democratic Party)</small>	 
Paul Akers <small>(Prefers Republican Party)</small>	 
Mike Latimer <small>(Prefers Republican Party)</small>	 
James (Skip) Mercer <small>(States No Party Preference)</small>	 
Clint Didier <small>(Prefers Republican Party)</small>	 
Schalk Leonard <small>(States No Party Preference)</small>	 
Patty Murray <small>(Prefers Democratic Party)</small>	 
Bob Burr <small>(Prefers Democratic Party)</small>	 
William Edward Chovil <small>(Prefers Republican Party)</small>	 
Dino Rossi <small>(Prefers Republican Party)</small>	 
Charles Allen <small>(Prefers Democratic Party)</small>	 
Will Baker <small>(Prefers Reform Party)</small>	 
Write-In	 
U.S. Representative Congressional District 2	
2 Year Term	Vote For One
Rick Larsen <small>(Prefers Democratic Party)</small>	 
Diana McGinness <small>(Prefers Democratic Party)</small>	 
John Carmack <small>(Prefers Republican Party)</small>	 
Larry Kalb <small>(Prefers Democratic Party)</small>	 
John Koster <small>(Prefers Republican Party)</small>	 
Write-In	 
State of Washington Partisan Offices	
State Representative District 39 Position 1	
2 Year Term	Vote For One
Eleanor Walters <small>(Prefers Democratic Party)</small>	 
Dan Kristiansen <small>(Prefers Republican Party)</small>	 
Write-In	 
State Representative District 39 Position 2	
2 Year Term	Vote For One
Kirk Pearson <small>(Prefers Republican Party)</small>	 
Write-In	 

State Representative District 40 Position 1	
2 Year Term	Vote For One
Dusty Guleson <small>(Prefers Republican Party)</small>	 
Chuck Carrell <small>(Prefers Republican Party)</small>	 
Doug (Yoshe) Revelle <small>(Prefers Happiness Party)</small>	 
Mike Newman <small>(Prefers Republican Party)</small>	 
Kristine Lytton <small>(Prefers Democratic Party)</small>	 
Tom Pasma <small>(Prefers Democratic Party)</small>	 
Thomas Boucher <small>(Prefers Democratic Party)</small>	 
Justin Van Dyk <small>(Prefers Democratic Party)</small>	 
Donna R. Miller <small>(Prefers Republican Party)</small>	 
Write-In	 
State Representative District 40 Position 2	
2 Year Term	Vote For One
Jeff Morris <small>(Prefers Democratic Party)</small>	 
Howard Pellett <small>(Prefers Green Party)</small>	 
John Swapp <small>(Prefers Republican Party)</small>	 
Write-In	 
State Senator District 42	
4 Year Term	Vote For One
Pat Jerns <small>(Prefers Democratic Party)</small>	 
Doug Ericksen <small>(Prefers Republican Party)</small>	 
Write-In	 
State Representative District 42 Position 1	
2 Year Term	Vote For One
Jason Overstreet <small>(Prefers Republican Party)</small>	 
Al Jensen <small>(Prefers Democratic Party)</small>	 
Michael C. Smith <small>(Prefers GOP Party)</small>	 
Richard May <small>(Prefers Democratic Party)</small>	 
Craig Mayberry <small>(Prefers Independent Party)</small>	 
Write-In	 
State Representative District 42 Position 2	
2 Year Term	Vote For One
Vincent Buys <small>(Prefers Republican Party)</small>	 
Kelli Linville <small>(Prefers Democratic Party)</small>	 
Write-In	 
Whatcom County Nonpartisan Office	
County Council District 1 Position B	
Nonpartisan 1 Year Unexpired Term	Vote For One
Theresa Sygitowicz	 
Jean Melious	 
Tony Larson	 
Write-In	 

Partisan Office	
Prosecuting Attorney	
4 Year Term	Vote For One
David S. McEachran <small>(Prefers Republican Party)</small>	 
Write-In	 
State Judicial Nonpartisan Offices	
State Supreme Court Justice Position 1	
Nonpartisan 6 Year Term	Vote For One
Stan Rumbaugh	 
Jim Johnson	 
Write-In	 
State Supreme Court Justice Position 5	
Nonpartisan 6 Year Term	Vote For One
Barbara Madsen	 
Write-In	 
State Supreme Court Justice Position 6	
Nonpartisan 6 Year Term	Vote For One
Bryan Chushcoff	 
Charlie Wiggins	 
Richard B. Sanders	 
Write-In	 
Election of Political Party Precinct Committee Officer	
Precinct Committee Officer is a position in each major political party. For this office only: If you consider yourself a Democrat or Republican, you may vote for a candidate of that party. For a write-in candidate, include party.	
WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT 16	
Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 16 Proposition No. 1 Emergency Medical Services Regular Property Tax Levy	
Shall Whatcom County Fire Protection District #16 be authorized to levy a regular property tax for the sum of 45 cents per \$1,000 dollars assessed valuation each year for six consecutive years beginning in 2010, to begin collection in 2011, for the provision of all Emergency Medical Services, as provided in Whatcom County Fire Protection District #16 Resolution 01-10?	
YES	 
NO	 



Theresa Sygitowicz

Non-Partisan

I am a farmer. I have worked at St. Joseph's Hospital for the past 17 years. I was an EMT/Fireman WCFD #16, for over 10 years. I am a former small business owner for over 20 years.

I have an extensive history of public service on statewide & local boards. Currently: Chair of Acme/VanZandt Flood Zone, Chair-VanZandt & Clipper Cemeteries, Mount Baker Scholarship Foundation -15 years, Whatcom Co.

Parks/Recreation, & Open Space Boards.

I am a graduate of Mt. Baker High School & Whatcom Community College. I am a single, 4th generation resident. My Dad's family settled in the South Fork Valley in 1890. While Mom's family settled at Lawrence in 1910.

Fiscal responsibility & tax limitation are essential to the prosperity of Whatcom County. We must encourage a business friendly environment in our area to attract living wage jobs. Support of the county safety services is critical to maintain a safe & secure quality of life. We must support both senior citizens

& our most vulnerable residents. It is imperative that we protect our natural resources, while also having the ability to use them responsibly now & in years to come. Thank you for your vote on August 17th.

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Jean Melious

Non-Partisan

I grew up on my family's farm and worked hard to put myself through college and law school. I work at Western Washington University, where I teach the next generation about land use and natural resources. I have served on the Whatcom County Planning Commission for almost three years, two of these as Chair, working with people across the County to plan for our future. My husband Devon and I raised Nate and Claire, our teenagers, here in Whatcom County. I have a strong stake in this community, with hope and vision for our future.

I will ensure that we invest in our workforce, drawing solid businesses to our county and keeping the ones we have. I will plan for responsible growth. Whatcom County is changing; let's make sure that we grow in ways that reflect our values as a community. I will see that we use all available means to safeguard our beautiful and fragile legacy of clean water, clean air and working farms. It saves everyone money to keep our water clean and our air healthy for future generations. I ask for your vote to help build a responsible future. Thank you.

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Tony Larson

Non-Partisan

I was born in Whatcom County and spent my summers picking berries and bucking hay bales. I graduated Western Washington University, earning a degree in Economics and Finance. I have been the owner/publisher of Northwest Business Monthly magazine for 20 years and am the former owner of the Bellingham Bells baseball team.

I am a long-time youth baseball and basketball coach, a former Big Brother and previous Junior Achievement volunteer and leadership award recipient. I have been chairman of the Northwest Private Industry Council, executive board member of United Way of Whatcom County and president of the WWU Alumni Assn.

Our economy is a key driver of our quality of life. Without a strong and prosperous economy, families, schools, organizations that support our most vulnerable neighbors, and our environment are at risk. Maintaining our quality of life will require the kind of leadership and experience that I offer.

As your Council representative, I will promote job creation; support only those regulations that work

with, not against, our farmers, employers and families; and focus spending on programs with clear objectives that create fair and equitable outcomes for everyone. I want to *Get Whatcom Working*. To do it, I need your vote.

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David S. McEachran

(Prefers Republican Party)

I was first elected to the office of Whatcom County Prosecuting Attorney in 1975, after having served as a deputy prosecutor for two and one half years, and I am now completing my ninth term in office. I am the longest serving elected prosecutor in the State of Washington. I am presently directing a staff of fifty two people including twenty four attorneys, and I handle an active caseload.

One of the major accomplishments in my past 35 years in office has been the development of a team approach that combines my office and all of the law enforcement agencies in this county. With the ever increasing level of crime and dwindling resources, a team approach is vital.

In addition to the prosecution of criminal cases I also represent Whatcom County and its elected and appointed officials as legal counsel.

I have been appointed by Governor Gregoire to the Forensic Investigations Council which oversees the State Toxicology Laboratory and the State Crime Laboratory system. I am presently serving as the chairman of that Council. I have served as the president of the Washington State Association of

Prosecuting Attorneys, and a lecturer for the National District Attorneys Association.

For More Information:

(360) 734-6405

Voter Information

How Can I Register?

A citizen may register to vote by: (1) completing the registration form online at www.vote.wa.gov *only* if you have a Washington State Driver's License or a Washington State I.D. card; (2) completing the Mail-In Voter Registration Form and mailing it to your county of residence, or (3) by completing the form in person at the Whatcom County Auditor's Office, Elections Division.

Last Day to Register to Vote

Citizens may register to vote at any time. However, the registration must be postmarked or received at least 29 days before an election in order to vote in that election.

A citizen that is not currently registered to vote in the State of Washington may register in person at the Auditor's Office, Elections Division up to 8 days before an election.

Name Change

If your name has changed, complete a new registration form. Information indicating the former name, address, and signature plus the new name and signature must be provided.

When to Cancel Registrations

- If you have moved out of Whatcom County, your signature is required to cancel your voter registration.
- If a family member has passed away, contact the Elections Division and a form will be mailed for you to complete.

If Your Mailing or Residence Address Has Changed:

Now that you have a new mailing address and/or new residential address, your voter record needs to be updated. Updating your record is easy!

Address Change *Within* Whatcom County:

Choose one of the following options:

- Online at www.vote.wa.gov and click on the "My Vote" logo
- Call the Elections Division at the Auditor's Office at (360) 676-6742 or TTY (360) 738-4555 or e-mail the Auditor's Office at: elections@co.whatcom.wa.us
- Complete and mail a new voter registration form

Address Change *Outside* Whatcom County:

Choose one of the following options:

- Online at www.vote.wa.gov and click on the "Online Voter Registration" logo
- Complete and mail a new voter registration form

A new voter registration card will be mailed after your address change is processed.

Questions?

If you have questions, please feel free to call the Whatcom County Auditor's Office, Elections Division at (360) 676-6742 or TTY (360) 738-4555, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. or e-mail the Auditor's Office at: elections@co.whatcom.wa.us

The Office of the Precinct Committee Officer

In addition to the various state and county offices which will appear on the primary election ballot, most voters will be able to vote for the office of Precinct Committee Officer.

Who Is Eligible?

Anyone who is a registered voter and a member of a major political party may become a candidate. A candidate must file a declaration of candidacy form. Since voters do not register by political party in Washington, a candidate declares himself/herself to be a member of a major political party at the time of filing.

Election of a Precinct Committee Officer

Candidates appear on the primary ballot only. The candidate receiving the most votes in the precinct for each political party is elected.

Term of Office

The term of office is two years. The term commences the first day of December following the Primary Election.

Vacancies

Should a vacancy occur in the office (caused by death, disqualification, resignation, or failure to elect), the chairperson of the County Central Committee fills the vacancy by appointment.

Duties of a Precinct Committee Officer

Each officer is a member of the County Central Committee. They elect members to the State Central Committee. The following duties are commonly assigned by the party organization:

- Attend meetings of county committees
- Actively participate in fund raising activities
- Distribute party election materials during election campaigns
- Hold precinct caucuses for the purpose of adopting resolutions and selecting delegates to the county conventions
- Establish a record of eligible voters and party members within the precinct.

Ballot Measure

**Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 16
Proposition No. 1
Emergency Medical Services Regular Property Tax Levy**

Shall Whatcom County Fire Protection District #16 be authorized to levy a regular property tax for the sum of 45 cents per \$1,000 dollars assessed valuation each year for six consecutive years beginning in 2010, to begin collection in 2011, for the provision of all Emergency Medical Services, as provided in Whatcom County Fire Protection District #16 Resolution 01-10?

YES NO

Explanatory Statement

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 16 (Acme-Van Zandt-Wickersham) has passed a resolution requesting a levy of a regular property tax in the sum of (\$.45) per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation each year for six consecutive years, beginning in 2010, to begin collection in 2011. The District provides emergency medical services (EMS), including personnel costs, training, equipment, supplies, vehicles, and structures needed for provision of such services. This levy would provide EMS funds necessary for maintenance, operations, and equipment.

Statement For:

Whatcom County Fire District 16 (WCFD) is an all volunteer department that provides basic life support emergency medical services, fire suppression, rescue and education. We serve the communities of Wickersham, Acme, Van Zandt and two Nooksack Tribal Housing Developments.

The current EMS levy provides funding for a large variety of EMS/Rescue services. It has funded the purchase of the district's ambulance, as well as all of the supplies and maintenance of the ambulance. It funds all of the medical supplies for the district which include; EMS kits for all the district apparatus and a first aid kit for all district volunteers. An example of necessary rescue equipment that was purchased with the current levy was the JAWS of Life. The levy also provides funding for the EMS of education of all the district's volunteers.

For the year 2009, WCFD 16 responded to 137 incidents. Of those incidents, 72% were medical related or motor vehicle collisions.

The proposed EMS levy amount of \$.45 per thousand of assessed valuation is \$.05 less than the maximum allowed. With the passage of this levy, WCFD 16 will be able to provide the same essential services while maintaining fiscal responsibility. For more information, go to wcf16.org.

Rebuttal of Statement Against:

No statement submitted

Statement Against:

No statement submitted

Rebuttal of Statement For:

No statement submitted

Statement For prepared by : Pro EMS Levy

Statements For, Statements Against, and Rebuttals are the opinions of the authors and have not been checked for accuracy by any government agency.

Ballot Measure Complete Text

WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 16
RESOLUTION #01-10
March 29, 2010

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 16, PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AT AN ELECTION TO BE HELD WITHIN THE DISTRICT ON AUGUST 17, 2010, OF A PROPOSITION AUTHORIZING THE LEVY OF A REGULAR PROPERTY TAX, IN THE SUM OF 45 CENTS PER \$1,000.00 ASSESSED VALUATION EACH YEAR FOR SIX CONSECUTIVE YEARS BEGINNING IN 2010 TO BEGIN COLLECTION IN 2011 FOR THE PROVISION OF ALL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AS PROVIDED IN WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 16 RESOLUTION NO 01-10 AND THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON RCW 84.52.069.

WHEREAS, it is the judgment of the Board of Commissioners of the district that it is essential and necessary for the protection of the health and life of the residents of the District that the emergency medical services enumerated in this resolution are provided by the District. Such services will necessitate the expenditure of revenues for maintenance, operations and equipment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 16, Whatcom County Washington, as follows:

Section 1. That the District shall provide emergency medical care or emergency medical services, including related personnel cost, training for such personnel, and related equipment, supplies, vehicles and structures needed for the provision of emergency medical services.

Section 2. In order to produce revenue adequate to continue to pay the cost of the providing of life protection services as described in SECTION 1 of this resolution and to maintain reserve funds sufficient to assure the continuation of such services, the district shall levy in 2010 and collection in 2011, a general tax on taxable property within the District, maintenance and operation costs in the amount of 45 cents per \$1,000 dollars of assessed valuation.

Section 3. There shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District for their ratification or rejection, at an election to be held on August 17, 2010, the question of whether or not such levy for maintenance and operations shall be made.

ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Whatcom County Fire Protection District No. 16 on this 29th day of March, 2010. By Chairman Gary Knaus, Commissioner Henry Maleng, Commissioner Brian Knutzen.

ATTEST: Candy Roberts, Secretary to the Board

SPECIAL NOTICE

The Secretary of State's office will not be mailing a Primary Voters' Pamphlet. However, a 2010 Primary Online Voters' Guide with Federal and State candidates is available at:

wei.secstate.wa.gov/whatcom

Whatcom County Local Voters' Pamphlet is also available online at:

wei.secstate.wa.gov/whatcom

SPECIAL NOTICE

When Will Ballots Be Mailed?

Ballots are scheduled to be mailed starting July 28, 2010.

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elections@co.whatcom.wa.us

How do I know my ballot has been received by the Auditor's Office?

Go to:

wei.secstate.wa.gov/whatcom

REMINDER

Ballots With Late Postmarks Cannot Be Counted Mail Your Ballot Early

Remember that your ballot needs to be postmarked no later than Election Day, August 17, 2010, to be counted.