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Opposing statements sought for Nov. 7 ballot measures

Vancouver, WA – Each year, the Clark County Auditor's Office partners with the state to publish a voters' pamphlet for the general election and mail it to all households in Clark County. It includes statements by and photographs of candidates for elective offices as well as local ballot measures with supporting and opposing statements written by citizens.

A legislative body placing a measure on the ballot can appoint a committee to write a supporting statement and another committee to write an opposing statement. But often, the Elections Office receives only a supporting argument for a local ballot measure. If the group cannot identify anyone to oppose the ballot measure, no opposing statement is written or submitted.

If the Elections Office does not receive a supporting or opposing statement for a local ballot measure, the staff attempts to identify citizens interested in authoring such a statement. For the 2017 general, the Elections Office has received: a ballot proposition from Clark County Fire District 3 for a levy lid lift; and a proposition from the City of Washougal for an EMS excess levy. Committees have been appointed to write statements supporting the two measures, but the districts have not been able to identify people to write statements against the measures. To review the complete text of the resolution, ballot language and other resolutions for the general election ballot, visit clarkvotes.org and follow the link to November 7, 2017 General Election Information located near the middle of the page.

Any county resident who wants to write an opposing statement to one of these two measures is asked to contact Cathie Garber of the Clark County Elections Department at (360) 397-2345. Please call soon; the deadline is 4 p.m. Monday, August 7.

"The public is best served by having a local voters' pamphlet which presents a fair and balanced debate on the merits of local measures submitted for a vote," said Auditor Greg Kimsey. "We urge anyone interested to help us get their opposing statements to these local measures into the local voters' pamphlet."

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