

Pro and Con Committee Members Needed

August 1, 2018

On November 6th, Duvall-King County Fire District 45 voters will be asked to vote on the sale of bonds to pay for the construction of a second fire station as well as upgrade the headquarters fire station located on First Avenue in Duvall. The bonds will be repaid by property taxes for the life of the bonds.

As required by King County Elections, the Fire District is required to provide the opportunity for people to write statements in support of, or opposition to, the bond measure for the voter's pamphlet. If you are interested in serving on either the pro or con committee, please contact Kelly Gattone at kgattone@duvallfire45.com by noon on Tuesday August 7. Written statements from each committee are due to King County no later than Tuesday August 14.

More information about the election

At the November 6th election, voters will be asked to vote on the sale of \$7.65 million in bonds. The bonds will be used to pay for construction of a new fire station located at 318th Ave NE and NE Cherry Valley Road. A portion of the bond proceeds will be used to upgrade the headquarters fire station located in the City of Duvall. Here is additional information about the bond sale and new fire station:

- The new station will reduce response times to the Lake Margaret, Mountain View, Kelly Road, Stossel Creek, and Lake Marcel neighborhoods.
- The new station should address concerns about homeowner insurance rates for homes more than 5 miles from the headquarters fire station.
- The new station will also provide faster response times for a second fire engine or aid car in the City of Duvall compared with current "next in" responses from Redmond Ridge, Cottage Lake, Monroe, and Carnation. This means additional firefighter/EMTs will be on scene faster for large emergencies and subsequent emergencies (two calls for emergency services at the same time).
- A portion of the revenue generated will be used to replace heating/cooling and other building systems in the headquarters fire station.
- The bonds will be repaid over 20 years by an increase in property taxes.
- The tax rate will be \$0.17 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value, or an estimated \$85.28 per year for a \$500,000 home.

For more information about the proposed new fire station, and about the November 6th bond measure, visit the Duvall King County Fire District 45 website: www.duvallfire45.com or call Duvall Fire at 425-788-1625 during business hours.