

Exhibit A

**KING COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 45
(DUVALL-KCFD 45)**

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT FOR
PROPOSITION 1**

Duvall-KCFD 45 provides fire, rescue and emergency medical services to the City of Duvall and the communities of Lake Margret and Lake Marcel. To reduce response times for the protection of public health, life and property across the entire service area of the District, the Board of Fire Commissioners has found that it is essential and necessary to construct a new fire station at 318th Avenue NE and NE Cherry Valley Road, improve one or more of the District's existing stations, including the District's Headquarters station in downtown Duvall, and make other capital improvements.

If approved, this proposition would authorize up to \$7,650,000 of general obligation bonds. The District anticipates using a combination of bond proceeds and existing reserve funds to pay for the improvements. Without voter approval, there will not be sufficient funds to pay for the fire stations.

The bonds would mature within 20 years and be repaid from annual property tax levies made in excess of regular property tax levies at an estimated rate of 17 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value, or an estimated \$85.28 per year for a \$500,000 home.

Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. For more information, please call the King County Department of Assessments 206-296-3920.

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