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Request for Ballot Title

Preparation or Publication of Notice

No later than the 81st day before an election, a governing body that has referred a measure must prepare and file with the local elections official the text of the referral for ballot title preparation or the ballot title for publication of notice of receipt of ballot title. This form may be used to file the text of the referral and request the elections official begin the ballot title drafting process or file a ballot title and request the elections official publish notice of receipt of ballot title.

Filing Information

Election Date

November 7, 2023

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Referral Information

Title, Number or other Identifier

Five Year Local Levy for maintaining current staff and operations.

This Filing is For
 Drafting of Ballot Title Attach referral text.

 Publication of Notice Ballot title below.

Ballot Title Additional requirements may apply
Caption 10 words which reasonably identifies the subject of the measure.

Five Year Levy for Maintaining Current 24/7 Staffing and Operations.

Question 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure.

Shall District replace rate with \$1.51 per \$1000 of assessed value for 5 years beginning 2024, maintaining current staffing 24/7? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

Summary 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect.

See attached

By signing this document:

→ I hereby state that I am authorized by the county or city governing body, or district elections authority to submit this Request for Ballot Title – Preparation or Publication of Notice.

Signature redacted

August 8, 2023

Date Signed

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Caption:

Five Year Levy for Maintaining Current 24/7 Staffing and Operations.

Question:

Shall District replace rate with \$1.51 per \$1000 of assessed value for 5 years beginning 2024, maintaining current staffing 24/7? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

Summary:

Aurora Fire is seeking a five-year local option tax to maintain current operations without hiring additional staff. Levy increase will keep current career EMTs/Firefighters on duty 24/7. Without levy the District will lay off half of current staff, and 24/7 coverage from career firefighters will end. The District currently has funding for two firefighters per 24 hours, this is below national standards of staffing of a three person minimum crew.

AFD responds to roughly 1300 emergencies a year, the amount of calls has stretched current resources thin. Demands on volunteers have become increasingly difficult to balance. We can no longer rely on a volunteer response due to increased demand. This levy replaces the current rate of \$0.99.

The proposed rate will raise approximately \$1,620,176 in 2024-25; \$1,668,782 in 2025-26; \$1,718,845 in 2026-27; \$1,770,411 in 2027-28; and \$1,823,523 in 2028-29.