

The Argument Against the Measure in the County Voter's pamphlets contains factual errors and this statement is intended to correct the factual misstatements.

1. *The fire district county property tax rates are increased; up to \$1.50 per thousand dollars.*

Correct Statement. The formation of the Regional Fire Authority (RFA) would replace your existing fire district tax levy of \$1.32 per thousand for residents of Chelan County Fire District 1 and \$1.26 for residents of Douglas County Fire District 2. Accordingly, the tax levy rate will increase by \$0.18 and \$0.24 respectively but will not increase by \$1.50. If the measure does not pass residents will continue to pay fire district taxes.

2. *Non voted increases of 6% each year are also authorized in the measure.*

Correct Statement. Neither the RFA Plan nor State law allows for non-voter approved tax increases of 6% per year. If the RFA is approved, the RFA would be subject to the same 1% annual tax increase limit that applies to all taxing entities in the State. Any increase beyond the 1% statutory limit would require subsequent voter approval.

3. *Local control through our fire commissioners is replaced by a new fire authority board structure.*

Clarification. The fire authority board structure is stated in the RFA Plan as follows: "The Governing Board shall consist of the three elected or appointed commissioners of Chelan County Fire District 1 and the three elected or appointed commissioners of Douglas County Fire District 2."