



Proposed Si View Metropolitan Park District - Proposition No. 1

BALLOT TITLE

PROPOSITION NO. 1 FORMATION AND FUNDING OF NEW METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT

King County Ordinance No. 14505 and City of North Bend Resolution No. 900 jointly propose the creation of the Si View Metropolitan Park District with boundaries coterminous with the combined area of the City of North Bend and Fire District No. 38, excluding that portion of Fire District No. 38 within the City of Snoqualmie. If approved, this proposition would create a metropolitan park district with all the powers provided in chapter 35.61 RCW, including, but not limited to, the authority to levy a general tax on all property located in the District each year not to exceed seventy-five cents per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. The District shall be governed by a five-member board of commissioners to be elected at large.

- For the formation of a metropolitan park district to be governed by a Five-member board of commissioners to be elected at large.
- Against the formation of a metropolitan park district.

Explanatory Statement

The Si View Park Community Center and Pool ("Si View") is located within the City of North Bend, but is owned and operated by King County. Due to budget constraints, King County discontinued operations at Si View on December 31, 2002. As a result, the pool is unavailable, the ball fields will no longer be maintained for sports, and the community center is closed to indoor programs.

In response, the City of North Bend assembled a Blue Ribbon Task Force to investigate all available alternatives to keep Si View open and again operating for the benefit of residents in and around the City. The Blue Ribbon Task Force recommended formation of a Metropolitan Park District, organized under state law, as the most efficient and effective means to keep Si View open to the public.

If Proposition 1 passes, the Si View Metropolitan District will be created to own and again operate the Si View Park Community Center and Pool. The new Metropolitan Park District will include all of the area currently within the boundaries of the City of North Bend and Fire District 38, and will be funded by a general property tax levy. The new Park District will be governed by five commissioners, who will be elected from among the residents of North Bend and Fire District 38 and who will determine the actual tax levy rate to be applied.

If Proposition 1 fails, the Si View facilities will remain closed unless another service provider is identified.

Statement for

VOTE "YES" TO REOPEN SI VIEW COMMUNITY CENTER

Although Si View has been the heart of our community since 1938, King County is closing the doors indefinitely on December 31, 2002. For about \$28 per \$100,000 assessed value, we can save Si View and retain local control of this vital community resource.

VOTE "YES" FOR OUR CHILDREN

Vote YES for the more than 1000 kids in summer camps, gymnastics, Little League, soccer, an indoor playground, and swimming programs.

VOTE "YES" FOR OUR TEENS

Vote YES for the over 300 teens attending Teen Night every Saturday, weekly Two Rivers School Physical Education class, and swimming programs.

VOTE "YES" FOR OUR ADULTS AND FAMILIES

Vote YES for the more than 1200 people at CSSV special events, Karate, basketball, aerobics, weight training, church services, bazaars, weddings, birthday parties, outdoor concerts.

VOTE "YES" FOR OUR SENIORS

Vote YES for the many seniors attending Senior Water Aerobics and Therapeutic Swim.

We already have what other communities want: a large capacity community center with gym, stage, meeting rooms, commercial kitchen, swimming pool, and acres of fields for sports. Don't throw it away! Vote YES!

For a list of endorsements, see www.SaveSiView.org

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Statement against

NO STATEMENT SUBMITTED.