

White Salmon Valley Pool  
Metropolitan Park District

### **Proposition No. 1**

#### **Formation and Funding of New Metropolitan Park District**

Klickitat County Resolution No. 09418, City of White Salmon Resolution No. 2018-07-472 and City of Bingen Resolution No. 2018-024 jointly propose the creation of the White Salmon Valley Pool Metropolitan Park District (MPD) within that portion of the White Salmon Valley School District limits as now or hereafter established lying within Klickitat County with authority limited to construct, operate and maintain a White Salmon Valley swimming pool. The proposition would create a MPD with the powers provided by 35.61 RCW, including, but not limited to, the authority to levy a maximum of \$.75 per thousand dollars of assessed property value with an initial levy rate of \$0.25 per thousand dollars of assessed value, and not to increase over one percent per year without further voter approval. 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 board of five commissioners.
- Against the formation of a metropolitan park district.

## **Explanatory Statement**

Written by Klickitat County Prosecuting Attorney's Office

This ballot measure is to form a Metropolitan Park District (MPD) serving the area of the White Salmon Valley School District lying within Klickitat County, with authority limited to the construction and operation of a new White Salmon Valley swimming pool, with the interim operation and eventual demolition of the current White Salmon city pool. The current White Salmon City Pool has deteriorated with age such that it is set to be decommissioned. The City of White Salmon has proposed preliminary plans, which will be available to the MPD, for a new pool which would include an outdoor six-lane swimming pool and a separate "zero-entry" exercise/therapy/learning pool. The City of White Salmon has also acquired a site adjacent to Whitson Elementary School in White Salmon, which will be available to the MPD for the placement of the pool. If approved, the MPD will have the authority to levy taxes up to a maximum of \$0.75 per \$1000 assessed valuation, with the initial levy rate of \$0.25 per \$1000 assessed valuation. The levy rate may not be increased over one percent per year without further voter approval. If this measure is approved, the MPD will be governed by a five-member Board of Commissioners residing in the MPD district area whom are elected in this election by separate ballot titles.

**Arguments For and Against this measure are on next page →**