#### **Respondent Names**

Citizens4firemerger.org

### **Complainant Name**

Carolyn Armanini

#### **Complaint Description**

Carmanini reported via the portal (Sun, 11 Apr 2021 at 3:55 PM)

I'm not certain what is being asked to be described. Please contact me if you need additional information.

Attached are photos of the mailer I question and a screenshot of the non-operational website referred to in the mailer.

#### What impact does the alleged violation(s) have on the public?

It does not identify who is behind the mailing promoting a Yes vote on a local ballot measure. The use of the logos from Northshore Fire and Woodinville Fire make it appear it is sent from those agencies. The website listed is not active.

#### List of attached evidence or contact information where evidence may be found

Front of mailer received 4/9/21

Back of mailer received 4/9/21

Screenshot of website refunded on mailer taken 4/11/21

#### List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them

#### **Certification (Complainant)**

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that information provided with this complaint is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

FIRE MERGER Proposition 1







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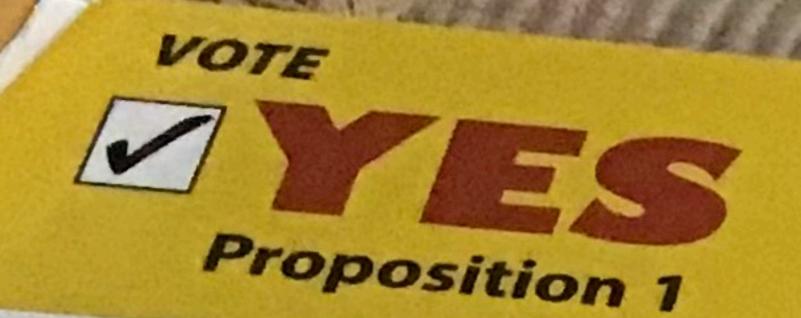
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or Current Resident 18948 Forest Park Dr NE Lake Forest Park WA 98155-2436 PRSRT STD US POSTAGE PAID SEATTLE, WA PERMIT #699



## Northshore Fire and Woodinville Fire & Rescue will merge to create a new fire department EVERYONE BENEFITS

### Improved services

- Most days one additional aid car or fire engine will be in service district-wide.
- ✓ Free patient transportation to local hospitals. Most agencies either charge for this service or utilize a private ambulance service that bills the patient, as Northshore Fire does today.

### Lower taxes

Average tax rate is reduced by 8.5% due to reduced administrative costs and economies of scale.

## Local control retained

Existing boards of commissioners are merged. Your representation is preserved.

### New agency

A new agency name will be selected with input from all stakeholders. Administrative headquarters will be combined at the Kenmore Fire Station 51.

## Less Government

One special purpose taxing district is eliminated.

### Strong Partnership

This is a merger of two well-run fire departments of similar size, population and tax base. Financial positions are strong with fully-funded reserve accounts. Administrative functions have already been successfully integrated. Together they provide support services the other agency lacked. Truly stronger together.

### No reductions

All current fire stations will remain open with no reductions of uniformed fire fighters.

## One unified labor group

The two existing labor groups will be unified as a single team, operating under one labor agreement and a single set of policies and procedures.

# Firefighters will receive a wage increase

Labor negotiations will determine the exact wage and benefit package. Funds are budgeted for this increase. No firefighter's pay will be reduced.

### GOOD GOVERNMENT DOES NOT HAVE TO COST MORE

The Northshore Board of Fire Commissioners diligently examined a variety of alternatives.

Cost models were reviewed by an independent financial consultant who assessed alternatives and savings.

Early in 2020 the Northshore and Woodinville boards combined administrative functions.

Once this option proved viable, the two agencies agreed a merger was in the best interest of both agencies and the citizens they serve.

More info at: https://www.northshorefire. com/merger-updates/





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