

Complaint Description

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reported via the portal

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Please find attached scanned pamphlet I received in mail.

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

I received a campaign pamphlet by mail from the Thurston County Medic One for Proposition 1 EMS Levy Lid lift 2021. It appears that public funds were used to produce this campaign pamphlet and it is biased towards convincing voters to vote "for" the proposal. This is clearly in violation of state law. State law does not allow public funds to be used to influence voters. It is in the interest of everyone that public entities do not send out "informational" pamphlets to voters.

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

1. Please see scanned attachments of pamphlet mailed to voters.

List of potential witnesses with contact information to reach them.**Complaint Certification:**

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.

STATISTICS

18%

Local population growth 2008-2019
(According to historical data published by the US Census Bureau)

46%

Calls for medical service growth 2008-2019 (According to historical data published by TCOMM 911)

51%

Cost for medical services growth 2008-2019 (according to historical data published by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services)

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Proposition 1 EMS Levy Lid Lift 2021

Information
regarding the
August 3, 2021
ballot

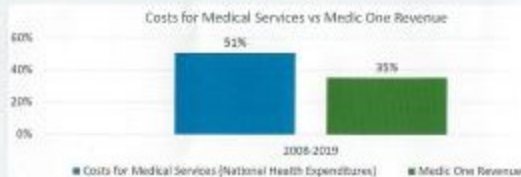


WHO WE ARE

Medic One provides pre-hospital emergency medical services to the residents of Thurston County. We also provide training, equipment, supplies, and medical oversight for responders.

WHAT IS THE ISSUE?

Medic One is supported by a permanent property tax levy that was passed in 1999. This levy is allowed by law to grow at 1% plus new construction. However, medical service costs including pharmaceuticals, medical supplies, paramedic salaries, and patient care equipment, matched or exceeded revenue every year.



WHAT WILL THIS COST ME?

By restoring the levy to \$0.35/\$1,000 property value in 2022, and increasing it by \$0.03/\$1,000 property value in years 2023-2027, the levy would be fully restored to its 1999 voter approved rate of \$0.50/\$1,000 property value in the final year of the stair-step restoration.

WHAT IF THE LEVY DOES NOT PASS?

- Defer modernization and replacement of medical equipment, including paramedic units.
- Cancel the deployment of the 8th Medic Unit in the county
- Reduce the citizen CPR training program by 64 percent
- Reduce financial support to fire agencies for medical equipment, supplies and training for EMTs

HOW MUCH REVENUE WILL MEDIC ONE GAIN?

In order to keep pace with costs for medical services, Medic One needs to increase revenue. Proposition 1 seeks to gradually increase revenue through a property tax restoration at a rate that nearly matches anticipated expenditures over the next 6 years.



This levy will restore the rate back to the original 1999 voter approved \$0.50 cents per thousand of assessed property value over the next 6 years.

WHAT DO WE PROVIDE?

- 1 Medic One provides CPR and AED training free of charge.

74% of cardiac arrests occur at home, and you are the first on the scene.



- 2 Basic Life Support (BLS) EMTs. Medic One provides initial and



ongoing EMT training, supplies, equipment, and resources to all 12 fire agencies in Thurston County.

- 3 Advanced Life Support (ALS) Paramedics. Medic One provides 7 Medic Units throughout the county, 100% of equipment and supplies for ALS services; and 80% of medic salaries.

