

## EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

King County Fire Protection District No. 16 (the “Northshore Fire Department”) seeks voter approval to restore its fire levy to \$0.70 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2024 (to be collected in 2025), which is an increase of approximately \$0.18 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. This levy is a major funding source for emergency services provided by Northshore Fire Department. State limitations on funding increases do not allow Northshore Fire Department to keep up with increasing labor and operational costs and planned capital improvement projects. Voter approval of Proposition No. 1 will provide funding for Northshore Fire Department to continue providing fire and emergency medical services at existing levels.

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