

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT –PROPOSITION NO. 1

South Whatcom Regional Fire Authority seeks voter approval to restore its regular property tax levy to \$1.45 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2021 (for collection in 2022) and authorize an annual increase in the limit factor of up to 4.0% in each of the five subsequent years (but not to exceed \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation). This levy is the primary source of funding for fire and emergency medical services by South Whatcom Regional Fire Authority. Voter approval of Proposition 1 will provide funding to maintain and increase the level of services currently provided.