

## **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT – PROPOSITION NO. 1**

Whatcom County Fire District No. 16 seeks voter approval to authorize a regular property tax levy of \$1.20 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation in 2021 (for collection in 2022) and to authorize an annual increase in the limit factor of up to 3.0% (but not to exceed \$1.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation) in each of the five subsequent years. This levy is the primary source of funding for fire and emergency medical services by District 16. Voter approval of Proposition 1 will provide funding to maintain and increase the level of services currently provided.