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Voters' guide for Feb. 13 special election missing opposing statements

Vancouver, WA – The Clark County Auditor's Office will produce an online voters' guide for the Feb. 13 special election. It will include local ballot measures with supporting and opposing statements written by citizens.

A legislative body placing a measure on the ballot can appoint a committee to write a supporting statement and another committee to write an opposing statement. But often, the Elections Office receives only a supporting argument for a local ballot measure. If the group cannot identify anyone to oppose the ballot measure, no opposing statement is written or submitted.

If the Elections Office does not receive a supporting or opposing statement for a local ballot measure, the staff attempts to identify citizens interested in authoring such a statement. For the Feb. 13 special election, the Elections Office has only received supporting statement committee information for: a ballot proposition from La Center School District for a general obligation bond; and a ballot proposition from the city of Camas for an emergency medical services levy. The districts have not been able to identify people to write statements against the measures. To review the complete text of the resolutions and ballot language, visit clarkvotes.org and follow the link "February 13 Special Election Information" located near the middle of the page.

Any resident living within the district, who wants to write an opposing statement to one of these measures, is asked to contact the Clark County Elections Office at 360-397-2345. Please call soon; the deadline is 4 pm Friday, December 22.

"The public is best served by having a voters' guide which presents a fair and balanced debate on the merits of local measures submitted for a vote," said Auditor Greg Kimsey. "We urge anyone interested to help us get their opposing statements to these local measures into the local voters' guide."

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