

Douglas County Local

Voters' Pamphlet

General Election

November 5, 2024



Ballots will be mailed

October 15, 2024

Official Publication of

Douglas County

Welcome to the Douglas County Local Voters' Pamphlet



Thad Duvall
Douglas County Auditor

Important Dates

Ballots Mailed.....October 15, 2024

Voting period beginsOctober 18, 2024

Last day to register to vote:

Online & by mail.....October 28, 2024

In personNovember 5, 2024

Election DayNovember 5, 2024

Ballots postmarked byNovember 5, 2024

Drop boxes close @ 8 p.m.November 5, 2024

Douglas County:

Certifies the electionNovember 26, 2024

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Local Jurisdictions Participating in the Election:

Douglas County, Douglas County Public Utility District, Douglas County Superior Court, Douglas-Okanogan Public Hospital District No. 1, Douglas County Public Hospital No. 2, Eastmont School District No. 206, and Douglas County Cemetery No. 2

**During this General Election
you will receive TWO voters'
pamphlets, one local and one state.
For an online version visit
VoteWa.gov or scan the QR code.**



Contact Information for Election Related Organizations



Douglas County Elections

Contact Information

509-888-6402
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PO Box 853
Waterville WA 98858

Elections@co.douglas.wa.us
www.douglascountywa.net/elections

Public Disclosure Commission:

View contributors for candidates and measures.
Visit www.pdc.wa.gov or
call toll free (877) 601.2828

Douglas County Democratic Party:

- DouglasCntyDemocrats@gmail.com
- <https://www.facebook.com/Douglas-CountyDemsWA/>

Douglas County Republican Party:

- dcrccemail@gmail.com
- www.DouglasCountyRepublicans.org

Accessible Voting



Douglas County voters with disabilities have the option of casting their ballot independently using an Accessible Voting Unit (AVU).

AVU's are available starting 18 days before Election Day, until 8 p.m. on Election Day. AVU's are wheelchair accessible, screened from other voters to maintain privacy, and can accommodate your headphones or sip and puff tools.

Please contact the Douglas County Elections Office for availability at 509.888.6402.

Replacement Ballot

If you have lost, damaged or did not receive your ballot, replacement ballots are available. To get a replacement ballot:

By email:	elections@co.douglas.wa.us
Online:	VoteWA.gov
By phone:	509.888.6402 or 509.888.6407
In person:	Douglas County Courthouse 213 S. Rainier St Waterville WA 98858
Election Day:	**New Location**
8:30 a.m.- 8 p.m.	Law and Justice Building East Wenatchee
8:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.	Douglas County Courthouse Waterville

Returning Your Ballot

Drop boxes are the best way to ensure your ballot will get to us on time! Drop boxes are securely locked and emptied by teams of two trained election officials. Drop boxes are the most direct and secure way to return ballots! See page 7 for locations.

Boxes are open 24/7 beginning no less than 18 days before the Election and closed promptly at 8 p.m. on Election night.

Mailing your ballot? No stamp needed! USPS recommends dropping your ballot in the mail at least one week prior to Election Day to make sure it gets postmarked in time to be counted. Ballots must be postmarked by Election Day.

Register to Vote

Register in person until 8 p.m. on Election Day.

BUT WHY WAIT?

Update your registration today.

Log on to VoteWA.gov to get started. You can register to vote in person at the Douglas County Courthouse in Waterville until 8 p.m. on Election Day or at the ****New Location**** Law and Justice Building - 100 19th St. NW in East Wenatchee on Election Day from 8:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.

For questions call 509.888.6402 or email at elections@co.douglas.wa.us.

DOUGLAS COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Douglas County Commissioner 1 | District No. 1 | 4 Year Term

No Photo
Submitted

Dan Sutton

(Prefers Republican Party)

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No Information Submitted

*Did you receive election mail
for someone else?*

Send it back to us!

Election mail is anything we send out to voters.

It could be:

- A ballot
- A voter ID letter
- A signature update letter
- Anything for a voter who isn't in your household

**When you send back
misaddressed election
mail, you help us keep the
voter rolls up-to-date!**

**Write
"Return to
Sender" on the
envelope**

Did You Know...

- We offer an online version of the voters' pamphlet at VoteWA.gov
- We have drop boxes in all Douglas County incorporated towns.
- There is secure transport for all ballots coming from a drop box to the Douglas County Courthouse.
- Washington State is a non-partisan state. You do not have to pick a party when you register.
- All of Washington State has been a vote by mail state since 2011.
- Check registration, check voting history, see a voter's pamphlet, and more by going to VoteWA.gov
- All voted ballots require dual custody. Election officials are never alone with a voted ballot.
- You are not required to vote for every race and measure. Your vote will be counted for the races and measures you do vote on.

DOUGLAS COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Douglas County Commissioner 2 | District No. 2 | 4 Year Term



Randy Agnew

(Prefers Republican Party)

Contact

RA@RA4DCC.com

Elected Experience

5 years Rock Island City Council
8 ½ years Mayor of Rock Island
8 ½ years Link Transit Board Member (Past Chairman)
8 ½ years Town Toyota Center Board Member
8 ½ years Chelan-Douglas Transportation Council Board Member (Past Chairman)
8 ½ years Douglas County Port District Community Leadership Advisory Group
8 ½ years Douglas County Solid Waste Board Member (Past Chairman)

Other Professional Experience

I am a computer programmer and business owner.
I design and write complete custom accounting systems.
Owned my software development business for over 30 years.

Education

ITT Peterson School of Business - Computer Programming Degree

Community Service

Statement

Experience matters, but it's the results that count.
I firmly believe elected officials should represent the people that elected them *first*. And then manage and run the organization they were elected to *for the benefit of the people*. Not to be a king.
From my personal experience and from every other Mayor and Commissioner I've talked to, the first term of an elected official that hasn't been in a similar government position before, is spent learning how things work. What they can and can't do. How to do the things you want to get done. Building the relationships that are required to get things done. As a small town Mayor, since you only have the most basic staff, you have to learn and do a lot of things yourself. I've spent the last 8+ years learning, building those relationships and getting things done. My first term as Commissioner will be producing results rather than learning how things work.
Some of the highlights of my 8+ years as the Mayor of Rock Island:
Budget has doubled; From \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000
Cash Reserves quadrupled; From \$1,000,000 to \$4,000,000
Population has increased by over 60%
Kept taxes and fees as low as possible.



Paula Lamanna

(States No Party Preference)

Contact

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Elected Experience

Other Professional Experience

Operations manager, program director, business owner, real estate agent, worked in natural resources, Fish and wild life, watershed restoration.

Education

I moved from Priest River Idaho to East Wenatchee in eighth grade. I graduated from WVC with An Associates in IPM and biology. I went on to get my bachelors degree from WSU extension and UOP in sustainable business management.

Community Service

I volunteered with at risk Youth through Solomons Porch, and I was part of the stuff a stocking project for homeless and at risk youth. Delivered and made meals for shelters and homeless families.

Statement

I am seeking the position of Douglas County commissioner with a strong desire to bring a positive outlook and fresh ideas to the table. As a commissioner, I understand the multifaceted responsibilities involved in policy making, and the administration of the county. Drawing upon my knowledge in project management I aim to implement effective strategies that uphold performance standards, and meet objectives within set timelines and budgets. I am committed to actively engaging with, and listening to the needs of our community from diversity, increasing jobs, infrastructure, natural resources, agriculture, and working towards solutions that benefit everyone. Advocating for the needs of youth, seniors, and veterans, is important to me. I am enthusiastic about enhancing resources available to them within Douglas County. I would love to be a part of this generation of commissioners that builds a solid foundation in our community; so as our community grows, the next generation can easily continue where we left off. Together, we can work towards building a stronger and more connected community. Our community is where life happens, let's be part of the solutions together. Thank you for considering me for this important role.

Ballots will be mailed October 15.

If you have not received a ballot by October 21 or you need a replacement ballot call the Douglas County Election office at:
509.888.6407 or 509.888.6402.



***No postage needed when mailing your ballot.**
United States Post Office recommends mailing your ballot at least one week prior to Election Day.

Douglas County Drop Box Locations

Waterville:

Douglas County Courthouse213 S. Rainier St.

East Wenatchee:

****New Location** Drive Up**

Law & Justice Building.....100 19th St. NW

East Wenatchee City Hall271 9th St. NE

Office of Public Defense Building ...110 2nd St. NE

Coulee Dam

Coulee Dam Town Hall.....300 Lincoln Ave.

Rock Island

Rock Island City Hall.....5 N. Garden Ave.



Bridgeport

Bridgeport City Hall 1206 Columbia Ave.

Mansfield

Mansfield City Hall 26 Main St.

DOUGLAS COUNTY PUBLIC UTILITY

Public Utility District Commissioner 1 | District No. 1 | 6 Year Term



Matthew Hepner

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Elected Experience

Matthew was twice elected to East Wenatchee City Council since 2018.
Mayor Pro Tem 2020-2021

Other Professional Experience

Executive Director of the Certified Electrical Workers of Washington
Truman National Security Fellow

Appointed to Washington State Building Codes Council 2022

Appointed to Capital Projects Advisory Review Board 2019

Awarded Washingtonian of the day in 2023

USMC veteran of the Afghan campaign, Corporal, honorably discharged(99-2003) Avionics Electrician

Journeyman Wireman Electrician

Education

Graduated from Kentwood High school in 1999

US Navy avionics electrical school 2000

Northwest joint electrical apprenticeship 2006-2012

Community Service

Works on policy for the diabetic community in central Washington
delegate to the construction trades council.

Judo instructor

Statement

A resident of Wenatchee valley since 2006, Matthew and his wife Jennifer feel fortunate to be raising their family in East Wenatchee. Matthew has earned the trust and confidence of the public in his capacity within city government. He actively engages with local leaders, business owners, and residents to resolve issues. He believes that strong communication and transparency with the community is paramount to maintaining the integrity of local government; and he commits to ongoing accountability with residents that will foster trust through transparency. Matthew's strong alliance with other local elected leaders will be crucial in making pivotal decisions for the future of Douglas County PUD. Matthew is grateful for the endorsement of several local elected officials. A strong leader, known for his collaborative style and for building coalitions to address critical projects and policy. Matthew looks forward to bringing his extensive knowledge to bear by contributing to solutions around energy rates and collaboratively planning and enacting the future of energy in Central Washington that is affordable and allows for responsible economic development for all of us here in the valley.



Ron Skagen

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Elected Experience

As a PUD Commissioner (17 years), Ron served on the State's PUD Association, as Treasurer, Secretary, Vice President, and President. He also served on the Policy Makers Council, and Board of Directors, for the American Public Power Association.

Other Professional Experience

Ron was in the tree fruit industry for 25 years, a business loan officer for 12 years, and has been a consultant for 10 years.

Education

Graduated from Eastmont in 1972, WSU in 1976, and the Washington Agricultural and Forestry Leadership program in 1980.

Community Service

Served on the Board of Trustees for the YMCA and Community Foundation and chaired an Eastmont Levy campaign.

Statement

Douglas County enjoys low-cost electricity due to its ownership of Wells Dam. This resource was built by the people, for the people of Douglas County. Due to growth in the county, increased uses of electricity (including electric vehicles), and reduced water-flow in the Columbia River, our surplus electricity is declining. For two years we had to supplement our needs by purchasing power from the wholesale market. Additionally, as our dam ages, costs to maintain and protect the dam are increasing. These factors have caused us to increase rates and evaluate how we serve large-load customers, such as crypto and data. Given these trends, our Board recently adopted a resolution stating Wells power is primarily for residents and small businesses of the county. Large-load customers, including crypto and data, will primarily be served by a "wheeling" program, where those customers purchase power from the wholesale market. Microsoft is currently served by this program; crypto will follow in 2028. Douglas PUD proudly protects and preserves its resources while looking forward. In addition to Wells, we have robust broadband, a state-of-the-art fish hatchery, and a Hydrogen plant. Our PUD remains committed to providing clean, reliable, and affordable electricity, now and for the future.

DOUGLAS COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

Douglas County Superior Court | Judge | 4 Year Term

No Photo
Submitted

Brian C. Huber

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Waterville, WA 98858

Community Service

Chelan-Douglas Counties Volunteer Attorney Services

Statement

It is an honor to serve as your Douglas County Superior Court Judge. Thank you to the citizens of Douglas County who perform a vital civic duty by serving on juries in Superior Court.

Legal/Judicial Experience

Douglas County Superior Court Judge since 2019; 26 years experience as trial lawyer prior to becoming judge

Other Professional Experience

No Information Submitted

Education

University of Washington, B.A. Economics 1990; University of Washington, Juris Doctor 1994

Your Voting Rights and Responsibilities:

You have the RIGHT to:

- A replacement ballot
- Accessible voting materials
- Assistance when casting a ballot

Military or Overseas Voters:

Maintain your voter registration while in the military or living outside the United States. To register, use your home of record (or that of a family member). You may receive your ballot by mail, email, or fax. Contact us for more information.

You are RESPONSIBLE for:

- Registering by the deadline
- Updating your residential and/or mailing address
- Returning your ballot by 8 p.m. on Election Day to an official ballot drop box or postmarked by Election Day.

Notice to Voters

Candidate statements are printed exactly as submitted. We do not make corrections of any kind or verify statements for truth or fact.

Voter tip:

Tracking your ballot is easier than ever!

Sign up for text notifications when you register or update your info at VoteWA.gov.



You may NOT be voting on every item in this Voters' Pamphlet. Use your ballot to identify the races and measures to review.

The logo for VoteWA, featuring the text "VoteWA" in white on a green rectangular background.

www.votewa.gov

Use VoteWA to:

- Register to vote
- Check or update your voter registration information
- View a list of your elected officials
- Contact your county elections office
- View your online voter guide
- Fill out or print a replacement ballot
- Find an official ballot drop box
- Check the status of your ballot

VoteWA is a collaboration between the Office of Secretary of State and all 39 Washington counties to create an advanced, centralized system for both voter registration and election management.

TOP 4 REASONS A BALLOT CANNOT BE COUNTED

- Ballot received with a late postmark.
- Signature on the ballot envelope doesn't match the signature we have on file.*
- Ballot envelope is not signed.*
- Someone other than the voter has signed the envelope for them.*

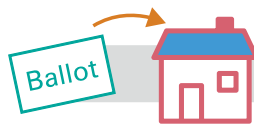
*If a ballot is not signed or the signature doesn't match the signature on your voter registration, the voter is mailed a form to correct the issue.

Your Signature Matters!

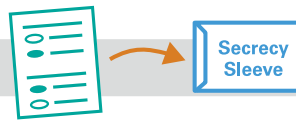
- Remember to sign and date the declaration on the return envelope with your name printed on it.
- We compare the signature on your ballot envelope with the signature on your voter registration. This is how we know the ballot comes from you.
- How do we get your signature? If you register or update using a paper registration form, we capture the signature on the form. If you register or update through the Department of Motor vehicles, we capture the signature from your Washington State Driver License.
- Do not sign for another registered voter.

Path of the Ballot in Washington State

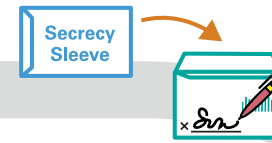
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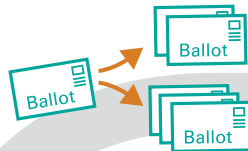
All eligible voters are sent a ballot at least 18 days before election.



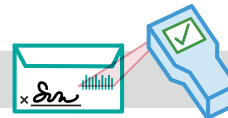
Voter places marked ballot into a secrecy sleeve or envelope.



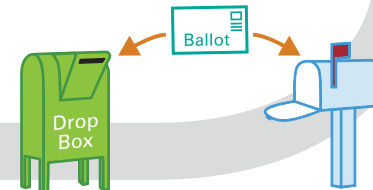
The secrecy sleeve or envelope is put in a return envelope and signed. Voter may add email or phone number in case county needs to contact them.



At processing facility, ballots are sorted into batches. An image of the voter's signature is captured for verification.



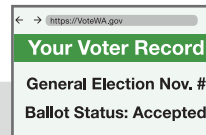
Drop boxes are regularly emptied by teams of trained election staff. Ballots are tracked from collection through processing.



Ballot has pre-paid postage and can be returned by U.S. mail or placed in an official ballot drop box. If mailed, must be postmarked by election day. Drop boxes are open until 8 p.m. on election day.



Each signature is checked by trained election staff. Voter is contacted if the signature is missing or doesn't match the voter registration record.



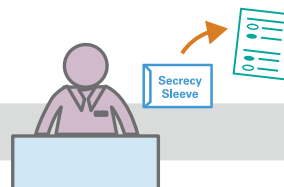
When signature is verified, ballot is marked as "Accepted" in the VoteWA system. The voter is credited for participating, ensuring that if more than one ballot is returned, only one is counted.



Voters can check their ballot status online or sign up for text notifications. Allow 3-4 days for the system to post status updates.



Ballot is reviewed for potential scanning issues like torn corners, then scanned and securely stored.



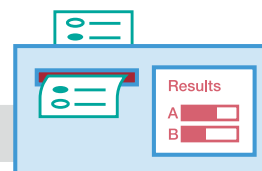
Secrecy sleeve or envelope is opened and ballot is removed for processing.



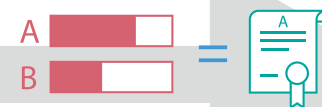
Return envelope is opened and secrecy sleeve or envelope is removed, and the two are separated. At this point, the ballot cannot be traced back to the voter.



Scanners are not connected to any form of network or internet.



At 8 p.m. on election night, ballots that have already been scanned are tabulated and unofficial results are reported.



Ballots continue to be processed, signatures verified, and votes tabulated until the election results are officially certified.

HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Public Hospital District No. 1 | Proposition No. 1

PROPOSITION NO. 1

Hospital District No. 1 Okanogan and Douglas Counties

RENEWAL OF ONE-YEAR SPECIAL LEVY

The Commission of Public Hospital District No. 1, Okanogan and Douglas Counties, adopted Resolution No. 2024-04 concerning a proposition to finance and maintain the availability of essential health care services. If approved, this ballot proposition will provide funds to pay for the maintenance, development and expansion of the District's health care facilities and services by levying in 2024 for collection in 2025 a special one-year property tax in the amount of \$1,345,500, resulting in an estimated levy rate, in excess of the District's regular property tax levy, of 33 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value.

Should this proposition be:

Approved
Rejected

Explanatory Statement

One Year Special Levy for Three Rivers Hospital

Public Hospital District No. 1, Okanogan and Douglas Counties, Washington (the "District"), operates Three Rivers Hospital in Brewster and other health care facilities within the District.

The District has determined that it is essential for the public health, safety and welfare of the District residents and other persons served by the District that the District provide additional funds for the maintenance, development and expansion of the District's health care facilities and services, including Three Rivers Hospital.

In order to provide sufficient funds to pay these expenses, the District is proposing a ballot proposition to be voted on by the qualified electors of the District authorizing the District to levy a special one-year excess tax levy.

If approved, this ballot proposition will provide funds to pay for the maintenance, development and expansion of the District's health care facilities and services by levying in 2024 for collection in 2025 a special one-year property tax in the amount of \$1,345,500, resulting in an estimated levy rate, in excess of the District's regular property tax levy, of 33 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value.

Argument For:

For over 70 years, Three Rivers Hospital has provided trained professional staff to meet the healthcare needs of our community. As your public hospital, we are committed to staffing our emergency department with experienced physicians dedicated to your care. This has been made possible with the existing tax levy that provides necessary funding for emergency department operations. The Emergency Department is open 24/7, 365 days per year. Quality care is our top priority and having caring ER physicians on our team has allowed us to ensure that quality. We believe the renewal of this one-year levy to be essential and necessary to ensure Three Rivers can continue staffing our ER with board-certified physicians. This levy renews the annual levy voters passed in 2023. The rate will remain the same at 33 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value, approximately \$66 per year for a home assessed at \$200,000. Prepared by:
Jennifer Munson, Chief Financial Officer
jmunson@trhospital.net

Argument Against:

Statements in favor of and in opposition to a ballot measure are submitted by committees appointed by the jurisdiction. No persons came forward to serve on the committee and to write a statement for or against this measure.

If you would like to be involved with a committee in the future please contact the jurisdiction.

HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Public Hospital District No. 2 | Proposition No. 1

PROPOSITION NO. 1

SPECIAL 1 YEAR EXCESS MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS LEVY

The Douglas County Hospital District #2 (ambulance services) Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 85 on 17 July 2024, containing a proposition to finance maintenance and operations. This proposition would authorize the District to levy excess taxes upon all taxable property with the District in the sum of \$80,000, requiring collection of approximately \$0.36 per thousand of assessed valuation in 2025.

Should this proposition be approved?

Yes
No

Explanatory Statement

Douglas County Hospital District #2 (Ambulance Services) provides medical services to Waterville residents including a clinic, which is contracted with Wenatchee Valley Medical Center, and its own ambulance services.

The Hospital District is placing a one-year excess maintenance and operations levy on the November 2023 general election ballot to provide sufficient funds for these services. If approved, this proposition will authorize the District to raise \$80,000, which is approximately \$0.36 per \$1,000 of assessed value on all taxable property within the District in 2025.

The exact levy rates and amounts may be adjusted based upon the limitations imposed by State law at the time of levy. Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners, call the Douglas County Assessor at 509.745.8521.

Argument For:

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If you would like to be involved with a committee in the future please contact the jurisdiction.

Argument Against:

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SCHOOL DISTRICT

Eastmont School District No. 206 | Proposition No. 1

PROPOSITION NO. 1

RENEWAL OF EXPIRING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS LEVY

The Board of Directors of Eastmont School District No. 206 adopted Resolution No. 2024-025, concerning a proposition for a renewal levy for education. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, in place of an expiring levy, upon all taxable within the District, for support of General Fund educational programs and operations expenses not funded by the State of Washington:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2026	\$1.93	\$16,172,000
2027	\$1.83	\$16,366,000
2028	\$1.83	\$17,393,000
2029	\$1.83	\$18,300,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 024-05. Should this proposition be approved?

Levy ...Yes Levy ...No

Explanatory Statement

RENEWAL OF EXPIRING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS LEVY

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow Eastmont School District to renew an existing educational programs and operations levy that will expire at the end of calendar year 2025. The taxes collected by this renewal levy will pay for expenses of educational programs and operations that are not funded by the State of Washington, including: teaching and support staff; smaller class sizes; school safety; instructional materials; facility maintenance; athletics; special education; nurses; counselors; technology; athletics; extracurricular activities and training; and other educational programs and operations expenses. The proposed levy will provide approximately 15% of the District's General Fund budget.

The proposed four-year renewal levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide up to \$16,172,000 in 2026, \$16,366,000 in 2027, \$17,393,000 in 2028 and \$18,300,000 in 2029. The levy rate per \$1,000 of assessed value required to produce these amounts is estimated to be \$1.93 in 2026 and \$1.83 in 2027 through 2029. The exact levy rates and amounts may be adjusted based upon the limitations imposed by State law at the time of levy. Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners, call the Douglas County Assessor at 509.745.8521.

Argument For:

This renews the current Educational Programs and Operations Levy scheduled to expire December 2025. Voting for this levy renews a vital funding source when it comes to providing the whole child education that defines Eastmont School District. Funds from the Levy will cover Art, Music, STEM and Athletics as well as other extracurricular activities. In Addition, the Levy would help with facility maintenance, school ground upkeep and other operational and capital expenses. Not passing this Levy would be detrimental to the district, without this funding source the district will not be able to support many important programs and clubs for students.

Prepared by:
Adam Prater
Blakeprater21@gmail.com
509-670-7375

Argument Against:

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If you would like to be involved with a committee in the future please contact the jurisdiction.

CEMETERY DISTRICT

Cemetery District No. 2 | Proposition No. 1

PROPOSITION NO. 1

SPECIAL 1 YEAR EXCESS MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS LEVY

The Douglas County Cemetery District #2 Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2024-002 on 9 July 2024, concerning a proposition for an excess maintenance and operations levy. This proposition would authorize the District to levy excess tax upon all taxable property with the District in the sum of \$50,000, requiring collection of approximately \$0.25 per thousand of assessed valuation in 2025.

Should this proposition be approved?

- Yes
- No

Explanatory Statement

SPECIAL 1 YEAR EXCESS MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION LEVY

Douglas County Cemetery District #2 is placing a one-year excess maintenance and operations levy on the November 2024 General Election Ballot. The Cemetery District provides general maintenance and operations, and cemetery services, for 7 Cemeteries and 1 Mausoleum within the District. If approved, this proposition will authorize the District to raise \$50,000.00 through property taxes for continued operations, which is approximately \$0.25 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value on all taxable property within the District in 2025.

The exact levy rates and amounts may be adjusted based upon the limitations imposed by State law at the time of levy. Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners, call the Douglas County Assessor at 509.745.8521.

Argument For:

Excess Levy

The excess Levy rate of .25 would enable the Cemetery District to adequately keep providing affordable Cemetery services and also allow the District to keep providing irrigation. Without this excess levy irrigation would need to be reduced to minimal amounts and certain cemetery services eliminated. This would also help keep the care ongoing of the rural Cemeteries.

Please vote YES on these levies to maintain the beautiful grounds of the cemeteries in our district. The grounds provide a place to heal. Cemeteries are vital to our community.

- Sandra Stoddard stoddsand@gmail.com
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Argument Against:

Statements in favor of and in opposition to a ballot measure are submitted by committees appointed by the jurisdiction. No persons came forward to serve on the committee and to write a statement for or against this measure.

If you would like to be involved with a committee in the future please contact the jurisdiction.



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