



# Levy Renewal for Countywide PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES



## MEASURE 34-179

Washington County provides public safety services in cities, urban unincorporated communities and rural areas.

### WHAT WOULD MEASURE 34-179 DO?

Replace the Public Safety Levy that expires in June 2011. A renewed levy would continue funding for personnel and services over five years to:

- Maintain supervision and compliance monitoring of registered sex offenders;
- Operate the jail and work release center at full capacity, minimizing the early release of offenders;
- Investigate crimes and prosecute criminals including the use of crime scene specialists and forensics experts;
- Serve all areas of the county with special enforcement teams (including the Major Crimes, SWAT, Fraud and Identity Theft, Gangs and Narcotics teams), probation and parole officers, juvenile counselors and other public safety personnel;
- Support emergency shelters for women and children who are victims of domestic violence.

### WHY IS MEASURE 34-179 ON THE BALLOT?

Renewal of this levy would continue funding to maintain the current balance in the public safety system specifically funding personnel and services for all areas of the county including:

- Supervision and compliance monitoring of registered sex offenders;
- Special enforcement teams serving all areas of county, including the Major Crimes, SWAT, Fraud and Identity Theft, Gangs and Narcotics teams;
- Criminal prosecution and investigation services, including crime scene specialists and forensics experts;
- Probation and parole, juvenile counselors and other services;
- Operating the jail and work release center at full capacity to minimize the early release of offenders;
- Emergency shelters for women and children who are victims of domestic violence.

### WHAT RATE WOULD PROPERTY OWNERS PAY?

**42¢ per \$1,000 assessed value, which would be unchanged from the current rate.**

A five-year levy would replace the expiring four-year levy. Homeowners with an average assessed value of \$215,089 (different than market value) would pay \$90 in property taxes for this levy in 2011-12. The tax due in future years would depend on change in assessed value.

### TO GET MORE INFORMATION:

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