

**FACT SHEET**  
**Proposition No. 1 – Levy to Protect Fairchild Air Force Base**



**What is Proposition No. 1?**

Proposition No. 1 is a ballot measure to be placed before all Spokane County electors at the November 5, 2013 General Election. It reads as follows:

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**Spokane County, Washington**  
**Levy to Protect Fairchild Air Force Base**

The Board of Spokane County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 13-0692, concerning a proposition to assist in the protection of Fairchild Air Force Base. This proposition would increase the regular property tax levy up to 6.5 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation in 2014, automatically terminate within 9 years or less, be used exclusively to protect Fairchild by mitigating current encroachments, paying related costs, resulting in a total authorized regular property tax levy rate of up to \$1.40 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for collection in 2014 and adjust the levy thereafter as allowed by chapter 84.55 RCW. Should this proposition be approved?

APPROVED:   
REJECTED:

**What does this mean?**

The levy will enable Spokane County to sell bonds and use the proceeds to purchase land in Accident Potential Zone II (APZ II), located at the end of the Fairchild Air Force Base runway, in an effort to move and relocate residents living within the zone.

The sale of bonds is expected to generate approximately \$18,090,000.

The Levy impact per \$1,000 of assessed value is 0.0631 for a 9-year time frame. That comes to \$6.31 per \$100,000 of assessed property value.

**What is Accident Potential Zone II (APZ II)?**

Accident Potential Zone II (APZ II) is an area of land immediately beyond the end of a runway which possesses a measurable potential for aircraft accidents. To protect public health, safety and welfare as well as to address land use compatibility in the vicinity of air installations, the Department of Defense has recommended that land use in APZ II should not be incompatible with airport operations. Incompatible uses include mobile home parks or courts.

## **Why is it important to reduce the residential density in Fairchild Air Force Base APZ II?**

Fairchild Air Force Base is the largest single-site employer in the region providing up to 6,000 military and civilian jobs and having an annual economic impact of \$1.3 billion. Nearby residential density may limit the missions of Fairchild Air Base and ultimately impact the base's ability to fulfill its role in the future. In addition, reducing the residential density in APZ II will eliminate public safety concerns for approximately 500 residents living in an area which has the measurable potential for aircraft accidents.

## **How will the money be spent?**

Money will be spent solely on reducing the residential density around Fairchild Air Force Base (purchase mobile home parks in the Accident Potential Zone II, closing and demolition costs, and relocation expenses). Spokane County intends to acquire by private negotiation with property owners the following mobile home parks: Aero, Campbell A, Campbell B, Lawson, Lone Pines, Mountain View and Sands.

## **What will happen to the residents living in the mobile home parks?**

Spokane County is committed to working with the residents and a coalition of local non-profit agencies to find appropriate and affordable housing for the residents. The County has already started the process by meeting with representatives of several non-profit agencies. The Board of County Commissioners is unanimous in their commitment that the relocation of residents will be done in a compassionate manner.

Spokane County will work with the Community Services, Housing and Community Development Department, and various local charities/nonprofits to develop a relocation plan.

## **What happens if the costs associated with Proposition No. 1 come in less than projected?**

The bonds would be paid off in less than 9-years.

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