



Is there really a need for a Metropolitan Park District to support the Friends Of The Pool's over \$20 million dollar Methow Aquatics Complex???

Do you really want your property taxes and rents to go significantly up???

Do you REALLY KNOW the powers of a "Metropolitan Park District" that you will be voting for???

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The Problem...

Read between the lines!!! Do we really want significantly more taxes and rent increases to build and operate a new pool? Did you think Proposition 1 was just for operation and maintenance? You missed some very important information... "If approved, this proposition would create a district under chapter 35.61 RCW, to be known as the Methow Aquatics District, to **provide ongoing funding to develop, construct, operate, and maintain the Methow Aquatics Center and related existing and future facilities.**" Wow... You will be giving them a BIG BLANK CHECK!!!

They say "We are community members just trying to find the most equitable way to support a pool here long term. We don't want our property taxes to increase either, so we will try to keep them as low as possible. The tax is not known yet, as we don't know the exact costs of the pool yet. The Methow Aquatics District would be a type of Metropolitan Park District (MPD) under the RCW laws. That type of rec district is beneficial for many reasons including you don't have to return to the voters every two years (Note: this is false. It is 6 years) like the other types of Washington rec districts. This ballot measure would simply create it and allow the commissioners to set a property tax up to the maximum of 75 cents per \$1,000 of property value for the pool, but hopefully the full amount would not be needed. The Methow Aquatics District would own and run the MAC, and decide the final tax amount."

"Tax is not known yet"... What???? This is ridiculous... Of course it will end up being the max... "hopefully the full amount would not be needed"... That doesn't cut it in my book... Especially if they add debt service for construction to it... Let's see... \$400K house/\$300 per year... \$700K house/\$525 per year... \$1mil house/\$750 per year... I don't want to see significant \$\$\$ added to my taxes to support a pool... How about you??? Landlords will most likely raise rents also...

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Good grief!!! A FOREVER and an UNELECTED BOARD taxing authority... NOT what I want to have to suffer under living here. They had 4 choices in the feasibility study for funding types and chose the one that is the most toxic to local property owners and renters. It will be especially hard on limited income folks and senior citizens on social security. BTW, the 2 year statement is false... It is a 6 year cycle.

A Metropolitan Park District may:

- Tax your property at up to \$0.75 per \$1000 of assessed value... \$300 per year for a \$400K house, \$525 for a \$700K house, \$750 for a \$1mil house. Rents will also raise accordingly.
- Purchase, acquire and condemn lands within or without the boundaries of park district (FOTP say they are excluding eminent domain for their Aquatics District)
- Issue and sell warrants, short- term obligations, or general obligation bonds
- Issue revenue bonds
- Petition for the creation of local improvement districts
- Employ counsel, provide for park police officers, secretary of the board, and all necessary employees
- Establish civil service for employees
- Regulate, manage and control, improve, acquire, extend and maintain, open and lay out, parks, parkways, boulevards, avenues, aviation landings and playgrounds, within or without the park district
- Annex territory.

VOTE NO NO NO to Proposition 1