



## Pool Levy Vote, November 2, 2021

### Why should I vote YES for the pool levy?

- Fidalgo Pool and Fitness Center (FPFC) is a separate municipal district and does not receive money from the City of Anacortes or Skagit County to operate. In order to remain open and continue to provide current services, the pool depends on money from a Maintenance and Operations (M&O) Levy.
- It costs well over a million dollars to operate FPFC each year; user fees pay for program costs but it is levy funding that pays for the facility's maintenance and upkeep so it is in a state of readiness for use.
- FPFC is requesting an M&O Levy amount of \$760,000 which means a cost to each household of \$11.38 per \$100,000 assessed home value, \$1.81 less than in 2015.
- The 2021 levy will cover the next six years of operation. Under this plan, taxpayers can count on a stable FPFC levy tax rate for the next six years and the facility will be able to operate for a longer period resulting in stability of operations.
- It costs FPFC upwards of \$20,000 every three years to be on the ballot. By keeping the levy term to six years this money could be better spent on facility maintenance and improvements.
- Without levy funds FPFC would not have enough money to operate at its current level. Programs and services would be reduced, hours of operation would be limited, and closure is a possibility. Hundreds of people would be affected, from those requiring physical therapy for health and mobility, to the young people in our community who take swim lessons or participate on swim teams.
- FPFC plays an important role in the recreation, health and wellness of our community. Fidalgo Pool and Fitness Center (FPFC) is used by the school districts for swimming practice, swim meets and fitness workouts. Patrons enjoy water aerobics, swimming activities, aquatic therapy and wellness instruction, a community swim club, fitness classes, and a fitness center.



Please support Fidalgo Pool and Fitness Center, vote YES on November 2.