



# PROPOSITION 4 POLICE SERVICES LEVY

## On your Nov. 5 General Election Ballot

Proposition 4 is a property tax levy lid lift that if approved, will fund police, public safety and related services (equipment, technology, facilities, supporting staff and related criminal justice costs).



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## What will Proposition 4 pay for?

If approved by the voters, Proposition 4 would fund increased staff and supportive services, including:

- Add up to 80 full-time equivalent sworn officers in a range of ranks and assignments
- Add up to 36 full-time equivalent non-sworn police positions
- Efficiency-enhancing technologies
- Maintenance and facility expenses to provide police services
- Expand Homeless Assistance & Resources Team (HART) response
- Additional operating and related services, including the impact of the additional staffing on jail, corrections, and public defense
- Equipment, technology, and vehicles consistent with current and future standards
- Administrative and staffing costs related to police staff and services



## How much will Proposition 4 cost?

The City's 2024 general fund property tax levy is approximately \$2.0897 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The Proposition 4 levy lid lift would increase this levy by approximately \$0.41/\$1,000 of assessed value for 2025. The levy lid lift would be permanent and authorize a 5% annual levy increase for six years. The estimated impact on the owner of a \$500,000 home would be an additional \$205 in property tax in the first year and \$585 in 2030. In the first year, the levy lift is estimated to raise approximately \$15.5 million; in 2030, it will raise approximately \$36 million.

## What if Prop. 4 doesn't pass?

As Vancouver's population continues to grow, so will the demand for police services. The cost of providing police services will outpace the demands of Vancouver's expanding community without new revenue. Reflecting this reality, there is no room in the 2025/26 Proposed Budget for more officers if Proposition 4 is rejected.

## Four things to know about Proposition 4

- 1 If approved, Prop. 4 resources would prioritize hiring sworn officers and non-sworn staff to help maintain and increase the capacity to provide police and public safety services.
- 2 Prop. 4 was developed based on the recommendations of the Police Advisory Committee, a group of 13 community members tasked with identifying community safety needs, service gaps and ways to improve policing in Vancouver.
- 3 If Prop. 4 is approved, the Police Advisory Committee will monitor the investments in police services to ensure accountability in outcomes and expectations.
- 4 Prop. 4 is the first step in a multi-year plan to address police staffing needs. The Police Advisory Committee also recommended a facilities bond in 2026 and a public safety sales tax in 2028.

Community growth means an increased demand for police services.



**30%**

increase in call volume for police services and an

**87%**

increase in reported crimes since 2018.



The daily number of complex calls\* requiring six or more officers has more than doubled since 2017

\*Calls that require multiple police resources to contain an area, de-escalate or defuse a situation, optimize safety, or investigate a crime.

Vancouver is the second lowest staffed police department among Wash. cities with 100,000+ people.

Right: Total authorized sworn police positions per 1,000 community members

