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## Vote NO on ESD 17



## VOTE NO ESD 17 ANNEXATION

### DID YOU KNOW...

- False claims of financial hardship
- ESD 2 took over EMS in 2017 from Austin-Travis County EMS
- Unelected ESD 2 and ESD 17 commissioners in charge of a FOREVER tax
- Increase in taxes over last 5 years has been 100%
- We do not need ESD 17

**The City will keep you safe** We will never lose any ambulance services. If the ESD2 Board irresponsibly votes to stop ambulance services for the Pflugerville area, the City already has a responsible plan and funding in place!

**ESD 17 Annexation will double your ESD property taxes** The unelected and unaccountable ESD 17 Board, that rules Wells Branch, has called for an annexation election for a duplicate taxing district, despite the elected Pflugerville, Hutto & Round Rock City Councils' decisions to opt out. Pflugerville already has ESD2 providing Fire and Ambulance services. ESD2 taxes have increased 100% in the last 5 years, while annual population growth has only been 3-5%. ESD2 could call an election for a temporary increase to fund ambulance services, if it was needed, but they are choosing to DOUBLE your ESD property taxes FOREVER. The unelected and unaccountable Emergency Service District #2 Commissioners are backing this effort, behind closed doors.

**Taxation without Representation** The unelected ESD 17 Board does NOT live in Pflugerville, can NOT be voted out by citizens and has been on the job for only 3 months. We need elected leadership to oversee our tax dollars, so they are accountable to the taxpayers for the services provided.

**False claims of financial hardship** ESD 2 told us that they may not have sufficient funds to continue EMS operations even though they have \$20m in the bank, an increase of over 85% in just 4 years since ambulances were first provided by ESD2. Revenues have risen 5 times faster than population. In addition to the 3 taxes from taxpayers, individuals are billed for the ambulance services they receive.

**History is repeating itself** Eight years ago, ESD2 asked for a duplicate overlay district to double our taxes. That request was denied because everyone looking at the finances knew the ESD2 had plenty of money. As it turned out, ESD2 has been financially stable for the last 8 years and can be for another 5 years and into the foreseeable future.

**VOTE NO TO QUADRUPLE TAXES** We all love our first responders and want to support them, but a FOREVER TAX is totally unnecessary. We already pay ESD property taxes, sales tax and County property taxes. We need to vote NO on the annexation of ESD17 and the quadruple tax!

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