

FIRE DISTRICT ELECTION BALLOT  
Fire District #7

Township of Hamilton, Mercer County  
February 20, 2016

Polling District 7  
Nottingham Firehouse

Charles Belmont  
Clerk

To vote for any candidate whose name appears on this ballot mark a cross (x), plus (+) or Check (/) mark with ink or pencil in the place or square at the left of the name of such candidate.

**For membership to the Board of Fire Commissioners**

Full Term                                      Vote for **TWO** (2)

( ) Adam Bendas

( ) John Marcucci

**Write-in candidate**

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**Public Questions #1**

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes    Be it resolved that **\$4,088,577.00** be the total amount of the operating budget for fiscal year **2016**, with the amount of **\$3,835,519.00** being raised by taxation, at a rate of **\$0.254** per \$100.00 of assessed value.

\_\_\_\_\_ No

**Public Questions #2**

**"Shall the Board of Commissioners of Fire District Number (7) in the ( *Hamilton Township*) be authorized to increase the (2016) amount to be raised by taxation in the Fire District annual budget, by (.0463%) or (\$170,000.00) as provided by N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.45, notwithstanding that its amount to be raised by taxation will exceed the two percent (2.0%) increase limitation.**

Yes

No

**INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT**

**A "yes" vote will authorize the Board of Commissioners of the fire district to adopt the budget that was approved by the Board. N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.45 provides a tax levy "cap" of two percent (2.0%) on the amount of increase. This amount can be exceeded when approved by referendum of the voters.**

**The following are those line items to which the increases apply:**

**(Battalion Chief)**

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**If referendum is approved (a "yes" vote), the amount to be raised by taxation will include this amount.**

**A "no" vote means that the Board of Commissioners must adopt the budget within the increase limits otherwise set forth by the law.**

**(The District needs to have a Chief supervisor.)**

**Public Questions #3**

**"Shall the Board of Commissioners of Fire District Number (*District #7*) in the *Hamilton Township*) be authorized to appropriate from its restricted Fund Balance in its (2016) Fire District annual budget, <\$81,859.00>?"**

Yes

No

**INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT**

**A "yes" vote will authorize the Board of Commissioners of the fire district to adopt the budget that was approved by the Board that includes appropriating <\$81,859.00> of Restricted Fund Balance. Because the funds were previously restricted for capital purposes, this amount can be included in the budget when approved by referendum of the voters.**

**The following are those line items to which the increases apply:**

**(Shared Chief Service)**

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**If referendum is approved (a "yes" vote), the budget will include this amount.**

**A "no" vote means that the Board of Commissioners must adopt the budget by reducing the appropriations described above.**

***This referendum does not increase the tax. It only moves funds from the restricted account to be used in the current budget***