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Borrowing \$25 million for Kerry Park upgrades and a swimming pool is "Fiscally irresponsible".

Friends of the Saanich Inlet (FOSI) urge South Cowichan residents to vote "No" on the Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) referendum on Kerry Park this Saturday, November 21, 2009.

"The push for the pool in these troubled economic times goes against all odds and defies conventional wisdom -- It is going to raise CVRD taxes across the board for residents living in the south end, anywhere from 30% to 37% depending on the electoral area" said FOSI chair Balu Tatachari.

He accuses South Cowichan regional directors of "attempting to urbanize our rural South Cowichan electoral area against the will of the residents of this community." Only a small minority wants these "things" and they want the rest of the community to pay for everything "including the POOL, INCORPORATION and Developments", said Balu.

"Why doesn't everyone have a pool in their backyard today?" He asks. It is a question of "can you afford one?"

Vote **"NO"** and send a clear message to the three south end area-directors and remind them of their fiscal responsibilities.

Grass roots democracy at work -- Your VOTE & participation matters!

Assert your democratic rights; and

Preserve our RURAL quality of life in South Cowichan.

Balu Tatachari (CHAIR)

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