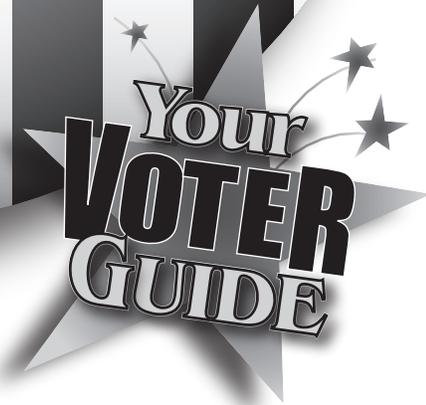




**King County
Elections**

Local Voters' Pamphlet

City of Federal Way
Federal Way School District No. 210
Valley Regional Fire Authority
Proposed Annexation Areas to the City of Auburn



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Voters' Pamphlet

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Qualifications to Register

To register to vote in King County, you must be:

- a citizen of the United States
- a legal resident of Washington State
- at least 18 years old by election day.

You may not register to vote if you are presently denied your civil rights due to a felony conviction or judicially declared mentally incompetent and ineligible to vote.

Registration Deadlines

You may register to vote at any time, but keep in mind that there are registration deadlines prior to each election. King County Elections must have your registration form postmarked at least **30 days** before an election (January 19, 2008) if you register by mail, through the Department of Licensing Motor Voter program, or to change your name or address. New Washington voters have up to **15 days** before the election (February 4, 2008) to register to vote; however, you must register in person and vote by absentee ballot for this Special Election.

How to Register

Come in person or complete a voter registration form and put it in the mail. Forms are available from King County Elections, public libraries, schools, other government offices or the Web at www.kingcounty.gov/elections.

Keep Your Voter Registration Up-to-Date

If your voter registration record does not contain your **current** name or address, it may affect your voting status. *Note the deadline for changes.* Changes to your name and address must be made **30 days before** an election to legally entitle you to vote using your new name or to vote in the precinct associated with your new address. Use the mail-in voter registration form to send your name or address change to the King County Elections or call 206.296.8683 to change your address.

Absentee Ballots/Mail Ballots

One-time absentee ballot requests may be made either by phone, fax, e-mail, on the Web, or by regular mail. You may also sign up to receive an absentee ballot for all future elections. Just check the "Yes" box in the Ongoing Absentee Request section of the mail-in voter registration form or if you are currently registered to vote complete and send in a signed absentee/mail ballot request form, a copy of which is provided in this voters' pamphlet.

If you do not receive your absentee ballot or you have lost it, please notify King County Elections at the telephone numbers, or e-mail address listed below. Voted absentee or mail ballots must be signed and postmarked or delivered to King County Elections **on or before** Election Day.

If you have already requested or have a permanent request for an absentee/mail ballot on file, please do not submit another application.

Election Dates and Poll Hours

This special election is February 19, 2008. Polling place hours are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Services and Additional Information

Contact King County Elections for further information about registering to vote, permanent absentee voting, polling place locations or voters' pamphlets in alternate formats.

Voter Hotline: 206-296-VOTE (8683) or 1-800-325-6165
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Official Ballot Title

Explanatory Statement

**CITY OF FEDERAL WAY
PROPOSITION NO. 1
ADOPTION OF THE MAYOR/COUNCIL FORM OF
GOVERNMENT WITHIN THE
CITY OF FEDERAL WAY**

Shall the City of Federal Way abandon the Council/Manager form of government and adopt the Mayor/Council form of government? The adoption of the Mayor/Council form of government would not affect the City’s eligibility to be governed under Title 35A of the Revised Code of Washington.

If approved by the voters, this measure would abandon the current Council/Manager form of government and adopt the Mayor/Council form of government. This change would transfer the administrative responsibilities from the City Manager, hired by the City Council, to an elected Mayor. The position of City Manager would be eliminated and the elected Mayor would become a full time position. The elected Mayor would preside over City Council meetings and be recognized as the head of the City for ceremonial purposes.

The reorganization to Mayor/Council form of government would require an election in November 2008.

- FOR ADOPTION OF THE MAYOR/COUNCIL FORM OF GOVERNMENT
- AGAINST THE ADOPTION OF THE MAYOR/COUNCIL FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Statement for

We the people... These first 3 words of the Constitution laid the cornerstone for self-government. That document outlined 3 branches of government and describes a system of checks and balances with Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches. Federal Way took the first step when it elected its own Municipal Judge. We now ask: Why not give the citizens the right to vote for their own Chief Executive? One thing is an absolute guarantee: as long as voters do *not* participate in the process, we’ll *never* have the chance to find out what the will of the people *can* accomplish.

We’re talking about Democracy — as opposed to bureaucracy. We’re talking about a Constitutional model — as opposed to a corporate model. And we’re talking about accountability from the top down — not side-to-side, where the citizens can be effectively ignored as they are told that their issues are being handled by...someone else.

All we the people are asking for is a constitutionally based system of accountability and *checks and balances* found in a Strong Mayor form of city government. If any part of the current city government is working, it will *continue* to work under a Strong Mayor form of government.

Rebuttal of statement against

Remember the facts:

- 82% of Washington cities boast a Strong Elected Mayor.
- With an operating budget of over \$30 million, the real issue is about the cost savings from responsible and accountable government.
- We voters are capable of making good decisions. A real Mayor — assisted by an Administrator — makes decisions for the people — not for the City Council.
- This is not a partisan issue! And we absolutely agree that cronyism and corruption must be stopped.

STATEMENT PREPARED BY: Roy Parke, Frosty Hardison, David McKenzie

Statement against

Vote NO to a Change in City Government!

VOTE NO TO INCREASED CITY BUDGET EXPENSES!

- A separately elected mayor could require a \$250,000 increase in the City budget to pay for the mayor’s salary and benefits, support staff and office operations.
- A full-time administrator would still have to manage the city’s day-to-day operations.

VOTE NO TO INEXPERIENCED, UNQUALIFIED CITY MANAGEMENT!

- A City Manager is hired through a nationwide search. The job legally requires business experience and expertise. There’s no guarantee that an elected mayor will have these qualities.
- Removing an ineffective elected mayor would require a costly recall and leaves the city floundering during a long period of uncertainty. A hired City Manager can be removed immediately by majority Council vote.

VOTE NO TO PARTISAN POLITICS!

- Costs of running a mayoral campaign invite financial support by special outside interests that could lead to cronyism and corruption.

Our current Council/Manager form of government has seven elected individuals who have broad-based experience. Council shares power and controls equally. All but one of 18 cities incorporated in Washington State since 1966 have chosen Council/Manager governance.

Federal Way Works! Vote NO to a change in city governance.

Rebuttal of statement for

The argument for abandoning our current, successful form of government is not convincing. Our city government is responsive, representative and efficient. Vague references to the Constitution fail to justify a radical and extreme change to a more expensive form of government.

Most United States cities with a population over 2,500 have the Council/Manager form of government that we have in Federal Way. Why? Because it is cost effective and because professional management works.

STATEMENT PREPARED BY: H. David Kaplan, Joann Piquette, Mary L. Ehlis



Federal Way School District No. 210

Proposition No. 1

Official Ballot Title

Explanatory Statement

**FEDERAL WAY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 210
PROPOSITION NO. 1**

REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS LEVY

The Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 2007-34 concerning a replacement levy for education. This replacement levy funds district educational programs and school operations, including classroom support, technology and security staff, athletics and activities, maintenance, and transportation, and authorizes the following excess levies to replace an expiring levy on all taxable property within the District:

Collection Years	Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2009	\$2.74	\$36,000,000
2010	\$2.74	\$39,000,000
2011	\$2.74	\$42,000,000
2012	\$2.74	\$45,000,000

Should this proposition be approved?

- YES
 NO

Passage of Proposition No. 1 allows the Federal Way School District to replace an expiring excess levy. This educational programs and operations levy pays for about 20% of the general expenses of the District. Levy support of general expenses includes program support for basic education, special education, and transitional bilingual education, and bus transportation costs. These supports include additional teaching and para-educator staff, additional instructional opportunities, athletics and activities, and security and technology staff.

If approved, this levy will replace an expiring levy and will be made for four years beginning in 2009 for collection in the school years of 2009-10 through 2012-13.

- (a) an estimated tax rate of \$2.74 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, not to exceed \$36,000,000 for collection in 2009
- (b) an estimated tax rate of \$2.74 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, not to exceed \$39,000,000 for collection in 2010
- (c) an estimated tax rate of \$2.74 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, not to exceed \$42,000,000 for collection in 2011
- (d) an estimated tax rate of \$2.74 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, not to exceed \$45,000,000 for collection in 2012.

The exact levy rate shall be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of property within the District at the time of the levy.

Statement for

**THIS LEVY WILL NOT INCREASE YOUR TAX RATE!
THIS IS A REPLACEMENT LEVY!**

This 4-year Educational Programs and Operations Levy (EP&O) replaces the current levy. These funds are an integral part of our school district. Approval allows the district to continue programs and services at their current level. This levy pays for 20% of ALL regular instruction. Levies bridge the gap between state funding and the actual cost of meeting the educational needs of our students. This EP&O levy enables our district to pay for teaching staff not included in state allocations, additional instructional programs, textbooks, athletics, extracurricular activities, technology, security and transportation.

Because of our district's responsible fiscal management, this replacement levy maintains the current level of services without increasing the tax rate. The tax rate for schools in Federal Way has actually declined since 1996. Federal Way is #1 among King County districts in the percent of budget spent on teaching and teaching support. Federal Way homeowners pay the least amount of tax per student as compared with neighboring districts.

Our children need these funds to continue to grow and prosper in a positive and progressive learning environment. Your YES vote ensures this will happen.

STATEMENT PREPARED BY: Audrey Germanis, Tom Pierson, Sandra (Sam) Rengstorff

Statement against

NO STATEMENT SUBMITTED.

Valley Regional Fire Authority Proposition No. 1



Official Ballot Title

**VALLEY REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY
KING AND PIERCE COUNTIES, WASHINGTON
PROPOSITION NO. 1**

FIRE STATION CONSTRUCTION BONDS

The Governing Board of the Valley Regional Fire Authority passed Resolution 33 concerning financing certain fire facility and equipment improvements. This proposition would authorize the Authority to acquire, construct and equip a new fire station; renovate existing facilities; purchase a new ladder truck; and make related capital improvements. To accomplish this, it would authorize the Authority to issue no more than \$19.8 million of general obligation bonds maturing within [20] years and to levy annual excess property taxes to pay and retire such bonds, all as provided in Resolution 33. Should this proposition be approved?

- YES
 NO

Explanatory Statement

The Board of Governance of the Valley Regional Fire Authority has determined that it is in the best interest of the Authority to acquire, construct and equip a new fire station in the Lakeland community, renovate two existing fire stations in south Auburn and on Lea Hill, purchase a new ladder truck and make related capital improvements. The Authority does not currently have sufficient funds available and is therefore seeking voter approval for the issuance and sale of not to exceed \$19,800,000 of general obligation bonds of the Authority to pay the costs of the project. The bonded indebtedness shall be repaid by a voter-approved annual property tax levy, at a rate of approximately 17 ½ cents per thousand of assessed valuation. This means that a taxpayer owning a home valued at \$300,000 would pay approximately \$52.50 in extra taxes per year if this measure is approved.

Statement for

Proposition One is the beginning of fulfilling the promise of providing the best fire and emergency medical services available to every citizen in the Valley Regional Fire Authority. When the citizens in Algona, Auburn, and Pacific voted to create the VRFA, part of the plan was to build a fire station in the Lakeland area. This measure will build the Lakeland station and remodel both the south Auburn and Lea Hill stations, which will increase emergency response capabilities. The next phase will strategically locate stations within the north Auburn and Algona-Pacific communities and establish an emergency operations center for a regional response to large-scale emergencies. With this fire fighting and emergency services plan of overlapping response areas, units will be available more quickly and, where minutes count, citizens will receive the best services for their dollar. We ask you to join us in voting Yes!

STATEMENT PREPARED BY: Laura Higdon, Richard "Dick" Kammeyer, Robert "Bob" Baggett

Statement against

NO STATEMENT SUBMITTED.



Proposed Klump Annexation Area Proposition No. 1

Official Ballot Title

PROPOSED KLUMP ANNEXATION AREA PROPOSITION NO. 1 ANNEXATION TO THE CITY OF AUBURN

The Auburn City Council passed Resolution No. 4251 concerning annexation of the Klump Annexation Area which would authorize annexation of that area of unincorporated King County known as the Klump Annexation Area as legally described in Resolution No. 4251. Shall that area of unincorporated King County known as the Klump Annexation Area as legally described in City of Auburn Resolution No. 4251 be annexed to the City of Auburn?

- FOR ANNEXATION
- AGAINST ANNEXATION

Explanatory Statement

By Resolution, the City Council of the City of Auburn has determined that the best interests and general welfare of the City would be served by the annexation of the unincorporated territory contiguous to the City of Auburn. The City Council has requested an election to allow voters to decide whether the unincorporated area will be annexed to the City of Auburn. The area proposed for annexation is referred to as the "Klump District" and is identified as the Annexation District One West of Auburn Way North in White River Valley Home Tracts 2nd Addition. Upon annexation, the territory so annexed shall be subject to proposed zoning regulation as R-2, Single Family Residential. An additional incentive for annexation is to assure that fire services will continue to be available through the Valley Regional Fire Authority, the fire service provider for the cities of Algona, Auburn and Pacific. Currently, there is no contract for this area to be served, and this area is not part of the Regional Fire Authority.

The City of Auburn is authorized to initiate annexations via election pursuant to RCW 35A.14.015. For approval, a simple majority of the resident electors casting ballots on the measure is required for annexation.

Statement for

NO STATEMENT SUBMITTED.

Statement against

NO STATEMENT SUBMITTED.

Proposed Totem Annexation Area Proposition No. 1



Official Ballot Title

Explanatory Statement

PROPOSED TOTEM ANNEXATION AREA PROPOSITION NO. 1

ANNEXATION TO THE CITY OF AUBURN

The Auburn City Council passed Resolution No. 4250 concerning annexation of the Totem Annexation Area which would authorize annexation of that area of unincorporated King County known as the Totem Annexation Area as legally described in Resolution No. 4250. Shall that area of unincorporated King County known as the Totem Annexation Area as legally described in City of Auburn Resolution No. 4250 be annexed to the City of Auburn?

- FOR ANNEXATION
 AGAINST ANNEXATION

By Resolution, the City Council of the City of Auburn has determined that the best interests and general welfare of the City would be served by the annexation of the unincorporated territory contiguous to the City of Auburn. The City Council has requested an election to allow voters to decide whether the unincorporated area will be annexed to the City of Auburn. The area proposed for annexation is referred to as the "Totem District" and is identified south of 29th Street SE and west of D Street SE. Upon annexation, the territory so annexed shall be subject to proposed zoning regulation as R-2, Single Family Residential. An additional incentive for annexation is to assure that fire services will continue to be available through the Valley Regional Fire Authority, the fire service provider for the cities of Algona, Auburn and Pacific. Currently, there is no contract for this area to be served, and this area is not part of the Regional Fire Authority.

The City of Auburn is authorized to initiate annexations via election pursuant to RCW 35A.14.015. For approval, a simple majority of the resident electors casting ballots on the measure is required for annexation.

Statement for

As part of the City of Auburn, our tax dollars will support a local government that will support us.

We believe our area should become part of Auburn because:

- Public Safety is the most critical service which government provides. With annexation to the City of Auburn, residents will be assured the continued excellent fire and emergency medical services they have enjoyed. Unfortunately, those services could soon end; as the fire district has no commissioners and the old contract has expired. The Valley Regional Fire Authority is serving you without a contract of compensation, but cannot continue to do so. With approval of annexation, residents automatically become part of the Valley Regional Fire Authority service area. The VRFA has a comprehensive plan to improve services to its citizens now and in the future.
- Our police services, road construction, street maintenance, traffic management, zoning regulations, parks and government will be managed locally.
- Auburn is small enough and close enough to approach on issues for improving our community.

Let your voice be heard with a YES vote for annexation.

Rebuttal of statement against

We have worked with Mayor Lewis and other City officials over the past several years and have found them to be very responsive to the needs of the community.

The City of Auburn is local and much more accessible than King County.

We have other property that has been annexed into the City of Auburn three years ago and have not experienced any negative tax impacts.

Vote YES for annexation.

STATEMENT PREPARED BY: Darrell Donovan, Kevin Donovan

Statement against

In a meeting with Mayor Lewis and several other officials of Auburn, we asked questions about our well and other concerns and got no real answers. We need to know about our water!

All we see is higher taxes; how else are they going to fix their roads?

There is the fire protection issue; the Mayor has stated that he may not allow the fire department to help us in case of an emergency. We take that as a threat to try and scare us into voting yes for annexation. What kind of a city would do that?

There are people in the King County government that have been working on this issue and will try to change the laws at the state level so that we can vote to join the new Fire Authority District on our own.

We do not see any benefit to joining Auburn. Please vote NO to annexation!

How much did it cost Auburn to put up 5 "Welcome to Auburn" signs around our 3 1/2 blocks of our neighborhood weeks after we voted NO to annexation? Was that really good use of Auburn's tax money?

Rebuttal of statement for

We do not see any benefits to joining Auburn. We do not feel that we have always been given the truth when we've asked questions. We are very concerned about our well. We will work to fix the problem with the Fire District. We are still paying our Fire District taxes through our property taxes. Let's keep OUR little community the way WE like it, vote NO on annexation.

STATEMENT PREPARED BY: Connie M. Capitan, Jerry Bertellotti



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Absentee/Mail Ballot Request Form

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Mail to: Voter Services

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