King County Local Voters' Pamphlet packet

Information for jurisdiction administrators

2020 election cycle

Who can participate?

Primary and general elections

King County automatically publishes a local voters' pamphlet and all jurisdictions placing measures on the ballot are included.

Special elections

King County does not automatically produce a pamphlet, except for annexations and countywide measures. Only jurisdictions who have requested a pamphlet be published, by ordinance or resolution, will be included.

Jurisdiction's responsibilities

The jurisdiction placing a measure on the ballot must file a resolution or ordinance with King County Elections by 4:30 p.m. on the day of the deadline.

If the jurisdiction is participating in the local voters' pamphlet they are also responsible for the following:

- Coordinating with jurisdiction's legal counsel to prepare an explanatory statement (250 word/5 paragraph limit).
- Appointing members to pro and con committees who are willing to write statements for the local voters' pamphlet.
- Informing committees of the rules, procedures, and deadlines for submitting statements for the local voters' pamphlet.
- Submitting all materials to King County Elections by 4:30 p.m. on the day of the deadline.
  - Resolution or ordinance
  - Ballot measure resolution cover sheet
  - Explanatory statement
  - Committee appointment form

King County Elections' responsibilities

King County Elections will receive all materials from the jurisdiction as well as the pro and con committees.

Additionally they are responsible for the following:

- Sending a letter acknowledging receipt of the resolution or ordinance calling for an election.
- Following the deadline for pro and con statements, sending each to the opposing committee so rebuttals can be written.
- Sending finalized pamphlet to the printer for production and mailing.

King County is not responsible for the validity or accuracy of statements, arguments or rebuttals.

Pro/Con committees' responsibilities

The pro and con committees will agree to submit statements in favor of and in opposition to the ballot measure for the local voters' pamphlet.

Additionally they are responsible for the following:

- Submitting pro/con statement, following all guidelines, to King County Elections by 4:30 p.m. on the day of the deadline.
- Submitting rebuttal statement, following all guidelines, to King County Elections by 4:30 p.m. on the day of the deadline.

Local voters' pamphlet deadlines

Special elections

Election date	February 11	April 28
Resolution due	12/13/19	02/28/20
Explanatory statement	12/13/19	02/28/20
Pro/Con Committee Appointments	12/13/19	02/28/20
Pro/Con Statements	12/17/19	03/03/20
Rebuttal Statements	12/19/20	03/05/20

Primary and general elections

Election date	August 4	November 3
Resolution due*	n/a	n/a
Explanatory statement	05/12/20	08/07/20
Pro/Con Committee Appointments	05/08/20	08/04/20
Pro/Con Statements	05/19/20	08/11/20
Rebuttal Statements	05/21/20	08/13/20

*Resolution requesting local voters' pamphlet not required, pamphlet automatically produced for primary and general

Local voters' pamphlet deadlines Need more information?

For more detailed information, consult the Jurisdiction Manual at kingcounty.gov/elections or contact Election Services at 206-296-1565 or election.services@kingcounty.gov.

Pro and con committee appointment form

This form is to be completed by the jurisdiction administrator. The completed form must be submitted to King County Elections by 4:30 p.m. on the day of the deadline.

Committee members names listed on this form will be published in the pamphlet following their statements.

If you have any questions on how to complete this form please contact Election Services at 206-296-1565.

ballot measure information

name of jurisdiction/district

name of ballot measure (e.g., Proposition No. 1 or Levy Lid Lift)

committee member information

Committee advocating approval (pro)

committee member name

phone number

email address

committee member name

phone number

email address

committee member name

phone number

email address

Committee advocating rejection (con)

committee member name

phone number

email address

committee member name

phone number

email address

committee member name

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email address

***Committee member names will be listed in the pamphet in the order they appear on this form**

submitter information

name of person submitting this form

title

phone number

date

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Information for pro and con committees

2020 election cycle

Who can participate?

Committees formally appointed by a jurisdiction proposing a ballot measure and participating in the local voters' pamphlet. There is a limit of three members per committee but committees may seek advice of any person or persons.

If the jurisdiction fails to make committee appointments by the deadline, King County Elections has the authority to make such appointments.

If you would like to serve on a committee, contact the jurisdiction proposing the measure.

Pro and con committee statements

Arguments in favor of or in opposition to any ballot measure shall be filed with King County Elections no later than 4:30 p.m. on the day of the deadline.

Length and other specifications

Limitations on the length of committee arguments are based upon the space available within the pamphlet.

- Pro/con statements: 200 words/4 paragraphs
- Rebuttal statements: 75 words/2 paragraphs
- Space is limited, so formatting is very important. Format your statement as an essay; text must be written in paragraphs. Tables, lists and bullets are not allowed, and will be changed to a block paragraph with a semicolon to separate each item.
- Only use italics to emphasize specific words or statements. Bold, underline and all caps is not allowed. Words submitted with prohibited formatting will be changed to italics.

In the event of any question regarding length, the King County Elections Director's decision shall be final.

Rebuttal statements

The day after the deadline to submit pro and con statements, King County Elections will email the opposing committee's statement to all committee members.

Rebuttal statements are not required, however, it gives each committee an opportunity to write a few more words supporting their point of view.

Committee contact information

Only the names of the committee members (as submitted by the jurisdiction) are included in the pamphlet. Additionally, a phone number, email or website (as submitted by the committee) can be included. This information is in addition to the statement word limits. Committee members' titles will not be included.

Submission of material

King County Elections prefers to receive statements submitted by email with a Word document attached. The submission of the initial statement must include a statement submission form. Statements can be submitted one of the following ways:

Email	election.services@kingcounty.gov
In-person or Mail	King County Elections 919 SW Grady Way Renton, WA 98057
Fax	206-296-0108

Review of statements

Prior to publication of the pro/con statements and rebuttal statements, King County Elections will email each committee a proof of their statements. Once they receive the proof, they can ensure there are no discrepancies between the proof copy and the information they submitted.

No changes to the originally submitted statements will be accepted and no new material will be accepted. The only changes that will be accepted are updates to the contact information section.

Need more information?

For more detailed information please contact Election Services at 206-296-1565 or election.services@kingcounty.gov.

Statement review deadlines

	Special elections		Primary and general elections	
Election date	Feb. 11	Apr. 28	Aug. 4	Nov. 3
Pro/con statements due	12/17/19	03/03/20	05/19/20	08/11/20
Rebuttal statements due	12/19/19	03/05/20	05/21/20	08/13/20
Proof emailed to committee	12/27/19	03/13/20	06/12/20	09/04/20
Response from committee due	12/30/19	03/16/20	06/15/20	09/08/20

Pro and con statement submission form

This form must be included with each committees' initial statement when it is submitted to King County Elections. If you have any questions on how to complete this form please contact Election Services at 206-296-1565.

Statements and submission forms can be submitted in the following ways:

Email
election.services@kingcounty.gov

Mail or in-person
King County Elections
919 SW Grady Way
Renton, WA 98057

Fax
206-296-0108

ballot measure information

_____
name of jurisdiction/district

_____
name of ballot measure (e.g., Proposition No. 1 or Levy Lid Lift)

committee contact information for publication

This information will be published in the local voters' pamphlet and on our website at www.kingcounty.gov/elections.

Committee members names, as submitted by the jurisdiction, will be listed following their statements. Committee members' titles will not be included. In addition, each committee may include **one** of the following so voters may contact them with any further questions:

- an email address ***or***
- a website ***or***
- a phone number

This listing of committee members and contact information is not included in the statement word counts.

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committee contact information (any one of the following: email address, website or phone number)

statement submission

If you are submitting your statement separately from this submission form please identify the ballot measure and committee on the statement. Statements must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on the day of the deadline. No late submissions will be accepted.

Which committee do you represent?

- ☐ Pro committee
- ☐ Con committee

If you are submitting your statement separately from this form, how will you be submitting your statement?

- ☐ Email
- ☐ In-person
- ☐ Mail
- ☐ Fax

_____ _____
name of person submitting this form phone number

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Printed voters' pamphlet format

1. **Ballot title**
   The language of the measure that will appear on the ballot.

   This information is submitted by the jurisdiction and approved by the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office.
2. **Explanatory statement**
   A statement prepared or approved by the jurisdiction's legal council.

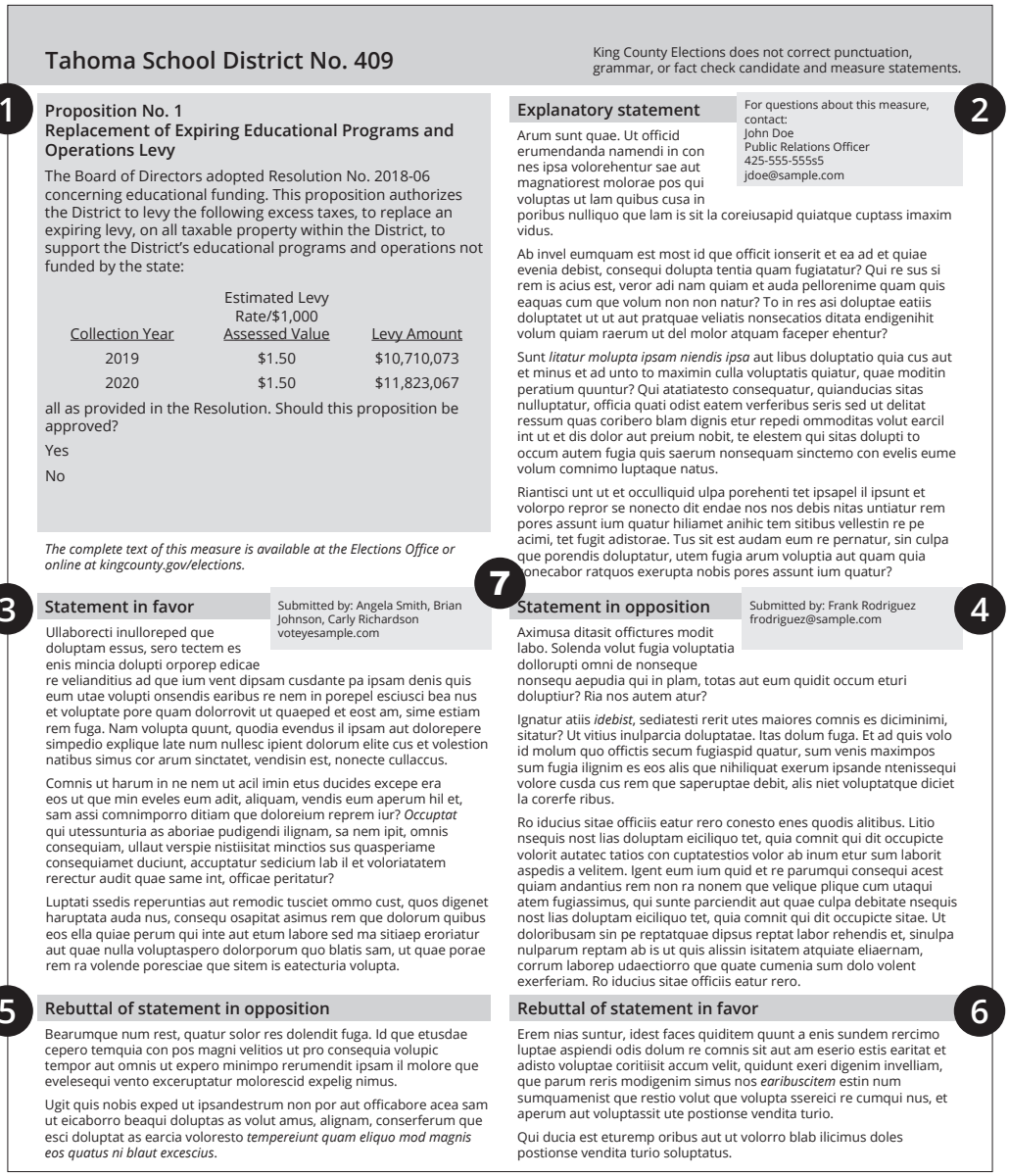
   The explanatory statement describes the effect of the measure if passed into law.
3. **Statement in favor**
   An argument advocating voters' approval of the measure.

   This statement is submitted by the committee favoring the measure (pro committee).
4. **Statement in opposition**
   An argument advocating voters' rejection of the measure.

   This statement is submitted by the committee opposing the measure (con committee).
5. **Rebuttal of statement in opposition**
   A response to the statement in opposition.

   This statement is submitted by the committee favoring the measure (pro committee) after having the opportunity to review the statement in opposition.
6. **Rebuttal of statement in favor**
   A response to the statement in favor.

   This statement is submitted by the committee opposing the measure (con committee) after having the opportunity to review the statement in favor.
7. **Submitted by**
   This area lists the names of all committee members as submitted by the jurisdiction (maximum of three). Additionally, committees can include one of the following: email address, website or phone number. This section is not included in the allowable word limits for statements.



Tahoma School District No. 409

King County Elections does not correct punctuation, grammar, or fact check candidate and measure statements.

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Proposition No. 1
Replacement of Expiring Educational Programs and Operations Levy

The Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 2018-06 concerning educational funding. This proposition authorizes the District to levy the following excess taxes, to replace an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, to support the District's educational programs and operations not funded by the state:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2019	$1.50	$10,710,073
2020	$1.50	$11,823,067

all as provided in the Resolution. Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

The complete text of this measure is available at the Elections Office or online at kingcounty.gov/elections.

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Explanatory statement

For questions about this measure, contact:
John Doe
Public Relations Officer
425-555-555s5
jdoe@sample.com

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Statement in favor

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voteyesample.com

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Statement in opposition

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frodriguez@sample.com

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