King County Voting Information

All-Mail Special Election on May 20, 2008

The districts participating in the May 20 special election requested the election be conducted entirely by mail. All voters will receive a mail ballot for this election only.

**Your polling place will not be open.** Please follow the ballot instructions carefully, and remember to sign the oath on the return envelope before mailing your ballot. Your signature will be compared and matched to the signature on your voter registration file.

Postage rates increase to $0.42 on May 12. You can return your voted ballot immediately by mail or bring your ballot to King County Elections headquarters located at 919 SW Grady Way, Renton. Anyone needing assistance to vote, can vote in-person on an accessible voting unit located at King County Elections.

**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 (April 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 (May 5, 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 to the King County elections office, 919 SW Grady Way, Renton, WA 98057 or complete a voter registration form and put it in the mail. Forms are available from King County Elections, public libraries, public schools, other government offices or the Web at [www.kingcounty.gov/elections](http://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**

The May 20, 2008, special election is an all-mail election. You may 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. Also, in future elections, one-time absentee ballot requests may be made either by phone, fax, e-mail, on the Web, or by regular mail.

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

If you have an address change, do not receive your mail ballot or you have lost your ballot, please notify King County Elections at the telephone numbers, or e-mail address listed below. Voted mail ballots for this election must be signed and postmarked or delivered to King County Elections on or before May 20.

**Services and Additional Information**

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

**Voter Hotline:** 206-296-VOTE (8683) or 1-800-325-6165

or TTY 206-296-0109

206-296-1544 (Chinese)

**Internet:** [http://www.kingcounty.gov/elections](http://www.kingcounty.gov/elections)

**E-mail:** elections@kingcounty.gov

**Fax:** 206-205-5080 or 206-296-0108

**Mail or In Person:** King County Elections

919 SW Grady Way

Renton, WA 98057

Available in alternate formats.
King County Fire Protection District No. 17
Proposition No. 1

Official Ballot Title

KING COUNTY
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 17
PROPOSITION NO. 1
MERGER WITH FIRE PROTECTION
DISTRICT NO. 44

The Board of Fire Commissioners of King County Fire Protection District No. 17 adopted Resolution No. 08-159 concerning a merger with King County Fire Protection District No. 44. If approved, this proposition would result in the merger of Fire Protection District No. 17 into Fire Protection District No. 44. Should this proposition be approved?

☐ YES
☐ NO

Explanatory Statement

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 17 has passed a resolution petitioning to merge that fire district into King County Fire Protection District No. 44 (Mountain View Fire). For approximately two years, fire protection and emergency medical services have been provided to the residents of District No. 17 under a contract providing for consolidation with King County Fire Protection District No. 44.

The consolidation has been successful. Therefore the Board of Fire Commissioners of District No. 44 has accepted the petition to merge and the District 17 Board has requested this election. If a majority of the registered voters of District No. 17 vote for merger, then the merger will be effective upon certification of the election results. Approval of merger will not change the delivery of services, which has been unified already under the consolidation agreement. If merger is approved, District No. 17 will be dissolved and its assets transferred to District No. 44.

Statement for

I am a current citizen of King County Fire District No. 17. I am in support of the merger between District 17 and District 44. As the current arrangement stands, I feel my tax dollars are not being spent efficiently with the multiple layers of public entities; District 17 contracting with the City of Black Diamond, the City of Black Diamond contracting with District 44.

I feel, as a citizen, removing the middle layer, City of Black Diamond, my tax dollars would be spent more wisely and efficiently. I wholeheartedly support the merger between King County Fire District No. 17 and King County Fire District No. 44.

STATEMENT PREPARED BY: Sarah Ickes

Statement against

NO STATEMENT SUBMITTED.
May 20, 2008 is an all-mail ballot election.

Ballots will be mailed beginning April 30, 2008.

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