Local Voters’ Pamphlet

King County
Fire Protection District No. 45

Special Election, May 20, 2008
All-Mail Election
Edition 2

Check your registration and sample ballot at www.kingcounty.gov/elections

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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.

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

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.
Statement for

King County Fire District 45 has a critical need for funding to continue to provide efficient services to the citizens of Duvall and the surrounding area. Since Initiative 747 passed in 2001, the District’s annual tax revenue growth has been limited to 1%. With annual operating expenses increasing by nearly 6 times that rate, the District has been forced to utilize emergency reserve funds until a levy increase can be passed.

The voters last approved a levy increase in 1999, which raised the rate to $1.50 per $1000 assessed. In 2008, the District collected just $1.02 per $1000. With fiscal responsibility in mind, the District has decided to ask taxpayers to lift the levy rate to $1.35 per $1000 rather than the $1.50 per $1000 allowed by law. By comparison, residents in Redmond, Woodinville and Monroe pay $1.35, $1.50 and $1.47 respectively.

Without restoring the tax rate, the District will be forced to cut services. The number of emergency personnel on duty will be cut resulting in less personnel responding to emergencies and potential extended response times. Rapid transports that are currently free will be done by private ambulances with a cost to patients and potentially delayed responses.

Statement against

NO STATEMENT SUBMITTED.

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May 20, 2008 is an all-mail ballot election.

Ballots will be mailed beginning April 30, 2008.

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