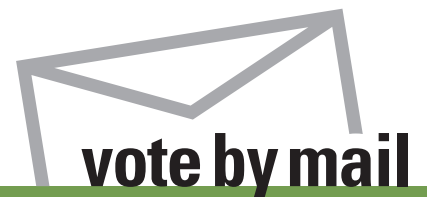


February 3, 2009 Special Election

King County Local Voters' Pamphlet



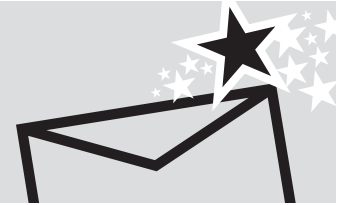
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Voting by mail is easy



Polling places are closed for the February 3 election.

All registered voters will be mailed a ballot 20 days before the election. Voters will have plenty of time to study the issues and return their ballot by mail or a secured, 24-hour ballot drop box.

If you are new to voting by mail, follow these important steps.

Five simple steps for voting by mail

1. Vote. Make your selections using a blue or black pen.
2. Place your ballot in the security envelope and seal it to ensure your ballot remains secret.
3. Then place the sealed secrecy envelope into the mailing envelope. Read and sign the oath on the return envelope. Your signature is as important as your vote, make sure you take the time to sign your return envelope.
4. Return your ballot by U.S. mail or at a 24-hour ballot drop box on or before February 3. Mailed ballots must be postmarked by Election Day to count.
5. Starting in this election, voters can follow the progress of their ballot through new online ballot packet tracking. Visit www.kingcounty.gov/elections to learn more.





24-hour ballot drop boxes

Ten ballot drop boxes are available throughout the county to provide voters with a way to securely return their ballots without the cost of postage. Ballots can be returned starting at 6 a.m. on January 16. Drop boxes will close at 8 p.m. on Election Day, February 3.

Algona-Pacific

Algona Pacific Library
255 Ellingson Road

Fall City

Fall City Library
33415 SE 42nd Place

Seattle

› King County Administration Building
500 Fourth Avenue

Bellevue

Library Connection @ Crossroads
15600 NE 8th Street
(outside of Suite K-11)

Lake Forest Park

Lake Forest Park Library
17171 Bothell Way NE
(on the lower level, near the mall entrance)

› Delridge Neighborhood Service Center
5405 Delridge Way SW

Black Diamond

Black Diamond Library
24707 Roberts Drive

Renton

King County Elections
919 SW Grady Way

› University Neighborhood Service Center
4534 University Way NE

Des Moines

Des Moines Library
21620 11th Avenue S



Accessible voting options

Accessible voting options are available. Voters with disabilities will have the opportunity to cast a private and independent ballot at one of three accessible voting centers throughout the county.

Bellevue

Bellevue City Hall, Room 121
450 110th Avenue NE

January 30-31, February 2:
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

February 3: 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Renton

King County Elections
919 SW Grady Way

January 14 - 30, February 2
(Monday-Friday):
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

January 31 (Saturday):
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

February 3: 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Seattle

Union Station
401 S Jackson Street

January 30-31, February 2:
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

February 3: 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

The equipment at these locations provide audio and visual technology which allow voters with limited vision and physical disabilities to vote independently.



King County Elections

Director of Elections (Nonpartisan Office)



David Irons

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Education: Two years at Bellevue Community College; Two years at Oakland University, Math and Economic studies.

Candidate Statement

This past November, 56% of voters in King County supported your ability to vote for an Elections Director. The voters wanted the office that counts your ballots to be transparent and accountable to you – not the Executive’s office.

I supported this Charter Amendment.

Election administrators across our country face many challenges, but the primary mission of all election departments remains the same: the accurate counting and reporting of ballots.

Every election is only as good as the people administering it. I will use my proven management experience and leadership abilities to create a culture of integrity and fairness so that, together with excellent staff members, we continue to build a King County Elections Department that is a world-class example of modern election practices and procedures.

As the past Vice Chair of the King County Council Budget Committee I understand the processes that will be needed to ensure the King County Elections Department is properly funded and that new processes and equipment are cost effective and promote honest access to voting.

I have been elected to local and King County positions striving to assure fairness, accountability and access to every person in King County.

I am a business executive in the field of high tech that has managed large teams of people engaged in simultaneous processes under mandatory time constraints – similar to elections administration.

Eleven years ago I founded a new company to provide cutting edge technology to the convention center industry. As CEO I brought together a team that enabled us to become one of the leaders in our industry. In 2007 my company received two unsolicited offers to purchase us from two competing large Corporations.

I offer this unique skill set to the voters of King County and ask for your vote this February 3.



Sherril Huff

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Current Occupation: King County Elections Director, 2007 –present

Education: University of Washington, Western Washington University and University of Southern California.

Candidate Statement

Elect Sherril Huff: The Only Candidate with Proven Elections Leadership

Current King County Elections Director Sherril Huff has implemented more than 300 reforms and administered 21 successful elections since 2004—restoring trust and improving performance in the largest elections department in the nation to undergo a shift to all-mail voting.

No other candidate can match Sherril’s record of success, reform, and administration of elections. This position is too important to be trusted to an inexperienced or overly partisan candidate who lacks administrative and elections experience.

Sherril Huff: True Nonpartisan Credentials

Huff is a nonpartisan leader appointed and supported by a bi-partisan majority of King County leaders, including the Executive and County Council, and good government watchdogs. Thirty-five elected county auditors of both parties—Sherril’s colleagues in managing fair elections—endorse her candidacy. Her work has won national recognition.

Sherril Huff: A Real Record of Reform

Working with citizen oversight commissions, Sherril has implemented:
• state of the art ballot tracking and security • cutting edge audits and reconciliations procedures • expanded foreign language voting programs
• cleaned up the voter rolls • ...and hundreds more real reforms and changes.

The Seattle Times writes: “Huff has overseen strong improvement of the operation...” (12/8/08)

Sherril Huff: A Plan for the Future

When elected, Sherril will build on her record of accomplishment and reform, adopting new technologies, replacing aging equipment, and instituting procedures that ensure long-term innovation, stability and accountability in the Elections Office.

Sherril Huff is the only experienced, professional elections director seeking this office. King County voters can depend on her proven skills, commitment to fairness and openness, and record of results.

Selected Bi-Partisan Endorsements

35 County Auditors, both Republican and Democrat; Executive Ron Sims; County Democrats Chair Susie Sheary; hundreds of elected leaders and citizens countywide.



Julie Kempf

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Current Occupation: Election integrity speaker & activist; expert witness & trial consultant in election issues.

Education: Attended Seattle University School of Law 2001-2003; Certified Election Administrator 1999-2003; BA in Speech –Washington State University

Candidate Statement

There is no greater responsibility of local government than insuring the integrity of our elections.

Sloppy counting, lost ballots, the recent hidden purchase of more Diebold vote equipment, has eroded the confidence of King County citizens. That is why 57% of the citizens voted *twice* for change – we *need* an elected Director of Elections reporting directly to the voters.

I am asking you, the voters, to hire me.

Clean and complete voter rolls; accessible, secure ballots; vote counts with prompt disclosure of problems; all taking place in the bright sunshine of open government are foundation of my vision for King County Elections.

This year, voting for me presents a credible alternative to the status quo, a choice of a public servant with years of experience as an election administrator but the healthy skepticism of an outside citizen activist, who will protect our election integrity, and open the election process for full public scrutiny.

As a person, I have human flaws and admit as much. I have learned from past election mistakes: my own, and others'. As your Elections Director, I cannot promise a "perfect" election, but I will always promise a *perfectly accounted for election*, with nothing hidden and no ugly surprises after the fact.

I am unique in that I am the only candidate who has managed King County elections during years of severe budget crises such as we face now, and who has managed a countywide razor thin recount, where we had no ugly surprises or lost ballots.

The current appointee has *not* been tested by close, controversial elections under the stress of a major County funding crisis.

In light of this fact, I am endorsed by the non-partisan watchdog group, Citizens for Accountable Elections.

I hope you, too, will honor me with your vote and your confidence.



Bill Anderson

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Current Occupation: Semi-retired bank technology and operations manager also providing expert witness services for LECG, LLC

Education: MBA University of Washington Graduate School of Business

Candidate Statement

King County's move to voting exclusively by mail is but the first step in gaining control of the voting process. However, it is not the end of changes that will be required to ensure the voting process is accurate, secure, results can be reproduced and there is transparency within the voter registration and election process. There is much to be done and I have the experience

and background to modernize the election registration and voting processes on behalf of King County voters. I am not politically connected and possess no party affiliation and no political experience, but my work as Senior Vice President and Manager of back office operations for Seafirst bank qualifies me for the job of Director of Elections.

The job of Director of Elections requires a person who has experience managing hundreds of employees processing large numbers of paper documents under extreme time constraints while requiring the ultimate level of security, accuracy, accountability and integrity. I have experience managing the systems and people (up to 1,300) that process large number of paper checks (3 to 5 million per day at Seafirst). The fundamental similarities of processing votes and processing checks are that votes/checks come from multiple locations and that each has to be handled by multiple humans and multiple machines. Of utmost importance is the requirement that the document speaks for the writer and there is no room for error in determining the writer's intent. I have participated in the evolution of paper based check payment systems to electronic payments systems and over the past 20 years, as paper checks have slowly given way to debit cards and online bill paying, I have helped architect the systems used to keep the money flowing smoothly and securely. Voting needs the overhauling.

See more about me at www.thebillandersonsite.com .

King County Elections

Director of Elections (Nonpartisan Office)



Christopher Clifford

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Current Occupation: Teacher Orting School District

Education: Masters University of Puget Sound, BA UPS, AA & AAS Green River

Candidate Statement

As an English teacher, I tell students they must pay close attention to the actions of the characters in their readings. Action defines character. Despite what the character or others say, the personal choice of action always defines a person's character.

I cringe as the actions of our public officials expose us to the personal characteristics of arrogance and dishonesty. I have fought against officials who choose to act with those characteristics.

There are actions I believe are unworthy of your vote. Filing a false declaration, lying about where you live, being accused of assaulting your mother, being arrested for forgery, and being arrested for attempting to run over a police officer. These are the actions of arrogance and dishonesty. These are not the actions we look for in individuals seeking your trust, your confidence, your vote.

These are some of my actions: I acted to help our future generations and became a teacher. I acted and won a Washington State Supreme Court decision battling the arrogance and dishonesty of an elected official. To read more about those actions please go to the website recallpat.com . I acted to defend the State Open Meetings Act, to battle discrimination, and support freedom of speech. I acted and was elected to serve as a member of the North Bay Planning Committee. My twenty-three fellow committee members chose to elect me chair of that committee. I acted and served on various committees supporting schools and students.

I teach my students that choices matter and that actions speak louder than words. I choose to act upon the words of Thomas Jefferson "Everyone is bound to bear witness, where wrong has been done." I ask that you act in support of open, honest, corruption free government, and I humbly ask for your vote.



Pam Roach

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Current Occupation: State Senator, 31st District

Education: BA history, BYU, 1970

Candidate Statement

The first responsibility of Elections Director is to ensure our elections are fair, nonpartisan, and open to inspection and verification.

As State Senator representing King County for 18 years, I have successfully improved our election laws, managed staff, and put the people of King County above partisan politics. I believe we need new, competent leadership for this new office.

I have served 16 years as chair or ranking member on the Senate Operations and Elections Committee. I led the effort to bring accountability and openness to our elections in the wake of the 2004 election fiasco.

I have been the state's strongest supporter of the initiative and referendum process, fending off efforts to take away the right of citizens to control their government through initiative. I prime sponsored the *Help America Vote Act* into law which has stemmed voter fraud and removed thousands of unqualified voters. I helped deployed military access voting, know voting systems, and have configured both county and state budgets.

As elections director I will open the department to public scrutiny by allowing direct public access to records.

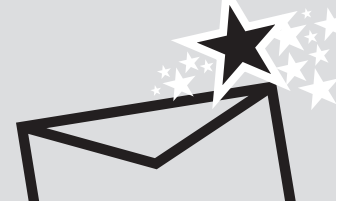
As the 14 year chief of staff to Councilmember Kent Pullen, I know county government without being beholden to it. I will provide the most qualified technical staff available and make sure we finally meet certification standards. (*King County Elections is currently not certified.*)

I am running to provide the independent, qualified leadership we need. I have a record of achievements in election law and now want to make sure those laws are implemented, protected, and in some cases further defined.

In 2005 I introduced legislation to give King County an elected director. I supported the initiative process every step of the way.

(*King County residents for 32 years, Jim and Pam have five grown children, ten grandchildren.*)

Voter Information - what you need to know



Special Election on February 3, 2009

All voters will receive a mail ballot for this election.

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.

You can return your voted ballot by mail or return your ballot at one of our drop box locations listed on page 3 of this pamphlet. Anyone needing assistance to vote, can vote in-person on an accessible voting unit located at an Accessible Voting Center location listed on page 3 of this pamphlet.

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.

If you have been convicted of a felony in Washington, another state, or in federal court, you lose your right to vote in Washington State until your civil rights are restored.

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 receive your registration form at least **30 days** before an election if you register online, or postmarked, if registering by mail. New Washington voters have up to **15 days** before the election to register to vote; however, you must register in person at the King County elections office, 919 SW Grady Way, Renton, WA 98057.

How to Register

Come in person to the King County elections office, 919 SW Grady Way, Renton, WA 98057 or you can complete your registration online at www.vote.wa.gov. You can also 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. You can also update your record online at www.vote.wa.gov.

Mail Ballots

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** February 3.

Services and Additional Information

Contact King County Elections for further information about registering to vote, for help with voting your ballot, 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>

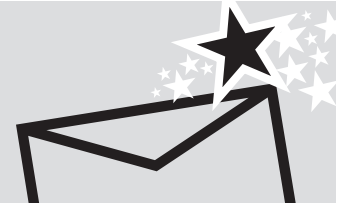
E-mail: elections@kingcounty.gov

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

Mail or In Person: King County Elections
919 SW Grady Way
Renton, WA 98057



Your signature is as important as your vote

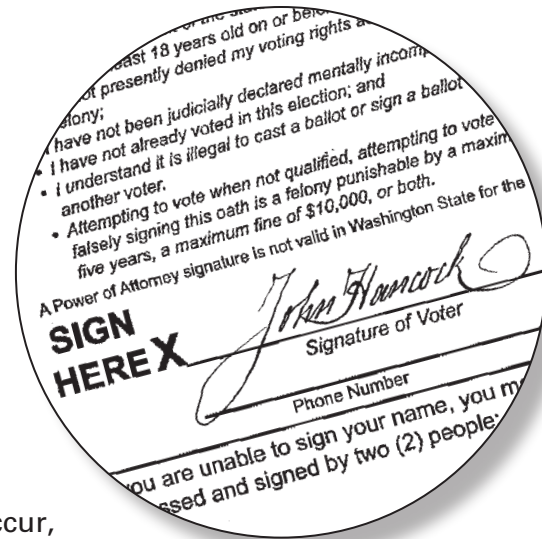


Take your time, vote and sign.

Before any ballot is counted, trained staff compare the signature on every mailed ballot envelope with the signature on the voter's registration.

If the signature does not match, the voter is contacted by phone and mail to verify their signature. If this happens to you, make sure you respond quickly, so your ballot counts.

While there are many reasons this could occur, common reasons include the length of time that has passed since the voter first registered to vote, the voter initialing instead of signing or simply forgetting to sign.



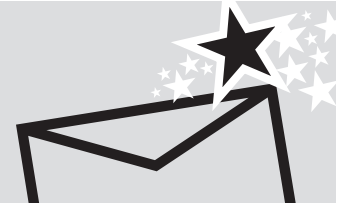
Make sure that your ballot counts, take your time, vote and sign.

Your role

- › Take your time, vote and sign.
- › Keep your address current. If you move, let us know.
- › Your signature is as important as your vote. Make sure it's up-to-date.



Ballot envelope tracking



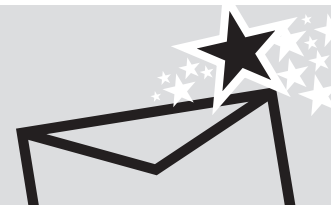
Mail ballot tracking

Starting this election, voters will be able to track their ballot's progress online as it is processed. Learn more online at kingcounty.gov/elections.

A screenshot of the King County Elections website. The page is titled "Mail Ballot Tracking" and is for the "November 4, 2008 General Election". It features a navigation menu on the left with options like "Elections Home", "News", "Registration", "Voting", and "Results". The main content area includes a "Vote by mail" graphic, a list of results for John Hancock, and a "Track your ballot packet at three points" section. This section includes three track points: 1. Assembled and delivered to the U.S. Postal Service; 2. Received by King County; 3. Signature verified. A diagram shows the ballot's path from the voter to the postal service, then to King County, and finally to verification. The page also includes a search bar, a "VOTE" button, and a footer with contact information and a disclaimer.



Frequently asked questions about voting by mail



What is vote by mail?

Vote by mail is a method of distributing ballots in an election. Instead of using traditional polling places where voters go to cast ballots, a ballot is mailed to each registered voter. The ballot is then voted and returned to King County to be counted.

Why is this election conducted by mail?

King County is testing the first countywide vote by mail election in February using the systems put in place to handle the largest all-mail election in the nation. The top reasons to conduct an election by mail include:

- Follows the voting method that the majority of King County voters have self-selected.
- Removes barriers that can keep people from getting to the polls.
- Allows more time for people to study issues and candidates before marking the ballot.
- Has built-in safeguards that increase the integrity of the elections process.

When are ballots mailed to the voters?

Ballots will be mailed Jan. 14-16 to more than 1.1 million registered voters. In vote by mail elections, ballots are mailed about 20 days before every election.

As a registered voter, what do I have to do?

If your address and registration is current, your ballot packet will automatically be mailed to you. Once you vote the ballot, place it in the secrecy envelope and seal it in the pre-addressed return envelope. Be sure to **sign** the return envelope on the appropriate line. Then simply return the ballot either by mail or at a designated drop site.

What if I make a mistake?

If you make a mistake, follow the instructions on the ballot for correcting a mistake. If you lose your ballot, call King County Elections and request a replacement ballot. One will be mailed to you provided the request is received with sufficient time for mailing. Your ballot has been cast as soon as you deposit it in the mailbox or at a drop site. After that, you cannot receive a new ballot to re-vote.

What if my ballot doesn't come?

If you have not received your ballot by Jan. 23, call us so we can check that your voter registration is current. If it is, they will mail you a replacement ballot.

When must the voted ballot be returned?

The voted ballot must be **received** at a designated drop site by 8 p.m. on election night or be **postmarked by** the U.S. Postal Service on or before February 3.

How do I know if my ballot is received?

Starting in this election, you can verify your ballot was received by King County using the Internet.

Will my vote still count if I forget to put my ballot into the secrecy envelope?

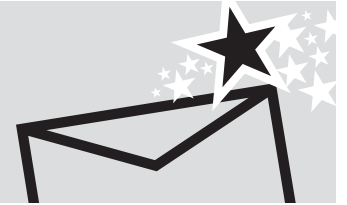
Yes, the ballot will still be counted.

When will election results be known?

Ballot counting cannot begin until election day. Initial results are released at 8 p.m. election night and will continue to be updated once a day in the days that follow until all ballots have been counted.



Chinese language assistance is available



As required by federal law, King County produces all election materials in both English and Chinese. Federal law requires counties to provide language assistance if more than 5 percent of voting age citizens in a jurisdiction are members of a single-language minority group who do not speak or understand English adequately enough to participate in the electoral process.

If you need language assistance or would like a ballot or Voters' Pamphlet in Chinese, call 206-296-8683 or learn more at www.kingcounty.gov/elections/chinese.aspx.

Contact us if you need materials in Chinese.



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King County produces all election materials in both English and Chinese. If you, or someone you know, needs language assistance, call King County Elections and request a ballot and voting material in Chinese. 為符合聯邦法律，此資料有中文版本。