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.

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

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

**Black Diamond**
Black Diamond Library
24707 Roberts Drive

**Des Moines**
Des Moines Library
21620 11th Avenue S

**Fall City**
Fall City Library
33415 SE 42nd Place

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

**Renton**
King County Elections
919 SW Grady Way

**Seattle**
King County Administration Building
500 Fourth Avenue

Delridge Neighborhood Service Center
5405 Delridge Way SW

University Neighborhood Service Center
4534 University Way NE

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.
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**David Irons**

300 Queen Anne Avenue N #620  
Seattle, WA 98109  
Website: www.ironsforelections.com

**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.

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**Sherril Huff**

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Telephone: 206-619-0356  
Website: www.electsherrilhuff.com

**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.

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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.

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**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.
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Official Ballot Title

Proposed Fall City Metropolitan Park District
Proposition No. 1
Formation of New Metropolitan Park District

The King County Council passed Ordinance No. 16282 concerning a proposition to create the Fall City metropolitan park district. If approved, this proposition would create a metropolitan park district encompassing portions of King County Fire Protection District No. 27 and various adjacent neighborhoods. The district would have all of the powers provided in chapter 35.61 RCW, including the authority to levy a general tax not to exceed $0.75 per $1,000 of assessed valuation on all property located in the district each year. The park district would be governed by a five-member board of commissioners to be elected at large.

☐ FOR THE FORMATION OF A METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT TO BE GOVERNED BY A FIVE-MEMBER BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO BE ELECTED AT LARGE

☐ AGAINST THE FORMATION OF A METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT

Explanatory Statement

If this proposition is approved, a metropolitan park district would be created to manage, control, improve, maintain, and acquire parks, parkways, boulevards and recreation facilities. The district would be known as the Fall City Metropolitan Park District and would have the boundaries set forth in Attachment A to King County Ordinance No. 16282.

The district would be a municipal corporation with all the powers provided in chapter 35.61 RCW, including the power to levy an annual tax on all taxable property within the district in an amount not to exceed $0.75 per $1,000 of assessed valuation. The district would also have the power to contract indebtedness, issue general obligation bonds or revenue bonds, and to exercise the right of eminent domain.

The district would be governed by a five-member board of commissioners to be elected by all qualified voters residing in the proposed district. The initial terms of office would be staggered and thereafter, all commissioners would be elected to six-year terms.

Statement for

The issue is clear. Do we control the ambiance of our small portion of this valley or do we leave its fate to developers, ambitious politicians and those with interest disconnected with Fall City? This is an opportunity to take ownership of an important element of our community. Maintaining our local parks and open spaces in which we can walk, play, and connect with the beauty of our valley defines the quality of life we have chosen by living here. The parks would be managed by an elected board of commissioners, which means local control of such a valuable community resource. Many residents in the Fall City community believe that King County should transfer Fall City Community Park to the Park District. Yes, we’ll have to pay. The dedicated citizens’ group leading this campaign to retain our parks has recommended a modest budget of $109,000 a year to provide a part-time parks manager, grounds keeper, utilities and the necessary insurance to keep our parks serving us. For the owner of a $300,000 home that’s less than $30 a year. If the District is created, tax levy rates would not apply until 2010. This one’s easy. Vote YES Fall City Parks.

Statement against

No Statement Submitted.

Statement Prepared By: Jack Kelley, Perry Wilkins, Terri Divers
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Fall City, WA 98024
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Current Occupation: Professional Engineer/Project Manager; David Evans and Associates, Inc.
Education: B.S. Civil Engineering; University of Washington

Candidate Statement
I am a lifelong resident of King County and my wife and I have two wonderful sons, ages 4 and 7. We built our home in Fall City almost 10 years ago because we love the area, the community, and the outdoors.

I support the formation of the Fall City Metropolitan Park District because I believe that stewardship of parks should be with the local community. Our parks provide opportunities for neighbors to play sports, ride horses, fish, gather, and celebrate. My concept of this new district includes the protection, preservation, and enhancement of our treasured parks.

I welcome input from the community and will base my decisions on it. I will draw upon my professional background managing transportation projects for local cities and counties to provide fiscal accountability to the district. I humbly ask for your vote to represent the residents of Fall City as a park district commissioner.

Dave Schneidler
4753 Preston – Fall City Road SE
Preston, WA 98024
Telephone: 425-222-5548
Email: dgs@centurytel.net

Current Occupation: Emergency Manager, City of Seattle
Education: B.A. Political Science, University of Washington

Candidate Statement
This is a wonderful opportunity to help make a lasting positive impact for our Fall City community. I will be flattered to be a commissioner. I will work hard and continue to learn your interests and your concerns. I will represent those interests as an elected commissioner. You are in an enviable position – I have met the candidates for the other commission positions and find them all to be dedicated and passionate supporters of an exciting, new, local parks program. You can’t go wrong….
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
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.

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.
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.

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