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as requested by King County Fire Protection District No. 10

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Requirements
To register to vote in Washington, you must be:
• A citizen of the United States
• A legal resident of Washington State
• At least 18 years old by Election Day

How to register
• Register online with the Secretary of State, www.sos.wa.gov
• Download a registration form from the King County Elections website, and return it by mail or in person
• Register in person at the King County Elections office

Registration deadlines
While you may register to vote at any time, there are registration deadlines prior to each election. The deadlines for the February 14, 2012, special election:
• January 16 – Deadline to register by mail or online, or to transfer or update voter registration.
• February 6 – Deadline to register in-person for people who are not currently registered in Washington. You can register in-person at the Elections office in Renton or at our new Voter Registration Annex located at the King County Administration Building, 500 4th Ave., Room 311 in Seattle.

Keep your voter registration current
Update your registration if you have moved or changed your name, or if your signature has changed. Simply submit a new registration form to update your information.

Tips for voting
• Read the instructions on the ballot and envelope carefully.
• Use a black ink pen to vote.
• Remove and recycle the stub at the top of the ballot.
• Sign the declaration on the return envelope.
• Track your ballot’s progress on the King County Elections website.
• Questions? Lost or damaged ballot? Call 206-296-VOTE (8683)

Registering to vote is easy
Returning your ballot

Voting begins as soon as you receive your ballot in the mail. Consider returning it early to be counted in election night results and to have time to resolve any issues with your signature.

Through the mail
You can vote and return your ballot through the U.S. Postal Service as soon as you receive it. Ballots must be postmarked by February 14. This requires first class postage.

Ballot drop boxes
King County Elections offers ballot drop boxes as an option for returning your ballot without using the U.S. Postal Service or a first class stamp. Ballot drop boxes are open 24-hours a day beginning Thursday, January 26.

By law, ballots cannot be accepted at ballot drop box locations after 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

Federal Way City Hall
33325 8th Avenue S, Federal Way 98003
Issaquah City Hall
130 E Sunset Way, Issaquah 98027
King County Elections
919 SW Grady Way, Renton 98057
Regional Justice Center
401 4th Avenue N, Kent 98032
Near parking garage entrance
King County Administration Building
500 4th Avenue, Seattle 98104

Accessible voting center
Accessible voting centers are available for voters who need assistance completing their ballot. Trained staff and specialized equipment is available to help voters with disabilities cast a private, independent ballot. Voters may also return ballots at this location during business hours.

King County Elections
919 SW Grady Way, Renton, 98057
January 27 - February 13
Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
February 14
Tuesday, 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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Proposition No. 1
Bonds to Construct and Remodel Fire Stations and Acquire Firefighting and Life Saving Equipment

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 10 adopted Resolution No. 11-04 concerning bonds to finance the cost of constructing and remodeling District fire stations. This proposition would authorize the District to construct and remodel District fire stations and facilities, and purchase fire fighting and life saving equipment. The District would issue up to $5,500,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 20 years to finance the cost of constructing and remodeling District fire stations and facilities. The proposition would enable the District to construct and remodel fire stations and other facilities and purchase fire fighting and life-saving equipment. Proposition No. 1 would also authorize the District to levy annual excess property taxes to pay and retire the bonds, all as set forth in District Resolution No. 11-04. Should this proposition be:

☐ APPROVED
☐ REJECTED

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

Statement in favor

The $5.5 million bond will be used primarily for the relocation of the professionally staffed Fire Station 78. The need for the central relocation of Fire Station 78 is necessitated by population and demographic changes, the need to shorten response times, and the need to reduce cross-coverage costs incurred when fire apparatus from outside District 10 need to respond to District 10 calls.

The bond will also improve district-wide services, add more effective safety and training opportunities for firefighters – both professional and volunteer, address several facility deficiencies (adding alarm and sprinkler systems), add and enhance volunteer firefighter sleeping quarters, and improve volunteer facilities.

The 20 year bond will cost the average home owner the equivalent of one cup of coffee per month – nine cents per $1,000 of assessed property value, or three dollars a month for a $400,000 home, which equates to $36 per year.

District 10 serves the areas of Carnation, Preston, Issaquah, Klahanie, Lake Kathleen, Lake Joy, May Valley, and Tiger Mountain, covering approximately 132 square miles and 28,000 people.

Saving lives, homes, and businesses is not something to take for granted. Vote YES for the future of District 10 and support the service that could save YOUR life or home one day.

Statement submitted by: Gary Beneze, Rich Barger and Stuart Lisk

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Statement in opposition

No statement submitted.

Statements in favor of and in opposition to a ballot measure are submitted by committees appointed by the jurisdiction. No persons came forward to serve on the committee and to write a statement in opposition. If you would like to be involved with a committee in the future please contact the jurisdiction.

Your signature verifies your vote

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