February 14, 2012 Special Election

King County
Official Local Voters’ Pamphlet
as requested by Vashon Island School District No. 402

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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)
Proposition No. 1
Technology and Capital Projects Replacement Levy

The Board of Directors of Vashon Island School District No. 402 approved a proposition for capital project levies in Resolution No. 675. This proposition would fund renovations, improvements, and preventative maintenance of equipment and facilities and provides for instructional technology upgrades, and authorizes the following excess taxes, in place of an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District:

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Should this proposition be approved?

YES
NO

Statement in favor

This replacement levy enables the school district to improve maintenance and stay current with rapidly changing technology. Because of the current levy, we now have two people working exclusively on preventive maintenance so we stay up-to-date with all district mechanical systems. In two years, the district upgraded the kitchen equipment, replaced lunch tables and repaired the boiler at Chautauqua.

Four people are now dedicated to technology literacy for both students and teachers. We now use laptops as part of the reading program at Chautauqua, in the science program at McMurray and as classroom support in Special Education. The district-wide wireless network has been updated.

The next levy cycle will be used to replace McMurray’s hot water heater and windows and to make improvements to play areas and flooring. Energy inefficient light fixtures will be replaced with efficient ones. Each year money has been set aside for an emergency fund.

This levy allows the district to continue to license software, upgrade computers, train teachers and students and continue network infrastructure upgrades. Using technology is the only way our students will stay competitive.

Statement submitted by: Hilary Emmer and May Gentile
206-463-7217

Explanatory statement

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would authorize the Vashon Island School District to levy annually for four years excess property taxes to pay costs for instructional technology and certain school improvements in place of an expiring levy. The taxes collected by this levy will only be used to pay costs to: fund renovations, improvements, and preventative maintenance of equipment and facilities of the District and provide for technology upgrades and training in connection with the District’s technology plan, all as deemed necessary and advisable by the Board of Directors.

The proposed four-year technology and capital levy would authorize the collection of taxes to provide $900,000 from 2013 through 2016. If authorized, these property taxes would be collected each year of collection from 2013 through 2016 at an estimated tax levy rate of $0.3928 per $1,000 of assessed value.

Exemptions from taxes may be available to homeowners who are 61 or older, or disabled, and who meet certain income requirements. For more information, call the King County Department of Assessments at 206.296.3920.

Statement in opposition

No statement submitted.

Statement 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.
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Before any ballot is counted, state law requires that specially trained Elections staff make sure the signature on the ballot envelope matches the signature on file with your voter registration. If you forget to sign or if the signatures don’t match, the Elections department cannot count your ballot. If this happens, Elections staff will contact you to take care of the issue.

Sign and date the declaration on the back of your return envelope before returning it. Take your time and sign carefully.

You’ve moved your furniture, your clothes, the kids and the dog.

But what about your vote?

Did you know that when you move you need to update your address with King County Elections?

You can update your address online, by phone, or by visiting our office.
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