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April 17, 2012 Special Election

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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.

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 April 17. 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, March 29.

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Crossroads Shopping Center
South entrance
15600 NE 8th Street, Bellevue 98008

Federal Way City Hall
33325 8th Avenue S, Federal Way 98003

Issaquah City Hall
130 E Sunset Way, Issaquah 98027

Regional Justice Center
401 4th Avenue N, Kent 98032
Near parking garage entrance

King County Elections
919 SW Grady Way, Renton 98057

King County Administration Building
500 4th Avenue, Seattle 98104

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
March 30 - April 16
Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
April 17
Tuesday, 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Accessible voting center

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Explanatory statement

If approved by a simple majority of Enumclaw voters, this measure would annex City of Enumclaw residents to the King County Library System (KCLS) effective June 1, 2012. The City of Enumclaw would no longer operate the Enumclaw library. KCLS would provide library services at the Enumclaw library to the residents of the City of Enumclaw including increased hours, more public computers and different library programs. Annexation would mean that City of Enumclaw residents would pay for library services through property taxes levied by KCLS rather than by the use of the City’s general fund money. KCLS is a separate local government, and not part of King County government, with the sole purpose of providing library services. KCLS is governed by a Board of Trustees. The City of Enumclaw will retain the authority to have its own library board, which will serve in an advisory capacity to the King County Library System and it will retain control of the library endowment funds.

Statement in favor

Library annexation is our opportunity to grow! Except for Seattle and Enumclaw, all other cities in King County have already annexed to the King County Library System, giving them access to 48 libraries. KCLS’ excellent web site www.kcls.org is available for requests, renewals, and detailed descriptions of many activities and resources offered. In 2011, the Library Journal described KCLS as the best system in the nation. Our library staff will have career opportunities with KCLS. KCLS will run our library building with the best system in the nation. Our library staff will have career resources offered. In 2011, the Library Journal described KCLS libraries. KCLS' excellent web site and Enumclaw, all other cities in King County have already annexed Library System and it will retain control of the library endowment funds.

Statement in opposition

Enumclaw Library has 94 years of exemplary community service. Yet, City Administration sees it as non-essential and underfunds the Library. The Mayor and City Administrator confirmed April 20, 2011; Proposition 1 raises property taxes 24%, with a $0.50/1000 County Levy; a $125.00 increase on a $250,000 home. KCLS director, Bill Placek, classifies Enumclaw as a ‘small district’ with no guaranteed levied taxes will all return to our Library. The KCLS transfer agreement gives the Enumclaw Library Board no meaningful influence and ill-defined control over endowment funds. City Resolution 1369 tasks the City to investigate alternative solutions to fund the Library. Yet Council refused to review any options but annexation and barred Library Board members from all discussions on the Library’s future.

City Administrations are temporary; the Library is a legacy to our children. Don’t give control of our Community Library to KCLS and don’t pay a 24% tax increase when a smaller increase in City taxes would keep the Library under our control. We’re King County residents, already eligible for KCLS library cards and services near us. No need to send more tax dollars to King County! Keep that money here in Enumclaw and VOTE NO on Proposition 1.

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

Fact: The Library Advisory Board will still advise KCLS library operations. The city keeps control of endowment funds.

Fact: The city held a public hearing and considered the Library Board’s recommendation, but the city council voted to go with KCLS.

Fact: We all love our library and want it there for our community. A YES vote keeps our library. A no vote closes it and ends our use of KCLS libraries.

Vote YES for KCLS!

Statement submitted by: Richard H. Elfers, Richard E. Hughes and Barbara Braun • richardellers@clearwire.net

Your signature verifies your vote

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

Before any ballot is counted, state law requires that your signature is on the ballot envelope and it 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 open and count your ballot. If this happens, Elections staff will contact you to try to remedy the issue.

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.
Proposition No. 1
General Obligation Bonds - $59,000,000

The Board of the Auburn Transportation Benefit District adopted Resolution No. 2012-2 concerning a proposition to fund District transportation improvements and projects. If approved, this proposition would authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds to pay the costs of the transportation improvements and projects identified in the City of Auburn six-year Transportation Improvement Plan in an amount not more than $59,000,000, each series of such bonds maturing within 25 years or less, and authorize the annual levy of excess property taxes to pay and retire such bonds, as provided in Resolution No. 2012-2. Should this proposition be approved?

Statement in favor

Auburn’s citizens know our high-traffic streets badly need repair. We cannot depend on anyone else to fix them – federal and state funds for street repair are very limited. The longer we wait, the more potholes develop and the more costly it becomes to fix them.

That’s why local citizens and businesses came together and asked the City of Auburn to Save Our Streets by developing an affordable street improvement program. Your YES vote will keep our local tax dollars in our community, make our busiest streets safer, help local businesses be more competitive, and create jobs.

Save our Streets will also protect your pocketbook. A citizen-led Arterial Task Force will select and prioritize the projects to maximize resources and minimize disruption. To keep costs down, bonds will be issued over a twenty-five year or less period. Monthly costs for the average homeowner start under $3, increase up to $9 and then decline to zero. Every dollar generated by this program must be dedicated to specific road improvements. Our streets need fixing. This is an affordable and responsible way to do it. Please join us in Voting YES to Save Our Streets and Keep Auburn Moving!

Statement submitted by: Nancy Colson, Cyril Van Selus and Ed Vander Pol

Explanatory statement

If approved, Prop. 1 would provide revenues for up to twenty-five years that would be specifically dedicated to Auburn’s many miles of high-traffic arterial roads, which must be rebuilt and maintained largely with limited local resources. Auburn has worked with citizens and businesses to identify and prioritize the City’s arterial roads for preservation projects. The City is prioritizing road preservation because a high quality street system that efficiently moves goods and people enhances our competitiveness and creates a tangible return on investments for businesses and residents. The City has prioritized high-traffic arterial roads in response to concerns that further deterioration of these roads will impact economic development and efficient flow of commuter traffic.

If approved, Prop 1 would dedicate excess property tax revenues to repay general obligation bond proceeds to rebuild and repair a list of citizen-selected arterial street improvement projects over a period of twenty-five years or less. The average $250,000 home would see a $4-$8 per month increase in years one to five ($36-$96 per year) and average monthly impacts of $8-$9 ($96-$113 per year) in years six to year fifteen. Thereafter, as the bonds mature and are paid off, the average annual impact to a homeowner steadily declines and is eventually retired.

The bond funds cannot be used for other projects. The resolution proposing the Proposition (Resolution No. 2012-2, adopted February 21, 2012), states that, if approved, “none of the Bond Proceeds shall be used for any purpose other than preservation purposes related to the Projects.”

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 other than such committees may authorize statements in favor of or in opposition to a ballot measure. The complete text of this measure is available at the Elections Office or online at www.kingcounty.gov/elections.

Statement submitted by: Carolyn Robertson - Government Relations Manager
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