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Keep your voter registration current for the April 23, 2013, special election.

Registration deadlines

- March 25:
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  - Register in-person at the King County Elections office in Renton or at the Voter Annex.
- April 15:
  - In-person registration deadline for people not currently registered in Washington. Register in person at the King County Elections office in Renton or at the Voter Annex.
  - Deadline to register to vote online or by mail, or update existing voter registration information.

How to register

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- Download a registration form from the King County Elections website and return it by mail.
- Register in-person at the King County Elections office.

Ballot drop boxes

The King County Elections ballot drop box located at 919 SW Grady Way, Renton 98057 will also be open.

Voting begins as soon as you receive your ballot in the mail. Consider returning your ballot during business hours, or latest by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. By law, ballots cannot be accepted and at ballot drop box locations after 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

Voters may also return ballots at these locations during business hours.

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

Registration deadlines
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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.

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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.

Beginning April 3 through April 23
Through the mail
You can vote and return your ballot through the U.S. Postal Service as soon as you receive it. Ballots require first class postage and must be postmarked by April 23.

At our office
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Beginning April 15 through April 23
Ballot drop boxes
Return your ballot without using the U.S. Postal Service or a first class stamp at a ballot drop box. The following ballot drop boxes are open 24-hours a day beginning Monday, April 15:

Lake Forest Park City Hall
17425 Ballinger Way NE
Lake Forest Park, WA 98155

Tahoma School District Office
25720 Maple Valley-Black Diamond Road SE
Maple Valley, WA 98038

King County Administration Building
500 4th Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

King County Elections
919 SW Grady Way
Renton, WA 98057

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**Explanatory statement**

Maple Valley Fire and Life Safety, serving the citizens of Greater Maple Valley, is placing a maintenance and operations levy proposition on the April 23, 2013 ballot. This proposition will authorize the fire district to collect $1.5 million annually, at an approximate rate of $0.38 per $1,000 of assessed valuation, for a three year period covering 2014 through 2016. This proposition is presented to allow voters the opportunity to maintain current fire department services and personnel. In addition, it will allow the district to re-staff an aid car for emergency responses, which has been currently reduced to part-time.

The fire district has lost over $1.6 million in revenues since 2010 and projects a further reduction of approximately $1 million in 2014 due to the nationwide recession and loss of property values. Declining tax revenues and increasing costs have necessitated cutbacks in service levels and personnel, including one aid car reduced to part-time status. The reduction of revenue has also caused a total of nine department vacancies, including five firefighters eliminated through layoffs and/or attrition.

Approval of this proposition would allow the department to maintain the current level of service, maintain all current firefighter positions, allow the district to move the aid car from part-time to fulltime status, and prevent cutbacks in services and the imminent layoff of firefighters that would otherwise be necessary.

**Statement in favor**

Please join your local concerned citizens and Vote Yes for Proposition 1.

Your Yes vote will save lives and maintain the quality fire and emergency services our community expects and deserves. Declining property values has resulted in a 1.5 million shortfall in our fire district’s budget since 2010. Without this levy, the deficit is anticipated to increase well over 2.5 million in the year 2014.

Firefighters and staff have already given concessions in wages and benefits and despite reducing staff by 9 positions and cutting programs, the fire district cannot continue to provide the same quality of services without replacing lost revenue.

Approving this levy will save lives.

- It will keep all current fire stations open and fully staffed.
- It will guarantee 24 hour staffing of an aid car currently part time.
- It will prevent the planned firefighter layoffs.
- It will prevent response time from continuing to rise and jeopardizing the safety of our community.

The fire district isn’t asking for an increase in revenue, they’re asking to restore some of the lost revenue caused by declining home values.

It’s your Choice! Please support the fire district that supports you. Please join us and Vote Yes!

Statement submitted by: Sue Van Ruff, Mike Maryanski, and Brett Habenicht  •  206-869-7200

**Statement in opposition**

No statement submitted.
Your signature verifies your vote

Sign 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 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.

The security envelope has been redesigned

1. Slip your ballot inside the black and white envelope. The margin of your ballot will stick out from the side, but all your votes will be covered.

Do not make additional folds to your ballot or tape the envelope shut.

2. Now place the black and white envelope with your ballot into the return envelope.

Statement in favor

Fire District 44 has never requested a levy of this type. The District has met our needs with the statutory funds based on property value. Due to the 39.8% decline in assessed valuation of property in our district, the district now needs to ask us for support. This need will be short-term (four years) as property values are expected to increase.

As your neighbors, we encourage you to vote “YES” for this levy. The Fire District has been there for us when loved ones have had heart attacks, when our children have sustained serious injuries, when our homes have been consumed with fire--we need to support the district now so that they will continue to provide the level of service we need.

Many could share a personal story of how the District 44’s response has impacted our lives. We are blessed with a district that exceeds county and national average in heart attack survival rates--this is due to response time, skill and training. It is also critical that the eight schools in our district have timely emergency response from trained professionals.

We ask you to please vote “YES” and mail in your ballot!

Citizens for Fire District 44

Statement submitted by: Linda S. Cowan, Monroe Shropshire, and Karen Weiman

Explanatory statement

If approved by the voters, the Fire District will be authorized to levy a maintenance and operations excess levy in the sum of $650,000.00 per year to be collected in 2014 through 2017. Such levy will be in addition to the District’s regular and EMS tax levies for a temporary four-year period. Based on current assessed property valuations the District estimates that the tax levy rate necessary to generate these funds each year will be approximately $0.31 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. In subsequent years the levy rate will decrease if assessed property values increase.

Declining assessed property values have caused the District’s revenue to drop $1,850,151.00 from 2008 to 2013. During this same period, the cost of specialized equipment, personnel training, and supplies required by various laws, codes and standards have increased. Due to the decrease in revenues, the District will not be able to maintain current staffing and service levels within the limitations of the District’s regular tax levy. The proposed maintenance and operations levy funds will be used to maintain service levels and retain firefighters.

If the levy is approved, the additional maximum tax per $100,000.00 assessed valuation is estimated not to exceed approximately $31.00 each year or an additional $2.58 per month for fire protection and emergency medical services.

For additional questions regarding this measure contact:
Greg Smith - Fire Chief
253-755-0284 • info@kcfd44.org

Statement in opposition

No statement submitted.

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