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Returning your ballot for this election

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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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 98038
• King County Administration Building 500 4th Avenue Seattle 98104
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By law, ballots cannot be accepted at ballot drop box locations after 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.
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Yes
No

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For additional questions regarding this measure contact:
Greg Smith - Fire Chief
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Statement in opposition

No statement submitted.

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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

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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.

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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.

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Your signature verifies your vote

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

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Sign and date below

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