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• A citizen of the United States;
• A legal resident of Washington State;
• At least 18 years old by Election Day; and
• Have a current mailing address.

To register to vote:

• Register in person at the King County Elections office or annex:

  - Registration deadline: April 15 – In-person registration deadline for people not currently registered in Washington.

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  - Registration deadline: April 23.

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• Register by phone:

  - Registration deadline: April 23.

Keep your voter registration current

For the April 23, 2013, special election:

- Keep registration deadlines prior to each election. The deadlines are 200 days before an election.

- Mail-in registration deadline: April 22.

- Phone registration deadline: April 23.

- In-person registration deadline: April 15.

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• Not under the authority of the Department of Corrections.

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
While you may register to vote at any time, there are registration deadlines prior to each election. The deadlines for the April 23, 2013, special election:
• March 25 – Deadline to register to vote online or by mail, or update existing voter registration information.
• April 15 – In-person registration deadline for people not currently registered in Washington. Register in person at the Elections office in Renton or at the Voter Registration Annex 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.

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 these locations during business hours.

King County Elections
919 SW Grady Way, Renton 98057
April 5 - April 22
Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
April 23
Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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

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

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

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Statement in favor
Vote Yes to Annex Milton into East Pierce Fire & Rescue
Your local firefighters and paramedics urge you to vote YES to annex Milton into East Pierce Fire and Rescue. Annexation will keep quality emergency services in Milton. Emergency services cost have increased dramatically. Joining East Pierce fire gives Milton residents high quality emergency and fire protection, rapid response times, and no out of pocket expense ambulance transports that are unaffordable otherwise. Annexation sustains consistent, quality, emergency services in the future by pooling resources with neighboring communities. Annexation will Improve Representation, Consistency, and Oversight for voters.

The annexation formalizes the current service agreement between East Pierce fire and City of Milton. It gives Milton voters a direct voice in District policies and will equalize levy rates. Milton will still receive the same high quality Fire and EMS services. Vote YES to join East Pierce Fire and Rescue.

Statement submitted by: Leonard Sanderson and Maggie Drotz lensand@mindspring.com

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.

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King County Fire Protection District No. 44

Statement in favour

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 due to response time, skill and training. It is also critical that the county and national average in heart attack survival rates—this is due to response time, skill and training.

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 from $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.

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.

No statement submitted.

Statement in opposition

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

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