Returning your ballot

Call 206-296-VOTE (8683) to obtain a ballot by mail. Regular first-class postage is required. Mailed ballots must be postmarked by the return deadline on the ballot envelope.

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Contact us

Phone: 206-296-VOTE (8683)
1-800-325-6165
TTY Relay: 711

Email: elections@kingcounty.gov

Online: www.kingcounty.gov/elections

Mail or in-person:
919 SW Grady Way
Renton, WA 98057

Voter Registration
King County Administration Building
500 4th Ave., Room 311
Seattle, WA 98104

Annex:
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Registering to vote

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; and
  • 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 February 11, 2014, special election:
  • January 13 – Deadline to register to vote online or by mail, or update existing voter registration information.
  • February 3 – In-person registration deadline for people not currently registered in Washington.

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 language preference or register to vote.

Accessible voting centers
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
February 11 – Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Bellevue City Hall
450 110th Ave NE, Bellevue 98004
February 10 – Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
February 11 – Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Lake Forest Park City Hall
17425 Ballinger Way NE, Lake Forest Park 98155
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Regional Justice Center
401 4th Avenue N, Kent 98032
Near parking garage entrance

Redmond Senior Center
8703 160th Avenue NE, Redmond 98052

More information inside
Proposition No. 1
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For annexation, adoption of proposed zoning regulations and assumption of proportionate share of then-outstanding indebtedness.

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Statement in favor
We pay taxes and we deserve a say in how they are used. As citizens of Issaquah we get our say; about police services, road maintenance, traffic management, and parks/recreation – things that affect our daily lives. Being part of our city we will have a voice.

We have not been served well by King County for our taxes paid - that will change with a vote to become part of Issaquah – Taxes will go down and our voice will go up. Don’t be misled by the indebtedness question. Whenever you move to or live in a city, you are responsible for their past and future debt. Issaquah is the city where we dine, shop and conduct the essential elements of our daily lives. Issaquah has twice invested in thorough studies of its ability to provide the same level of support to the new city if annexation occurs, and actually found that the level of support will improve.

A yes vote for annexation to Issaquah will improve the lives of the citizens in our new community and we will finally have greater political clout in state and county matters. A yes vote is right for you and right for our city!

Statement in opposition
Klahanie is a premier Sammamish Plateau community deserving better public services and lower taxes. Many Klahanie residents asked for annexation choices. Though possible, Issaquah refused to allow the Sammamish choice.

Issaquah’s energies and revenues focus on valley-centric projects, not providing services to remote neighborhoods. Issaquah relies heavily on bond debt, making projects more expensive. Issaquah’s own plan for Klahanie promises little change from King County: ignoring needed road improvements, minimal street and park maintenance, questionable drinking water stewardship, and insufficient police response – especially for Beaver Lake and Challenger school emergencies.

Sammamish can be an expedited option. Recognized as a top residential city in America, Sammamish has no bond debt, no utility or B&O taxes, lower property taxes than King County, significant cash reserves for future projects, maintains its streets, would improve Issaquah-Fall City Road, and will provide increased, rapid police response for our neighborhoods.

Our great community deserves the best annexation options, not Issaquah’s indifference. Sammamish promises fast action to ensure the best public services, school safety, and greatest home value. For a Sammamish option, we must vote “No” on this latest attempt by Issaquah to take our tax dollars while providing minimal services in return. Vote “No”!

Statement submitted by: Richard L’Heureux and Michael Foss
425-391-5501

Rebuttal of statement in opposition
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Statement submitted by: Mark Seely and David Kappler
www.KlahanieChoice.org

Explanatory statement
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Statement submitted by: Wayne Tanaka - City Attorney
425-447-7000 • wtanaka@omwlaw.com

For additional questions regarding this measure contact:
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