February 11, 2014 Special Election

King County
Official Local Voters’ Pamphlet
as requested by Vashon Island School District No. 402

To obtain this pamphlet in an alternate format please contact King County Elections at 206-296-VOTE (8683).

Voting materials available in Chinese and Vietnamese

To comply with Section 203 of the Federal Voting Rights Act, King County is required to provide voting materials in Chinese and Vietnamese. To request voting materials, update your language preference or register to vote, visit www.myvote.wa.gov or call 206-296-VOTE (8683).

Dé bi thư nhân theo Mục 203 của Đạo Luật Quyền Bỏ Phiếu Liên bang, Quận King được yêu cầu phải cung cấp các tài liệu bỏ phiếu bằng tiếng Trung Quốc và tiếng Việt. Để thực hiện yêu cầu của Mục 203, quý vị có thể xin tư vấn, đặt lịch登记投票, theo tham gia cuộc bầu cử, gọi vào số điện thoại 206-296-VOTE (8683) hoặc truy cập trang web www.myvote.wa.gov.

King County
Department of Elections

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

Annex:

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919 SW Grady Way, Renton 98057

- January 24 - February 10: Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
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**Bellevue City Hall**

450 110th Ave NE, Bellevue 98004

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**Federal Way City Hall**

33325 8th Avenue S, Federal Way 98003

**Issaquah City Hall**

130 E Sunset Way, Issaquah 98027

**King County Administration Building**

500 4th Avenue, Seattle 98104

**Lake Forest Park City Hall**

17425 Ballinger Way NE, Lake Forest Park 98155

**Regional Justice Center**

401 4th Avenue N, Kent 98032

**Redmond Senior Center**

8703 160th Avenue NE, Redmond 98052

More information inside
## Proposition No. 1
### Replacement of Expiring Maintenance and Operation Levy

The Board of Directors of Vashon Island School District No. 402 adopted Resolution No. 699, concerning a proposition to finance maintenance and operation expenses. This proposition would support the District to meet its educational goals by levying the following excess taxes, in place of an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, for support of the District’s General Fund maintenance and operation expenses:

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Should this proposition be approved?
- Yes
- No

### Explanatory statement

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would authorize the Vashon Island School District to replace an existing levy that will expire at the end of calendar year 2014. The proposed four-year replacement levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide $3,774,125 in 2015, $3,962,831 in 2016, $4,160,973 in 2017 and $4,343,912 in 2018. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be $1.74 per $1,000 of assessed value to be made in 2014 for 2015 collection, to be made in 2015 for 2016 collection and to be made in 2016 for 2017 collection, and $1.73 per $1,000 of assessed value to be made in 2017 for 2018 collection. The tax rate of approximately $1.74 per $1,000 of assessed value projected for the first year of collection in 2015 would equal to $783 per year (or $65.25 per month) for a $450,000 home.

Taxes collected by this levy will be deposited in the District’s General Fund to support the District’s strategic goals and help pay for necessary educational programs and operations that are not fully funded by the State, including staff salaries, instructional programs, special education, transportation, curriculum, professional development, custodial and minor facility repairs.

Exemptions from taxes may be available to homeowners who are 61 or older, or disabled, and who meet certain income requirements. For more information, call the King County Department of Assessments at 206.290.3920.

For additional questions regarding this measure contact: Donna Donnelly - Assistant to Superintendent 206-463-8354 • ddonnelly@vashonsd.org

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

### Statement in favor

UW at the Vashon Island Schools has pressured the school board to divest levy funds from student services in order to pay teachers more. Our levy should pay for student services, not for wage increases. In the collective bargaining agreement sought by union officials, the average state-provided wage of $52,751 for teachers will be enhanced by 12.5 percent from levy and levy-matched funds. This costs roughly $531,466 per year which could be better used to help our students to reduce class sizes. The school district leads taxpayers to believe the levy money is being used for students, yet large amounts support union priorities instead.

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### Statement in opposition

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### Rebuttal of statement in opposition

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Voting ‘no’ on Proposition 1 will send this message to the district: Be more responsible with taxpayer’s money.

Statement submitted by: Laurie Lyford, Ranay Bennett, and Tom Humphreys

propertyrights4us@gmail.com

### Voting tips

- Read and follow the instructions carefully when voting.
- Mark your ballot using a black ink pen.
- Sign and date the voter’s declaration on the back of the return envelope. Your signature is checked and verified in each election that you vote.
- Return your ballot as early as possible, but no later than election day, Feb. 11.
- If you are contacted by Elections staff (even after election day) follow up promptly so your ballot can be counted.
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This levy is vital. It is not a new levy but a continuation of our usual Operations Levy due to expire in 2014. Since the State of Washington does not fully fund our Vashon Island schools, twenty three percent of our operating budget must come from this levy. These funds directly pay teachers salaries, maintenance, textbooks, transportation, custodial staff and much more. Every four years for more than 20 years this levy has come up for renewal and to our credit, we have always been there to support our kids. State budgets are still very tight but our administrators and staff have worked hard to keep our schools strong with the limited resources available. Tough decisions have already been made that maximize every dollar spent. Each generation of our children depends on the support of our schools in order to build their futures. The loss of twenty three percent of the District’s General Fund would be devastating.

We are very proud of our Vashon Island School District, as they have demonstrated excellent stewardship of our tax dollars. We ask each of you to join us in voting to support this levy.

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The most important factor in our children’s education is the quality of their teachers. Vashon voters have great regard and respect for our teachers and the education they provide our children. The Olympia-based Freedom Foundation statistics are simply not accurate for Vashon. While state funding continues to languish below 2008 levels, nearly every district in the state uses local levies to support teacher salaries, maintenance, textbooks, and transportation to operate schools.

Statement submitted by: John “Gz” Osborne, Cherry Champagne, and J. Scott Bonney
toco@coastalatlas.com

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Central King County

Mail or return ballot by February 11 at 8 p.m.

Ballot drop boxes are open: 24 hours a day beginning January 23.

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Prepay your postage

Postage is prepaid. Include your return address on your ballot envelope.

Important:

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