Registering to vote

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For this election, Issaquah School District No. 411 and Kent School District No. 415 did not request to participate in the voters’ pamphlet.

Contact us

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1-800-325-6165
TTY Relay: 711

Email elections@kingcounty.gov

Online kingcounty.gov/elections

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919 SW Grady Way
Renton, WA 98057

Voter Registration
Annex
500 4th Ave., Room 440
Seattle, WA 98104

April 26, 2016 Special Election
King County
Official Local Voters’ Pamphlet
as requested by the Proposed Renton Regional Fire Authority

To obtain this pamphlet in an alternate format please contact King County Elections.
Proposition No. 1
The City of Renton and King County Fire Protection District No. 25 have adopted a Joint Resolution approving the Renton Regional Fire Authority Plan ("Plan") to create the Renton Regional Fire Authority ("Authority") with an effective date of July 1, 2016.

If approved, this proposition would create the Authority, in accordance with the Plan, to provide fire protection and emergency medical services in the City and the District. The Authority will be funded by a six-year fire benefit charge (not to exceed 60% of the operating budget) and property tax (not to exceed $1.00 per $1,000 of assessed value). This funding would replace the District’s existing property tax rate of $1.50 per $1,000 of assessed value, and would reduce Renton’s property tax capacity by the tax rate collected by the Authority.

Should the Plan to create a Regional Fire Protection Service Authority be approved?
Yes
No

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

Statement in favor

Vote Yes on Prop 1 to maintain our high level of emergency services!

Our population is growing, but unstable funding prevents our fire and emergency medical services from keeping up. Fire stations are not meeting recommended response times and staffing levels are falling short.

Prop. 1 establishes a Regional Fire Authority (RFA) that provides stable funding to meet current demands and plan for future growth – estimated at 40% over the next two decades.

The RFA, which has been reviewed by a Citizen’s Advisory Committee of business owners and residents, is accountable to a Governing Board and public hearings.

For the average homeowner, $10 more each month will allow firefighters and emergency services personnel to increase medical aid car and fire station staffing to recommended levels, staff a new fire station in north Renton to improve response times and meet growth, restore fire inspectors and inspections to prevent future emergencies, and enhance public education projects to keep kids, seniors, and families safe.

Endorsed: Renton Firefighters; small business owners, Mayor Denis Law; 5 Renton Councilmembers; County Councilmember Reagan Dunn; a bipartisan coalition including Senators Fain (R) and Hasegawa (D), Reps. Rodne (R) and Bergquist (D); neighbors across Renton and Fire District 25

Rebuttal of statement against

Since 2000, City tax revenue has declined and our population has nearly doubled. As a result, our fire and medical emergency services have implemented operating efficiencies and cut staff, but response times are falling short.

A Citizen Advisory Council of small business owners, firefighters, and residents reviewed the RFA and agree that it is the best option to stabilize emergency services funding, improve response times, and plan for our future.

Vote Yes on Prop 1!
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