King County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet



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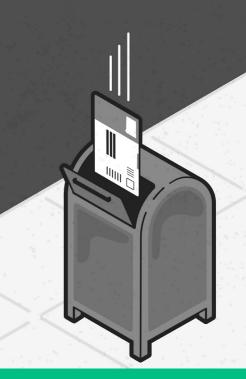


Return your ballot by mail.

No stamp needed!

We recommend dropping your ballot in the mail by the Friday before Election Day to make sure it gets postmarked in time to be counted.

Ballots must be postmarked by Election Day, April 23.



Ballot drop boxes

Ballot drop boxes are open until 8 p.m. on Election Day, April 23.

Bellevue

Bellevue Regional Library, 1111 110th Ave NE, 98004 Crossroads Shopping Center (south entrance), 15600 NE 8th St, 98008

Bothell

Bothell City Hall, 18415 101st Ave NE, 98011

Duvall

* Duvall Police Department/Depot Park, 26225 NE Burhen Way, 98019

Fall City

Fall City Library, 33415 SE 42nd Pl, 98024

Kenmore

Kenmore City Hall, 18120 68th Ave NE, 98028

Kent

Kentridge High School, 12430 SE 208th St, 98031

Kirkland

Kingsgate Library, 12315 NE 143rd St, 98034 Kirkland City Hall, 123 5th Ave, 98033

Lake Forest Park

Lake Forest Park City Hall, 17425 Ballinger Way NE, 98155

Redmond

- * Redmond City Hall, 15670 NE 85th St, 98052
- * Redmond Community Center at Marymoor Village, 6505 176th Ave NE, 98052

Renton

Fairwood Library, 17009 140th Ave SE, 98058

- * King County Elections, 919 SW Grady Way, 98057
- * Renton Public Health Center, 3201 NE 7th St, 98056

Sammamish

Sammamish City Hall, 801 228th Ave SE, 98075

Seattle

King County Administration Building, 500 4th Ave, 98104

Snoqualmie

Snoqualmie Library, 7824 Center Boulevard SE, 98065

Vashon

Vashon Library, 17210 Vashon Highway SW, 98070

Woodinville

Woodinville Library, 17105 Avondale Rd NE, 98072

New locations are highlighted in yellow

Ballot drop boxes close at 8 p.m. on Election Day, April 23.

^{*}Drive-up ballot drop boxes

Accessible voting options

There are other ways to vote besides voting by mail.

Online Ballot Marking Program

- Voters with disabilities can mark their choices on the ballot online. The online ballot marking
 program has been designed specifically to enable voters who are blind or have low vision to cast a
 private ballot.
- If a voter's ballot is damaged or lost, the voter may mark their ballot on a computer and print it out. Return it at a ballot drop box or by mail before the 8 p.m. Election Day deadline.

Accessible Voting Centers

Accessible voting centers are available for voters that need assistance. Each center has voting machines that offer audio or large print ballots, and other assistive devices.

King County Elections, 919 SW Grady Way, Renton, 98057

- Weekdays, April 3 22, 8:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m.
- Election Day, April 23, 8:30 a.m. 8 p.m.

Bellevue Regional Library, 1111 110th Ave NE, Bellevue, 98004

- Monday, April 22, 10 a.m. 5 p.m.
- Election Day, April 23, 10 a.m. 8 p.m.

Other accessible voting options

If one of the above options doesn't work for you, please contact our office for further assistance:

Phone: 206-296-VOTE (8683)

1-800-325-6165 TTY Relay: 711

Email: elections@kingcounty.gov

Register to vote

How to register or update your registration

- Online at www.vote.wa.gov you'll need a Washington State Driver License or ID.
- Print and mail a registration form at www.kingcounty.gov/elections.
- In person at King County Elections or at the Elections Annex.

Registration deadlines

- March 25 Deadline for online and mail-in voter registration, address change and other updates.
- April 15 Deadline for people not currently registered in Washington State (in-person only).

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Proposition No. 1 Capital Projects Levy

The Board of Directors approved Resolution No. 2259 for educational facilities and critical capacity needs. This proposition authorizes the improvement and upgrade of District facilities; additions to five schools; district wide safety and security improvements; and authorizes the following excess levies for such purposes on all taxable property within the District:

	Approximate	
Collection	Levy Rate/\$1,000	Levy
<u>Years</u>	<u>Assessed Value</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2020	\$0.29	\$20,000,000
2021	\$0.28	\$20,000,000
2022	\$0.27	\$20,000,000
2023	\$0.26	\$20,000,000
2024	\$0.25	\$20,000,000
2025	\$0.25	\$20,000,000

all as provided in the Resolution. Should this proposition 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

Submitted by: Penny Sweet, John Marchione, Christie Malchow www.vote4lwsdkids.org

Make More Room for Our Kids by voting Yes on the Capital Projects Levy!

Lake Washington School District (LWSD) continues to grow – enrollment has grown by an average of 600 students each year for the last 10 years, a 26 percent increase. As our communities grow and thrive, we need to make sure students have safe schools and classrooms to learn. The Capital Projects Levy is a short-term measure to address current overcrowding and provide space for future students enrolling in LWSD. This levy prioritizes student safety by funding security cameras for all elementary schools and entry modifications at high schools. This levy will help the district continue to ensure all students have a positive, supportive, and safe learning environment.

The 2019 Levy maintains the current rate with no tax rate increase. This levy benefits everyone. Good schools and facilities positively affect our neighborhoods. Better schools help build a stronger community and improve our quality of life. That's why hundreds of your neighbors, elected officials, community leaders and organizations endorsed this measure (www.vote4lwsdkids.org). Please join us in voting Yes for the LWSD Capital Projects Levy!

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

Here are the clear and simple facts - LWSD has experienced unprecedented enrollment growth since 2008. Without these funds, facilities will be inadequate for current and future students.

The state does not fund new classrooms or safety measures. With your support, LWSD can make room for our students and provide safety enhancements across the district with no tax rate increase. Make Room for our Kids by voting Yes on Prop 1!

Explanatory statement

Lake Washington School District requests voter approval of a Capital Projects levy to enable the district to pay for safety and For questions about this measure, contact: Shannon Parthemer, Communications Director 425-936-1342, sparthemer@lwsd.org

security measures and critical classroom needs not funded by the state and needed to meet current and future educational programs for its students. The district has grown by over 6,000 students in the last 10 years and expects to enroll 2,000 more students by 2022.

These funds would be deposited in the Capital Projects Fund to pay for district-wide safety and security improvements; classroom additions at Lake Washington High School, including an auxiliary gym and commons; classroom additions at Carson, Franklin, Rose Hill and Twain Elementary Schools, including expansion of core facilities.

Passage of this proposition would allow the levy of \$20 million per year over the next six years. If authorized by the voters and based on current assessed valuation information, estimated levy rates would be an average of \$0.27 per thousand of assessed valuation beginning in 2020. This amount will be offset by a reduction in the debt service levy rate due to past bonds being paid off. The exact levy rate shall be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the property within the District at the time of the levy.

Further information is available on the district's website at www.lwsd.org. 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 206-296-3920.

Statement in opposition

Submitted by: Susan Wilkins www.unfairtaxes.net

The District has an overcrowding problem that it created. Voters

approved bonds in 1998 and 2006 to update and enlarge schools, but instead the District initiated a program to replace all schools.

Twain, Mann, Thoreau, Juanita, Sandburg, Rose Hill, Lakeview, Franklin, Frost, Muir, Rush, Keller, Kirk, Bell, Redmond Middle, Rose Hill Middle, Finn Hill Middle, ICS, Kirkland Middle, Redmond High and Lake Washington High School - all were torn down and rebuilt. The beautiful new schools were 50% larger, but with the same number of classrooms and no increase in capacity. Most schools were overcrowded when they opened and needed portables. After 20 years of continuous school construction, we still don't have the adequate capacity that we should in the District.

The District's enrollment-forecasting model has consistently underestimated the 5-year student population growth rate by 40-70%. The Growth Management Act and city planning policies mandated higher density that generated increased enrollment, but the District never incorporated this into their planning.

For the money being spent, this levy builds very little classroom space, with almost all of it in Kirkland. Voting for this levy endorses the District's broken, irresponsible facilities planning practices that created the overcrowding crisis.

Rebuttal of statement in favor

"No tax rate increase" does not mean "No tax increase."

The mayors are trying to confuse you. Your school taxes will go up if this levy passes - just like they have gone up after past bond and levy elections. The 2016 Bond Measure raised your taxes with "no tax *rate* increase." The tax increase occurs because of the increased value of your home. You'll pay more tax - with no tax *rate* increase.

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Proposition No. 1 Proposed Merger into King County Fire Protection District No. 10

The Board of Commissioners of King County Fire Protection District No. 27 passed Resolution No. 2019-2 concerning this proposition to merge with King County Fire Protection District No. 10. If approved, this proposition would result in a merger of District 27 into District 10 with an effective date to be determined by the Boards of Commissioners of the two districts and shall be prior to August 1, 2019.

Should this proposition be approved:

Yes

No

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

Submitted by: Gary Smith, Jay

Bluher, Brandon Bothwell

www.fallcityyes.com

Statement in favor

Over the last 20 years, Fall City Fire Department has made

many proactive changes to meet the needs of the community. Now it is proposing to merge with another fire district to improve emergency services and save taxpayers money while maintaining local control.

Better service. We will have additional emergency personnel to respond to 911 calls. We also will have personnel trained to respond to water, hazardous materials, and technical rescue calls. There will be additional apparatus to respond and access to specialized equipment, such as a ladder truck.

Less cost. Taxpayers will save \$285,000 in annual operating costs. (You can look up your property tax savings on the web site below.) High cost items (such as stations, apparatus and equipment) will be shared by more people, which reduces the amount for taxpayers. This merger will provide long term stability and financial survivability as well.

Maintains local control. We will continue to have elected representation on the Board of Fire Commissioners. Our local firefighters can continue to serve Fall City, and have access to improved training programs to improve their skills to benefit our community. Please join us in voting "Yes" on Proposition 1.

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

Many fire districts are merging to improve service and save taxpayers money. This merger will provide more firefighters and apparatus to respond to emergencies. It also saves taxpayers \$285,000 in annual operating costs, which means lower property taxes.

Local control is maintained. Fall City residents will continue to have elected representation on the Board of Fire Commissioners. Our local firefighters will have access to better training and can continue to serve Fall City.

Explanatory statement

This proposition will authorize the merger of King County Fire Protection District No. 27 into King County Fire For questions about this measure, contact: Chris J. Connor, Fire Chief 425-222-5841 cconnor@king27fire.com

Protection District No. 10. Both fire districts currently provide fire protection and emergency medical services within their boundaries and have a history of working cooperatively. The Commissioners of both fire districts have determined that a merger of the two organizations into a single fire department is in the best interest of the District's residents.

If a majority of the registered voters of District 27 vote for merger, then the merger will be effective on a date to be determined by concurrent resolutions of the Board(s) of Commissioners, but prior to August 1, 2019. If merger is approved, District No. 27 will be dissolved and the boundaries of King County Fire Protection District No. 10 will expand to include all areas currently in District 27. The merged district will be funded by a property tax and a fire benefit charge. The existing commissioners of both Districts will govern the merged district until the number of commissioners is reduced according to law.

Statement in opposition

We all love Fall City! We've consistently voted funding

Submitted by: Kevin J. Hauglie, Dave Hart, Nora Hightower www.SaveFallCityFire.com

for firefighter salaries, operations, vehicles and remodeled station. In turn they provide services focused on the needs of our local community. Career and trained volunteer firefighters provide 3-person crews almost 100% of the time, with 12 career firefighters budgeted in 2019 to further improve coverage. Our district is financially strong with a 2019 reserve of \$1.7M and will be debt-free in 2021.

Merging with Fire District 10, we'd lose local control, accountability and assets we've paid for. FD10 staffs Eastside Fire & Rescue, focused on regional service for 5 agencies. Projected savings for homeowners from their Fire Benefit Charge can't be verified; State Auditor, "Inaccurate financial reports limit access to financial information..." Their FBC disproportionately impacts businesses. If we lose our businesses we lose the core of our community. Lower value homes would pay more, hurting those with less ability to pay and fixed incomes. The FBC can be raised annually by FD10 commissioners without voter approval. Fall City would be small voting base in FD10 decisions and could end up paying for others' needs.

We stand to lose more than can be gained. Merging with FD10 is irreversible. Vote No!

Rebuttal of statement in favor

Why did FD10 approach FD27 to merge? To get our money and station! Our firefighters want it for higher pay and benefits. They say merging will increase service. *Not True!* Other agencies automatically respond to major incidents now. They say our taxes will decrease. Maybe a few dollars for some of us, and it's doubtful over time. *It's not worth it!*

Don't be fooled by the propaganda. Don't give away our fire department! Vote No!

King County Fire Protection District No. 40

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Proposition No. 1 Continuation of Benefit Charge

Shall King County Fire Protection District No. 40 be authorized to continue voter-authorized benefit charges each year for six consecutive years, not to exceed an amount equal to sixty percent of its operating budget, and be prohibited from imposing an additional property tax under RCW 52.16.160?

Yes

No

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

Statement in favor

Submitted by: Doug Gibbs, Eylene Gardner, Mike Warfel

Voters of King County Fire District #40 first approved

the Fire Benefit Charge (FBC) in 1990, reauthorizing it in 1995, 2001, 2007 and yet again in 2013. We are asking for your support to ensure fire and life safety protection for the citizens and businesses of Fairwood.

What is the advantage of the FBC? The FBC provides funding for appropriate staffing to operate a 24-hour aid car, a fire engine and modern apparatus to respond to emergencies. The fire district can keep its facilities safe, updated and maintained to provide essential services. The FBC allows the fire district to be less dependent on fluctuating property taxes while maintaining a stable service level for its citizens.

State law allows the FBC to be up to 60% of the fire district's operational budget. The district's Board of Fire Commissioners has stayed well below that amount, with an average since 2003 of around 42 percent.

We ask for your support in keeping our community safe.

Explanatory statement

King County Fire Protection District 40 is responsible for providing fire protection and emergency medical services in For questions about this measure, contact: Cindy Buchan, District Secretary 425-255-0931 FireDistrict40@gmail.com

your community. For over the last twenty years, the Fire District has funded these services primarily through a combination of property taxes and voter-approved benefit charges.

Benefit charges are based on risk factors and the cost of providing fire protection services, unlike property taxes that relate to the value of property. Under state law, voters must renew the use of benefit charges every six years and the Fire District's Elected Board of Commissioners is required to hold a public hearing each year to review and establish the amount of the benefit charge. Once established, the aggregate amount of the charge is pro-rated to individual properties based on risk factors and collected by the county assessor, together with property taxes. The amount of any benefit charge imposed on any given property cannot exceed the measurable benefits of the services afforded to the property by the Fire District and are subject to appeal.

Under state law, fire districts which collect benefit charges authorized under Chapter 52.18 RCW have reduced taxing authority. Benefit charges can constitute no more than 60 percent of a district's annual operating budget and the fire district's maximum property tax rate is reduced from \$1.50 to \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

If approved, Proposition 1 would continue the current funding methods utilized by Fire District 40 to provide emergency medical and fire protection services for the next six years.

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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Proposition No. 1 Continuation of Benefit Charge

Shall Woodinville Fire & Rescue be authorized to continue voter-authorized benefit charges each year for six consecutive years, not to exceed an amount equal to sixty percent of its operating budget, and be prohibited from imposing an additional property tax under RCW 52.16.160?

Yes

No

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

Statement in favor

Woodinville Fire & Rescue (WF&R) provides a wide

range of essential fire and life safety services to the residents and businesses of our community. District firefighters respond to fires, emergency medical incidents, motor vehicle accidents, technical rescues, hazardous materials incidents and other requests for assistance. During the recent snowstorm, our firefighters worked diligently to maintain emergency services and help those in need.

Fletcher

Submitted by: Preeti Shridhar, Carol

preetishridhar@gmail.com

The benefit service charge must be approved by voters every six years and it is once again time to renew our commitment. Currently, the benefit charge provides approximately 44% of the District's operating revenue. Continuing to support the benefit service charge allows the District to maintain current levels of service including training firefighters, purchasing essential equipment and ensuring a dependable level of fire service so that our community remains safe.

WF&R is *Not* asking for a tax increase or a new tax. It is asking to continue the funding model that it has been used for almost three decades to ensure that it maintains the ability to quickly and effectively respond to emergency situations to help those in need.

Please join us in voting yes to keeping our community safe and supporting our fire district.

Explanatory statement

equipment.

Woodinville Fire & Rescue is seeking reauthorization of the Benefit Charge. The Benefit Charge accounts

For questions about this measure, contact: Margene Michael, Executive Assistant/Board Secretary

425-483-2131, mmichael@wf-r.org

for approximately 44 percent of Woodinville Fire & Rescue's budget. It was first approved by voters for six years in 1989, and subsequently has been renewed by voters at approximately six-year intervals, most recently in 2013. Voter approval is once again required in order to retain this revenue source. Renewal of the Benefit Charge for another six years (2020 through 2025) will allow Woodinville Fire & Rescue to maintain response times and service levels, train personnel and purchase

The Benefit Charge is based on the occupancy type and square footage of improvements to real property, and reflects the service level (i.e., fire flow of water) needed to control a fire in a particular building. Each year, the elected Board of Fire Commissioners holds a public meeting to review the Benefit Charge and ensure fiscal responsibility for the coming year. The law allows for partial exemptions from the charge for senior citizens, buildings with fire sprinkler systems and some agriculture-related improvements.

With the Benefit Charge in effect, state law prohibits the imposition of the \$.50 regular property tax for fire protection otherwise allowed by RCW 52.16.160.

Statement in opposition

No statement submitted.

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Vashon-Maury Island Park and Recreation District

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Proposition No. 1 Park District Levy Renewal for 2020 through 2023

Shall the Vashon Park District be authorized to impose a regular property tax levy of not more than \$0.52 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation in each of 4 consecutive years beginning in 2020, to pay operation and maintenance costs associated with the District's facilities, as provided in Resolution No. 19-01?

Yes

No

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

Submitted by: Hilary Emmer, Karl

Stetson, David Hattery

hilonvashon@yahoo.com

Statement in favor

Vashon Park District has worked hard over the years to get on solid

financial footing. VES field is completed with new lights. We have a year round pool enjoyed by youth and seniors. The days of living on borrowed money are over.

Now is the time to move forward and complete the maintenance that has been deferred. This levy money will be approximately a 34% increase, about \$450,000 more collected. Over the next four years, this will allow us to tackle essential infrastructure projects and needed maintenance: to Agren and BARC fields, Lisabeula and Agren parking lots, major work on Belle Baldwin house, Inspiration Point wall, various projects at Point Robinson, install restrooms at all our parks, and work on invasive species remediation.

Our numerous parks are used by 1,000s of youth and even more adults. Our parks allow us to get outside, enjoy nature and keep fit. Our youth have many opportunities to participate in sports. What is lacking are programs for our seniors. The Park District is hoping that this levy money will change that.

The Park District's only money comes from this levy. With your support, we can continue to build a great park district for all.

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

Property taxes will not increase by 38%, only the park district portion of our property taxes is being increased. The 11 cents rate increase allows the District to complete its deferred maintenance projects over the next four years, while maintaining auditor-recommended adequate reserves. This is solid stewardship which will save us money. Updating and protecting our Park facilities while creating more programming is the responsible thing to do and will benefit islanders of all ages.

Explanatory statement

Passage of Proposition 1 would authorize the Vashon-Maury Island Park and Recreation District For questions about this measure, contact:
Elaine Ott-Rocheford
Executive Director
206-463-9602, eott@vashonparks.org

(Vashon Park District) to levy annually for four years excess property taxes to pay costs for operation and maintenance associated with the District's facilities. This levy will replace the District's expiring levy.

The proposed four-year Maintenance and Operations Levy would authorize the collection of levy amounts estimated to be \$0.52 per \$1,000 of assessed value in each of the years between 2020 and 2023. The tax rate of approximately \$0.52 per \$1,000 of assessed value projected for the first year of collection in 2020 would equate to \$52.00 per year (or \$4.33 per month) for a \$100,000 home.

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 206-296-7300.

Statement in opposition

Submitted by: Scott Harvey sdharvey50@comcast.net

The Park District is asking for too large a levy. By voting "No", you are

advising the commissioners to return with a more reasonable request. Since the Board has determined no additional funds will needed to increase the current reserve, those funds now are available for other needs, including deferred maintenance. It should be noted, that in 2018 and 2019 levy receipts were at the highest level in Park District history. In fact, they are \$250,000/year higher than the average levy receipts collected during the four years when the District was spending \$1.5 million of levy receipts on VES.

While inflation has outpaced increased levy receipts by less than 3% during the past four years, the commissioners are requesting a 38% increase in property taxes. This demonstrates they have learned nothing from the fiscally irresponsible spending of the recent past.

The Park District must learn to operate with a reasonable budget. There is no need to overtax the island so all the deferred maintenance and wish-list projects can happen immediately. Nobody on the island, especially those islanders on fixed incomes, will receive a 38% increase in income next year, and neither should the Park District. *Vote "No"* on *Proposition 1*.

Rebuttal of statement in favor

The levy is not the *only* source of money. Grants and private funds provided the vast majority of the funds for the VES lights, BARC dish and pool dome. This funding model should continue.

The District already had the money for new recreational programs for seniors, but it chose to ignore the islanders' top priority from its 2016 survey and spent the money for lower priority items.



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Why are there measures on my ballot that are not in my pamphlet?

Pamphlets are only printed for a special election when requested by a district. For this election, Public Hospital District No. 2 did not request to participate in the voters' pamphlet.

Contact us to receive this pamphlet in an alternate format.

Contact us to receive your voting materials in Chinese, Korean, Spanish or Vietnamese. 如需獲取您的中文投票資訊,請聯絡金郡選舉部。

Comuníquese con nosotros para recibir sus materiales de votación en Español. 한국어로 투표 자료를 받으시려면 저희에게 연락하세요.

Xin vui lòng liên lạc với Sở Bầu cử Quận King để nhận tài liệu bầu cử bằng tiếng Việt.