

King County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

as requested by Auburn School District No. 408 & Valley Regional Fire Authority



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, February 11.

Ballot drop boxes

For a list of all 41 drop boxes open for this election visit kingcounty.gov/elections, we will be adding more boxes. Here are the closest locations to the districts, on your ballot:

Auburn	Auburn Library, 1102 Auburn Way S, 98002 Auburn Park & Ride, 101 15th St NE, 98001 Muckleshoot Tribe - Philip Starr Building, 39015 172nd Ave SE, 98092
Covington	Covington Library, 27100 164th Ave SE, 98042
Federal Way	Federal Way 320th Library, 848 S 320th St, 98003 Federal Way City Hall, 33325 8th Ave S, 98003
Kent	Kentridge High School 12430 SE 208th Street Regional Justice Center (near parking garage entrance), 401 4th Ave N, 98032
Pacific	Algona-Pacific Library, 255 Ellingson Rd, 98047

Ballot drop boxes close at 8 p.m. on Election Day, February 11.

Need assistance?

Vote centers

Vote centers are available for voters that need assistance. Each center has voting machines that offer audio or large print ballots, and other assistive devices. Elections staff are available to assist as needed. Voters can also register to vote and get their ballots through Election Day.

Locations	Hours of operation
Renton: King County Elections 919 SW Grady Way, Renton, 98057	• Weekdays, January 22 - February 10 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Seattle: Elections Annex King County Administration Building 500 4th Ave, Room 440, Seattle, 98104	• Tuesday, February 11 8:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Access your ballot online

- Any registered voter can use the 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.

Other voting options

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

Proposition No. 1
Levy Lid Lift to Restore the Regular Property Tax Levy

The Board of Governance of Valley Regional Fire Authority has adopted Resolution No. 156 concerning restoring the regular property tax levy to its original rate.

If approved, this proposition would authorize restoration of the regular property levy rate of \$1.00/\$1,000 assessed value for collection in 2021, as described in the Resolution. The increased levy would be used to sustain fire protection and emergency medical services within the Authority. The highest lawful levy permitted for collection in 2021 will be used to calculate subsequent levy limits.

Should this proposition be:

Approved
Rejected

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

Statement in favor

Submitted by: Debbie Christian, George Frasier, Lynn Norman, YesForVRFA@gmail.com

Proposition 1 will ensure that Valley Regional Fire Authority (VRFA) can continue meeting the needs of our community. Algona, Auburn and Pacific residents rely on VRFA for quality fire protection, life safety and emergency response services. VRFA has maintained outstanding service levels despite rapid growth in population and call volumes.

Proposition 1 will help safeguard our community at very little extra cost: less than \$1 per month for the owner of an average \$350,000 local home. It will restore the VRFA property tax levy to \$1 per \$1,000 of assessed value, which voters approved when forming VRFA, and allow reduction of fire benefit charges in 2021.

This rebalancing of property tax and fire benefit charges to more closely reflect VRFA's original funding mix will provide VRFA with financial flexibility to respond to the changing needs of our community. Not doing so will limit VRFA's options, reduce its ability to make important investments that benefit us all, and eventually lead to reduced service levels.

VRFA strongly protects not only our physical safety but also our public dollars. They serve us well. We must continue supporting them to help maintain a strong and healthy community. Please vote yes!

Explanatory statement

For questions about this measure, contact:
Mark Horaski, Chief Financial Officer,
253-288-5800, askthevrfa@vrfa.org

The Valley Regional Fire Authority (VRFA) proposes a levy lid lift to restore its regular levy rate to \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, in order to sustain fire protection and emergency medical services (EMS) to those within VRFA's service area.

The levy lid lift would return the levy rate for collection in 2021 to the level approved by the voters when they approved forming the VRFA and would reset the levy limit under the 101% lid at the 2021 level. If this levy lid lift is approved, it would avoid the need to increase the fire benefit charge in order to continue to cover currently projected costs over the next several years.

If approved by voters, this levy would result in an increase in property taxes of \$91.00 per year (\$7.58 per month) for a \$350,000 median value home. This increase will be almost entirely offset by an expected reduction in the fire benefit charge beginning in 2021, resulting in a total net change in cost to the median homeowner for VRFA fire protection and emergency medical services of approximately \$10 per year (\$0.83 per month).

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
Educational Program and Operations Replacement Levy**

The Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 1295 concerning educational funding. This proposition authorizes the District to levy the following excess taxes, to replace an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, to support the District's educational program and operations not funded or fully funded by the State:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2021	\$2.50	\$37,652,132
2022	\$2.50	\$41,187,668
2023	\$2.50	\$45,055,190
2024	\$2.50	\$49,285,872

all as provided in the Resolution subject to legal limits at the time of levy. 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: Cari Manry, Casey Anderson, Demi Troncoso, auburncitizens4schools@gmail.com

We urge a *Yes* vote for renewal of the Educational Program & Operations Replacement Levy. The levy renewal funds services and activities not paid for by the state: \$8 million for special education, *All* athletics and activities, career & college readiness activities, just to name a few. District voters have time and again demonstrated overwhelming support for school funding; we ask you to again invest in the instruction and programming that produced the excellent district-wide learning outcomes. Levy renewal does not increase your tax rates. School administration's prudent fiscal management, retiring debt and on-time and on-budget construction demonstrate accountability to district voters. There is no relief or plan in place from Olympia for fully funding education in the state. Auburn has always invested in education and our students' success -Please vote *Yes* to renew the levy and keep Auburn's schools strong. AuburnCitizens4Schools.com

Explanatory statement

For questions about this measure, contact: Cindi Blansfield, Associate Superintendent of Business and Operations, 253-931-4930, cblansfield@auburn.wednet.edu

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the levy of \$37,652,132 in property taxes within Auburn School District No. 408 for collection in 2021, the levy of \$41,187,668 for collection in 2022, the levy of \$45,055,190 for collection in 2023, and the levy of \$49,285,872 for collection in 2024. Passage would fund educational programs, including all athletics and activities, staffing for school resource officers, family engagement, school psychologists, safety officers, health techs and nurses; special education programs including staffing and specialized support for students; extended learning opportunities for students; and college and career readiness activities, which are not funded or fully funded by the State. In accordance with Resolution No. 1295 approving this proposition, these taxes would be collected over four years and used for the district educational program and operations to replace the expiring levy. If authorized by the voters, and based on projected assessed valuation information, estimated levy rates per \$1,000 of assessed value would be \$2.50 (2021 collection); \$2.50 (2022 collection); \$2.50 (2023 collection); and \$2.50 (2024 collection). 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.

Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. To determine if you qualify, contact your county assessor.

Statement in opposition

No statement submitted.

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**Proposition No. 2
Technology Replacement Capital Projects Levy**

The Board of Directors of Auburn School District No. 408 adopted Resolution No. 1296 concerning technology replacement levies. This proposition authorizes acquisition of technology, equipment and infrastructure supporting classrooms and educational programs, including computer science and career/technical education and security systems; provides related staff and training; and authorizes the following replacement excess levies on all taxable property within the District:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2021	\$0.42	\$5,833,000
2022	\$0.41	\$5,833,000
2023	\$0.40	\$5,833,000
2024	\$0.39	\$5,833,000
2025	\$0.38	\$5,833,000
2026	\$0.36	\$5,833,000

as provided in Resolution No. 1296. 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: Cari Manry, Casey Anderson, Demi Troncoso, auburncitizens4schools@gmail.com

The Citizen's Ad Hoc Committee looked at the technology needs of the district and decided what would best serve Auburn's schools. Parent, students and staff where surveyed and the resulting proposition addresses essential needs highlighted by the survey and discussion of the ad hoc committee: maintenance and upgrade of a wireless network throughout all schools; maintenance of the 1:1 allocation of Chromebooks for teachers and grades K-12 students, with a take-home program in secondary schools; a professional-technical staff member to lead security surveillance implementation. It will also allow for: more specialized devices to meet the communication and learning needs of students with disabilities and special project funds to support innovation across schools to serve students in new and improved ways. This levy will enhance the learning environments and equipment for our children and is vital for their success in a world dominated by technology. This will implement the recommendations from the Citizens' Ad Hoc Committee while maintaining a level tax rate. AuburnCitizens4Schools.com

Explanatory statement

For questions about this measure, contact: Cindi Blansfield, Associate Superintendent of Business and Operations, 253-931-4930, cblansfield@auburn.wednet.edu

Passage of Proposition No. 2 would allow the levy of \$5,833,000 in property taxes within Auburn School District No. 408 for collection in 2021, the levy of \$5,833,000 for collection in 2022, the levy of \$5,833,000 for collection in 2023, the levy of \$5,833,000 for collection in 2024, the levy of \$5,833,000 for collection in 2025 and the levy of \$5,833,000 for collection in 2026, to replace an expiring levy, to provide a total of \$34,998,000 for the District's Capital Projects Fund for technology improvements and equipment. In accordance with Resolution No. 1296 approving this proposition, these taxes would pay for the maintenance and modernization of its educational facilities through the acquisition of technology, equipment, and infrastructure supporting classrooms and educational programs, including computer science and career and technical education; deployment and maintenance of security surveillance systems; and provision of support and training related to these goals. If authorized by the voters and based on current assessed valuation information, estimated levy rates per \$1,000 of assessed value would be \$0.42 (2021 collection); \$0.41 (2022 collection); \$0.40 (2023 collection); \$0.39 (2024 collection); \$0.38 (2025 collection); and \$0.36 (2026 collection). 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.

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Register to vote

Online

You can register online at www.vote.wa.gov — you'll need a Washington State Driver License or ID. Make sure you register online by the February 3 deadline for the February 11 Special Election.

By mail

Download and print a registration form from www.kingcounty.gov/elections and mail it to our office by the February 3 deadline for the February 11 Special Election.

In person

You can register in person through February 11, Election Day at one of the vote centers listed on the previous page.