# February 11, 2014 Special Election

# King County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

as requested by Skykomish School District No. 404



For more information call 206-296-VOTE (8683) or visit www.kingcounty.gov/elections



# 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. Register in person at the Elections office in Renton or at the Voter Registration Annex in Seattle.

# 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 information.

# 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

January 24 - February 10: Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. -

**February 11**: Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

#### **Bellevue City Hall**

450 110th Ave NE, Bellevue 98004

February 10: Monday, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. February 11: Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

# Returning your ballot



 Ballot return locations and accessible voting centers can change with every election. See below for a list of the ballot return sites for the February 11, 2014 special election.

## Through the mail

You can vote and return your ballot through the U.S. Postal Service as soon as you receive it. Ballots must be postmarked by February 11.

Mailed ballots require first class postage.



First Class postage rates increase to 49 cents as of January 26th, 2014.

## 24-hour drop boxes

Return your ballot without using the U.S. Postal Service or a first class stamp at a ballot drop box.

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

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

# **Crossroads Shopping Center** South entrance

15600 NE 8th Street, Bellevue 98008

# Federal Way City Hall

33325 8th Avenue S. Federal Way 98003

# Issaguah City Hall

130 E Sunset Way, Issaguah 98027

# King County Administration Building

500 4th Avenue, Seattle 98104

# King County Elections

919 SW Grady Way, Renton 98057

# Lake Forest Park City Hall

17425 Ballinger Way NE, Lake Forest Park 98155

#### Regional Justice Center

401 4th Avenue N. Kent 98032 Near parking garage entrance

#### Redmond Senior Center

8703 160th Avenue NE, Redmond 98052



#### **Proposition No. 1**

#### **Maintenance and Operation Levy**

The Board of Directors of Skykomish School District No. 404 adopted Resolution No. 11-1\_2013, concerning a proposition to finance maintenance and operation expenses. This proposition would allow the District to meet their education goals by levying the following excess taxes, on all taxable property within the District, for support of the District's General Fund maintenance and operation expenses.

Collection Years	Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 <u>Assessed Value</u>	Levy Amount
2015	\$1.75	\$289,178
2016	\$1.79	\$302,191
2017	\$1.83	\$315,790
2018	\$1.88	\$330,000

Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

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

#### Statement in favor

This Skykomish School Levy is not an additional levy; it simply replaces our expiring levy. It does so at a lower cost to you than is currently being collected.

This Skykomish School Levy is not a frivolous levy. This is a maintenance and operations levy which covers everything from purchasing new books and heating our building to training our teachers and staff to increasing opportunities for Skykomish students.

Levy monies collected are monies well spent. We appreciate your past support, and have used your investments wisely. Skykomish students benefit from up-to-date technology programs such as "Smart Boards", and laptop computers for keyboard and research activities. A complete new math curriculum for K-12 and a language arts curriculum for K-8 allow our students to benefit from current educational programs and methods. The education our students continue to receive was recently recognized as the only high school where 100% of the students passed every state mandated test. We continually update, improve, and maintain an almost 80-year old facility. Keep our students, our school, and our money local. Please vote yes for Skykomish School. Please vote yes for our kids.

Statement submitted by: Jerry Dinsmore, Marvis C. Long, and Jeff L. Long

#### **Explanatory statement**

Due to insufficient general funds, Skykomish School District asks voters to approve this supplemental levy to enable the District to finance its maintenance and operations expenses. This will enable the District to finance its general educational programs and goals including student assessment, facilities planning, communication to the community, maintenance and operations, and fiscal planning. Passage of this Proposition would allow the levy of property taxes over a four-year period to improve educational opportunities for all students.

The District seeks to keep this local levy to the minimum amount required to support essential school programs and building maintenance, and thus requests only half its maximum authority to be levied as follows: \$289,178 for 2015 collection increasing by 2% for 2016 and 2017 and 4% in 2018. This is a decrease of the District's requested levy amount from 2013 and 2014.

The supplemental taxes would be levied upon all taxable property within the District: \$289,178 for collection in 2015; \$302,191 for collection in 2016; \$315,790 for collection in 2017; and \$330,000 for collection in 2018. If authorized by the voters, based on current assessed valuation information, estimated levy rates per \$1,000 of assessed value would be \$1.75 (2015 collection), \$1.79 (2016 collection), \$1.83 (2017 collection), and \$1.88 (2018 collection).

For additional questions regarding this measure contact: Edwina Hargrave - Superintendent 360-677-2623, Ext. 101 • ehargrave@skykomish.wednet.edu

#### 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.

# 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.
- Keep your voter registration information and signature up to date.
- See for yourself how we process your ballot! Watch the Elections web cams or take a video tour of King County Elections at www.kingcounty.gov/elections



You can only make a difference if you get your ballot in on time

Act fast and be an informed voter!

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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).

Để thực hiện theo Mục 203 của Đạo Luật Liên Bang về Quyền Bỏ Phiếu, Quận King được yêu cầu phải cung cấp các tài liệu bỏ phiếu bằng tiếng Trung Quốc và tiếng Việt. Để yêu cầu các tài liệu bầu cử, cập nhật lựa chọn ngôn ngữ của quý vị hoặc đăng ký bỏ phiếu, ghé đến www.myvote.wa.gov hoặc gọi 206-296-VOTE (8683) và bấm số 3.

根據聯邦投票權利法案第203節之要求,金郡需要提供中文和越南文版的選舉資訊。欲要索取選舉資訊,更新您的語言選擇或登記投票,請查看網站www.myvote.wa.gov或致電206-296-VOTE(8683),然後按 "2"字。



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**Email:** elections@kingcounty.gov

Online: www.kingcounty.gov/elections

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

**Voter** King County Administration Building

**Registration** 500 4th Ave., Room 311 **Annex:** Seattle, WA 98104

