

King County Assessor John Wilson

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Wilson Releases Taxpayer Transparency Tool for August Primary Election. Website Details Cost of Proposed Ballot Measures By Household

King County Assessor John Wilson today released his August primary elections 2021 **Taxpayer Transparency Tool**, a website which provides each King County taxpayer an individualized accounting of where their property tax dollars go, and the estimated cost of any proposed property tax measure to be voted on. The following property tax measures are on the ballot:

Countywide:

King County Prop 1

Regular Property Tax Levy for Children, Youth, Families and Communities

Special Purpose Districts:

King County Fire District 2 (Burien, Normandy Park, North Highline)

- Prop 1: Increase in Property Tax Levy Rate for 6 Year Period (2022-2027)

Snoqualmie Pass Fire and Rescue

- Prop 1: Property Tax Levy for Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services

East Pierce Fire and Rescue (A few King County neighborhoods in Milton, Pacific, and Auburn)

- Prop 1. Regular Property Tax Levy for Emergency Medical Services
- Prop 2: Multi-year Property Tax Levy Lid Lift

“Taxpayers have a right to know where their money is going, and what each proposed property tax levy will cost them,” said Wilson. “Property taxes keep going up. We need to make sure the public understands why.”

The tool can be found at

<http://localscape.spatiallest.com/#kingcountyassessor/Tax>. There is a link to the tool on left side menu of the Assessor’s web page
<https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/assessor.aspx>

The Transparency Tool only shows the impact of property tax measures. Other ballot measures, including sales tax measures or benefit charges, are not included.

The Tax Transparency Tool was introduced by Assessor Wilson and first used during the April special election in 2018.

The Tax Transparency Tool was developed for the King County Assessor by Spatiallest Inc, a unique enterprise software company focusing on Location, Value and Technology. The company also created “Localscape” for the King County Assessor in 2014, a map-based visualization tool that aggregates data to present information.

(<http://localscape.spatiallest.com/#kingcountyassessor/>).