

February 14, 2012 Special Election

King County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

as requested by Tukwila School District No. 406



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



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Elections

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

How to register

- Register online with the Secretary of State, www.sos.wa.gov
- Download a registration form from the King County Elections website, and return it by mail or in person
- Register in person at the King County Elections office

Registration deadlines

While you may register to vote at any time, there are registration deadlines prior to each election. The deadlines for the February 14, 2012, special election:

- **January 16** – Deadline to register by mail or online, or to transfer or update voter registration.
- **February 6** – Deadline to register in-person for people who are not currently registered in Washington. You can register in-person at the Elections office in Renton or at our new Voter Registration Annex located at the King County Administration Building, 500 4th Ave., Room 311 in Seattle.

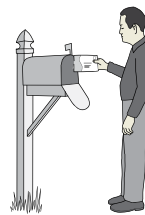
Keep your voter registration current

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.

Tips for voting

- Read the instructions on the ballot and envelope carefully.
- Use a black ink pen to vote.
- Remove and recycle the stub at the top of the ballot.
- Sign the declaration on the return envelope.
- Track your ballot's progress on the King County Elections website.
- Questions? Lost or damaged ballot?
Call 206-296-VOTE (8683)

Voting begins as soon as you receive your ballot in the mail. Consider returning it early to be counted in election night results and to have time to resolve any issues with your signature.



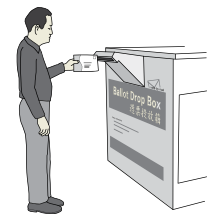
Through the mail

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 14. This requires first class postage.

Ballot drop boxes

King County Elections offers ballot drop boxes as an option for returning your ballot without using the U.S. Postal Service or a first class stamp. Ballot drop boxes are open 24-hours a day beginning Thursday, January 26.



By law, ballots cannot be accepted at ballot drop box locations after 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

Federal Way City Hall

33325 8th Avenue S, Federal Way 98003

Issaquah City Hall

130 E Sunset Way, Issaquah 98027

King County Elections

919 SW Grady Way, Renton 98057

Regional Justice Center

401 4th Avenue N, Kent 98032

Near parking garage entrance

King County Administration Building

500 4th Avenue, Seattle 98104

Accessible voting center

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 this location during business hours.

King County Elections

919 SW Grady Way, Renton, 98057

January 27 - February 13

Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

February 14

Tuesday, 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Proposition No. 1 Replacement of Expiring School Programs and Operation Levy

The Board of Directors of Tukwila School District No. 406 adopted Resolution No. 789, concerning a proposition for a replacement levy for education. This proposition would authorize the District to support school programs and operation expenses, including teaching, school supplies, technology, athletics, transportation and facility maintenance and operations, by levying the following excess taxes, in place of an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District:

Collection Years	Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2013	\$3.46	\$ 9,631,277
2014	\$3.59	\$10,112,788
2015	\$3.74	\$10,618,428
2016	\$3.85	\$11,149,349

all as provided in Resolution No. 789. 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

The levy is not a new tax.

It will renew the existing levy, which ends this year. Voters will need to approve a new levy to continue supporting school programs for another four years.

Adequate state funding is not a reality.

We must rely on levy dollars to maintain quality programs. These funds account for 27% of the school district budget. Without it, programs and projects such as art, music, foreign language, athletics, English language learner programs and gifted programs will be reduced or eliminated. Levy revenue pays for additional teachers to maintain lower class sizes, school nurses, and classroom instructional assistants.

Our unique tax base benefits residents.

Commercial property owners provide a significant amount of the total tax payment for the levy. That's a bargain of an investment for homeowners.

Our children are our future.

So much of our lives are dependant upon those who come after us. If we fail to educate our children, we do so at our peril. Good schools enhance the value and quality of our community and neighborhoods.

On Feb.14 we will determine whether we'll continue to put **kids first** by passing the Tukwila School Programs and Operations Levy. Vote Yes!

Website: www.SupportTukwilaSchools.com

Statement submitted by: Ed Hougardy, Colleen Richards and Peggy Ives McCarthy • YesTukwilaSchools@gmail.com

Explanatory statement

Tukwila School District is asking voters to consider Proposition 1, a Replacement of Expiring School Programs and Operation Levy, which would help fund school programs and operations, including, but not limited to, teaching, school supplies, technology, athletics, transportation and facility maintenance and operations, and other school programs and operation expenses. The proposed levy will replace the District's current levy approved by the voters in 2008 that expires in the year 2012.

Taxes collected by the proposed levy will provide approximately 27% of the District's General Fund budget, including mandated programs not funded by the state.

Passage of this proposition would authorize the collection of taxes to provide \$9,631,277 in 2013; \$10,112,788 in 2014; \$10,618,428 in 2015; and \$11,149,349 in 2016. If authorized, these property taxes would be collected at an estimated tax levy rate of \$3.46 per \$1,000 of assessed value in 2013, increasing to an estimated \$3.85 per \$1,000 of assessed value in 2016.

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

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.

Your *signature* verifies your vote

Sign and date the declaration on the back of your return envelope before returning it. Take your time and sign carefully.

Before any ballot is counted, state law requires that specially trained Elections staff make sure the signature on the ballot envelope matches the signature on file with your voter registration. If you forget to sign or if the signatures don't match, the Elections department cannot count your ballot. If this happens, Elections staff will contact you to take care of the issue.

Sign and date below

X *Jane Doe* 2/5/12
signature of voter (required) date (mm/dd/yy)

janedoe@mailbox.com
email or phone number (optional, in case there is an issue with your signature)

Read the declaration

I do solemnly swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that I am:

- A citizen of the United States;
- A legal resident of the state of Washington;
- At least 18 years old on election day;
- Voting only once in this election;
- Not under the authority of the Department of Corrections for a Washington felony conviction; and
- Not disqualified from voting due to a court order.

It is illegal to forge a signature or cast another person's ballot. Attempting to vote when not qualified, attempting to vote more than once, or falsely signing this oath is a felony punishable by a maximum imprisonment of five years, a maximum fine of \$10,000, or both.

Sign and date below

X *Jane Doe* 2/5/12
signature of voter (required) date (mm/dd/yy)

janedoe@mailbox.com
email or phone number (optional, in case there is an issue with your signature)

If you are unable to sign, make a mark in the signature area above. Have your mark witnessed and signed by two people below.

signature of witness 1 _____ signature of witness 2 _____

Information about your signature

Before any ballot is counted, state law requires that specially trained staff make sure the signature on this envelope matches the signature on file with your voter registration. A power of attorney signature is not valid in Washington State for the purpose of voting.

This envelope is only for:

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JANE DOE
1111 SAMPLE AVE S
BELLEVUE, WA 98111

Election Day: February 14, 2012

You've moved your furniture, your clothes, the kids and the dog.

But what about your vote?

Did you know that when you move you need to update your address with King County Elections?

You can update your address online, by phone, or by visiting our office.



To obtain this pamphlet in an alternate format please contact King County Elections at 206-296-VOTE (8683).

In accordance with Federal law, King County also produces election materials in Chinese and Vietnamese. If you, or someone you know, needs language assistance, call King County Elections at 206-296-8683 and request a ballot and voting material in Chinese or Vietnamese.

Theo luật Liên bang, quận King cũng sẽ xuất bản tài liệu bầu cử bằng tiếng Hoa và tiếng Việt. Nếu quý vị, hoặc người nào khác mà quý vị biết, cần trợ giúp ngôn ngữ, vui lòng gọi Hội đồng bầu cử quận King số 206-296-8683 để yêu cầu một lá phiếu và tài liệu bầu cử bằng tiếng Việt.

根據聯邦法律規定，金郡也提供中文和越南文版本的選舉資訊。如果您或您認識的人需要語言協助，請致電206-296-8683與金郡選舉部聯絡，索取一份中文選票和投票資料。



Contact us

Phone:

206-296-VOTE (8683)

1-800-325-6165

TTY Relay: 711

Email:

elections@kingcounty.gov

Online:

www.kingcounty.gov/elections

Mail or in-person:

919 SW Grady Way

Renton, WA 98057



Voter Registration Annex:

King County Administration Building

500 4th Ave., Room 311

Seattle, WA 98104



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