

April 25, 2017 Special Election

# King County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

as requested by Vashon Island School District No. 402



vote!

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# Register 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
- Not disqualified from voting due to a court order
- Not under Department of Corrections supervision for a Washington felony conviction

## How to register

- Register online with the Secretary of State, [www.vote.wa.gov](http://www.vote.wa.gov).
- Download a registration form from the King County Elections website.
- Register in person at the King County Elections office or at the King County Voter Registration Annex.

## Registration deadlines

While you may register to vote at any time, there are registration deadlines before each election. The deadlines for the April 25, 2017 Special Election are:

- **March 27** – Deadline to register to vote or update voter registration information.
- **April 17** – 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 options

Voting by mail is a convenient option for most people. There are other options available.

## Online Ballot Marking Program

- 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 blind and vision-impaired voters to cast a private ballot.
- If a voter's ballot is damaged or lost, voters may mark their ballot on a computer, print it out, and return it by fax, standard mail, or email before the 8 p.m. election day deadline.
- Overseas and service voters may request to permanently receive their ballot using this program.

## Accessible Voting Centers

Accessible voting centers are available for voters who need assistance completing their ballot. Trained staff and specialized equipment are available to help voters with disabilities cast a private, independent ballot. Mail ballots can also be dropped off at any accessible voting center, when open.

Visit [www.kingcounty.gov/elections](http://www.kingcounty.gov/elections) for hours and locations.



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**Public Disclosure Commission**

[www.pdc.wa.gov](http://www.pdc.wa.gov)

Toll Free 1-877-601-2828

# Mail your ballot without a stamp



**Save your stamp! We have paid for the postage on your return envelope for this election.**

You can vote and return your ballot through the U.S. Postal Service as soon as you receive it. Mailed ballots must be postmarked by April 25.

We are testing prepaid postage for this election. Learn more about the prepaid postage pilot at [kingcounty.gov/elections](http://kingcounty.gov/elections).

## Ballot drop boxes

Return your ballot without a stamp to one of the 3 ballot drop boxes open this election.

**Ballot drop boxes open**  
24 hours a day beginning April 6.

**Ballot drop boxes close**  
on election day, April 25, at 8 p.m.

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

**Seattle** King County Administration Building, 500 4th Avenue, 98104

**Vashon** Vashon Library, 17210 Vashon Highway SW, 98070

*\* Drive-up ballot drop boxes*



## Proposition No. 1 General Obligation Bonds - \$9,997,500

The Board of Directors of Vashon Island School District No. 402 adopted Resolution No. 748 concerning this proposition for bonds. This proposition authorizes the District to improve the track and field at the High School, improve the Middle and Elementary School, construct a maintenance facility, make other capital improvements, issue \$9,997,500 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum of 21 years, and levy excess property taxes annually to repay the bonds, as detailed in Resolution No. 748. Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

*The complete text of this measure is available at the Elections Office or online at [kingcounty.gov/elections](http://kingcounty.gov/elections).*

### Statement in favor

Submitted by:  
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Now is the time to update vital VISD facilities. By voting "Yes" for Proposition No. 1, we move forward with necessary upgrades and replacements. Our school board is obligated to maintain district assets, and will continue to ask for our support until these projects are addressed. Let's tackle these issues now to avoid higher costs in the future. The school board listened to voters after rejection of a \$26.9 million bond proposal in 2016 and, with the community's input, has worked hard to hold costs under \$10 million. Proposition No. 1 will add less than \$5 per month in property tax to a \$500,000 home.

Beyond the financial incentives, a "Yes" vote now will offer benefits to our school campuses and our community at large. The turf field will minimize our environmental impact, saving 1.5 million gallons of water per year. Renovations to school buildings and construction of a maintenance facility will improve safety and extend facility life. The all-weather functionality of the track and field will accommodate year-round use by our students, island youth and active adults sorely in need of adequate playing fields.

Our assets are aging, costly and out-of-date. Let's move forward with a "Yes" vote.

### Explanatory statement

If approved by voters, passage of Proposition No. 1 would authorize the Vashon Island School District No. 402, King County, Washington to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$9,997,500, maturing within 21 years of the date of issue, for the purpose of making improvements to school facilities to provide the students of the District with adequate, proper and safe educational facilities, and to levy excess property taxes sufficient to pay the bonds.

Such improvements include upgrading the track and field at the High School, improving the Middle, Elementary and High Schools, constructing a new maintenance facility and making other capital improvements. The projects include necessary equipment, supplies, appurtenances, and services to complete the projects.

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 206.296.3920.

For questions about this measure, contact:  
Jodi Burwell  
Board Recording Secretary  
206-463-8533  
[jburwell@vashonsd.org](mailto:jburwell@vashonsd.org)

### 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.



# Contact information

**Phone:** 206-296-VOTE (8683)  
1-800-325-6165  
TTY Relay: 711

**Email:** [elections@kingcounty.gov](mailto:elections@kingcounty.gov)

**Online:** [kingcounty.gov/elections](http://kingcounty.gov/elections)

**Mail or in-person:**

King County Elections  
919 SW Grady Way  
Renton, WA 98057

King County Elections is open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Voter Registration Annex\*  
King County Administration Building  
500 4th Ave., Room 440  
Seattle, WA 98104

The Voter Registration Annex is open weekdays from  
8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

\*Please note, this location only provides services associated  
with voter registration.

## 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.

한글로 선거 자료를 받으시려면 저희에게 연락하세요.

Vui lòng liên lạc Bộ Bầu cử Quận King để nhận tài liệu bầu cử bằng tiếng Việt.