

February 13, 2018 Special Election

King County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

as requested by Highline School District No. 401



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.
- Download a registration form from the King County Elections website.
- Register in person at the King County Elections office or at the King County Elections Annex.

Registration deadlines

While you may register to vote at any time, there are registration deadlines before each election. The deadlines for the February 13, 2018 Special Election are:

- **January 15** – Deadline for online and mail-in voter registration, address change and other updates.
- **February 5** – Deadline for people not currently registered in Washington State (in-person only).

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.

Who donates to campaigns?

View contributors for candidates and measures

Public Disclosure Commission

www.pdc.wa.gov

Toll Free 1-877-601-2828

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.

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.

King County Elections

919 SW Grady Way, Renton 98057

Elections Annex

King County Administration Building, 500 4th Ave., Room 440, Seattle 98104

- Weekdays, Jan. 24 - Feb. 12, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Election day, Feb. 13, 8:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Bellevue Regional Library

1111 110th Ave NE, 98004

- Monday Feb. 12, 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Election day, Feb. 13, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Other accessible voting options

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

Phone: 206-296-VOTE (8683)

1-800-325-6165

TTY Relay: 711

Email: elections@kingcounty.gov

Ballot drop boxes

Return your ballot without a stamp at a ballot drop box.

For a list of all **55 drop boxes open** for this election visit kingcounty.gov/elections. Here are the 5 closest locations to the districts on your ballot:

Burien	Burien Town Square Park (corner of 5th Ave SW and SW 152nd St), 400 SW 152nd St, 98166
Des Moines	*Highline College (entrance across from 27th Ave S), 2400 S 240th St, 98198
SeaTac	Valley View Library, 17850 Military Rd S, 98188
Seattle	Boulevard Park Library, 12015 Roseberg Ave S, 98168 White Center Library, 1409 SW 107th St, 98146

* Drive-up ballot drop boxes

Ballot drop boxes are open 24 hours a day beginning January 25.

Ballot drop boxes close at 8 p.m. on Election Day, February 13.

Mail your ballot

You can vote and return your ballot through the U.S. Postal Service as soon as you receive it.

Mailed ballots require first class postage and must be postmarked by February 13.



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

The Board of Directors of Highline School District No. 401 adopted Resolution No. 23-17, concerning a proposition for a replacement levy for education. This proposition would authorize the District to meet the educational needs of students by levying the following excess taxes, in place of an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, for support of educational programs and operation expenses not funded by the State of Washington:

<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2019	\$1.50	\$47,329,540
2020	\$1.50	\$48,749,426
2021	\$1.50	\$50,211,909
2022	\$1.50	\$51,718,266

all as provided in Resolution No. 23-17. 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: Chad Harper, Aaron Garcia
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Good schools attract families and businesses and improve the quality of life for everyone. Our schools and students depend on our local levy. The levy pays for teachers, school nurses, security officers, special education, and other critical needs not fully funded by the state. The levy ensures smaller class sizes and student safety. It pays for athletics, Camp Waskowitz outdoor education, and extra help for students who need it.

This is not a new tax. This measure replaces an expiring levy, but at a much lower rate than the current levy. Taxpayers will see a decrease in local school property taxes.

Our state Supreme Court ruled that the legislature is still not fully funding basic education. The levy fills the gap between what the state funds and the education our children need to be successful. Levy failure will mean fewer educational opportunities for students and layoffs for staff.

A Yes vote ensures that Highline students have access to the same opportunities as students in neighboring districts.

Vote to renew the Highline School Levy and continue local support for our schools. Return your ballot by February 13.

Explanatory statement

Passage of Proposition 1 would allow the Highline School District to replace an existing educational programs and operation levy that will expire at the end of calendar year 2018. The proposed four-year replacement educational programs and operation tax levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide up to \$47,329,540 in 2019, \$48,749,426 in 2020, \$50,211,909 in 2021, and \$51,718,266 in 2022. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The exact tax levy rate and amount to be collected may be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the taxable property within the District and the limitations imposed by State law at the time of the levy.

The taxes collected by this levy will be deposited in the District's General Fund and used to meet the educational needs of students and pay expenses of educational programs and operation that are not fully funded by the State of Washington, including, but not limited to, expenses of teaching, student support (e.g. - nursing and security), athletics, transportation, and educational programs and operations.

Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. For more information, call the King County Department of Assessments, 206.296.3920.

For questions about this measure, contact:
Duggan Harman, Chief of Staff and Finance
206-631-3078
duggan.harman@highlineschools.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.



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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.