

February 13, 2018 Special Election

# King County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

as requested by Mercer Island School District No. 400



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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 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://kingcounty.gov/elections). Here are the 5 closest locations to the districts on your ballot:

<b>Bellevue</b>	Bellevue Regional Library, 1111 110th Ave NE, 98004
<b>Mercer Island</b>	Mercer Island Community & Event Center, 8236 SE 24th St, 98040
<b>Newcastle</b>	Newcastle City Hall, 12835 Newcastle Way, 98056
<b>Seattle</b>	Beacon Hill Library, 2821 Beacon Ave S, 98144 King County Administration Building, 500 4th Avenue, 98104

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 Educational Maintenance and Operations Levy

The Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 662 concerning educational funding. This proposition authorizes the District to levy the following excess taxes, to replace an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, to support the District's educational maintenance and operations not funded or fully funded by the State:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2019	\$1.00	\$11,750,000
2020	\$1.00	\$12,000,000
2021	\$1.00	\$12,300,000
2022	\$1.00	\$12,750,000

subject to legal limits on levy amounts and rates at the time of levy. 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](http://kingcounty.gov/elections).*

### Statement in favor

Submitted by: Erin Gurney, Paula Holtzclaw, Kathy Moffett McDonald  
[yesmischools@gmail.com](mailto:yesmischools@gmail.com)

Mercer Islanders have a long tradition of supporting excellence in education, which has resulted in our schools consistently being rated among the top in the state. This 4-year levy replaces one that expires in 2018 and will provide continued funding for critical programs. It is projected to raise between \$11.75 and \$12.75 million per year, and will comprise 20% of the school district's annual budget and 38% of the Special Education budget. Levy funds will go toward maintaining our existing levels of educational standards across all schools: a 7 period day at the high school, advanced science and fine arts at both the high school and middle school, and Elementary K-5 Music, Art, PE, and Spanish. The funds enable us to invest in our dedicated teachers and staff by paying for professional development as well as stipends to lead after-school clubs at all levels. The past several levies were overwhelmingly approved by Mercer Island voters. This levy has the endorsement of all seven school PTA's and current and former school board directors. Please vote yes to keep our schools among the best in the state. [www.yesmischools.org](http://www.yesmischools.org).

### Explanatory statement

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would replace an expiring levy and allow the levy of \$11,750,000 in property taxes within Mercer Island School District for collection in 2019, the levy of \$12,000,000 for collection in 2020, the levy of \$12,300,000 for collection in 2021, and the levy of \$12,750,000 for collection in 2022. In accordance with Resolution No. 662 approving this proposition, these taxes would be deposited in the Mercer Island School District's General Fund to pay part of the general expenses of operating the District. General expenses of the District include employee costs (such as salaries), instructional materials, special programs, activities and sports, technology systems operation, transportation costs, maintenance of facilities and other non-capital expenses of operating the District schools. If authorized by the voters and based on projected assessed valuation information, the estimated levy rate per \$1,000 of assessed value would be \$1.00 for collection in the years 2019 through 2022, inclusive. The exact levy rate shall be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the property within the District and the legal limit of the levy amount at the time of the levy.

For questions about this measure, contact:

Tyrell Bergstrom, Chief Financial Officer  
206-236-3295, [Tyrell.Bergstrom@mercerislandschools.org](mailto:Tyrell.Bergstrom@mercerislandschools.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.

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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.