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April 24, 2018 Special Election

King County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

as requested by King County Fire Protection District No. 45



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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.

한국어로 투표 자료를 받으시려면 저희에게 연락하세요.

Xin vui lòng liên lạc với Sở Bầu cử Quận King để nhận tài liệu bầu cử bằng tiếng Việt.

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Proposition No. 1 Bonds to Construct and Renovate Fire Stations

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District No. 45, King County, Washington adopted Resolution No. 446, concerning a proposition to finance construction and renovation of fire stations. This proposition would authorize the District to: construct and equip a new fire station on property owned by the District; renovate and repair one or more of the District's other stations; and make other capital improvements; issue no more than \$7,500,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 20 years; and levy annual excess property taxes to repay the bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 446. Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

The complete text of this measure is available at the Elections Office or online at kingcounty.gov/elections.

Statement in favor

Submitted by: Susan Rich, Michael Reid, Chris Martin

When that fire, disaster, accident or injury that risks your home, family and/or life occurs, how much will emergency response time matter? Reduced response times help to save lives. A second Duvall Fire 45 station will make a difference and provide community-wide benefits for the Duvall community as growth in housing and traffic and an aging population of long-term residents increase the demand for emergency support. City residents will benefit from better coverage for its growing population and higher potential for accidents and emergencies. A second station in the community provides a quicker response to second emergencies than neighboring departments can provide. For east of the community, response times will be shorter, and more residences will be within 5 miles of a manned station, making properties that were once uninsurable become insurable and possibly reducing homeowners' insurance premiums. The associated bond levy cost to property tax is lower than the previous bond levy, and as property values go up, each individual's contribution will go down. Cost of staffing the station will be paid by increased tax base revenue. Please support the second Duvall Fire 45 station to make our community safer. It matters for everyone.

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

Yes, the bond funds necessary improvements and construction of the new station and its equipment, yet \$1,000,000 in additional revenue needed *each year* is incorrect. An *initial* cost of \$1,000,000 is needed the first year and only the first year. The cost for subsequent years will be based on inflation and covered by increased tax base revenue. Full staffing coverage across the community will reduce overtime currently paid to meet the community's growing emergency needs.

Explanatory statement

For questions about this measure, contact:

F. David Burke
Fire Chief
425-788-1625
dburke@duvallfire45.com

If approved, this proposition would authorize King County Fire Protection District No. 45, Duvall Fire, to issue no more than \$7,500,000 of general obligation bonds to construct and equip a new fire station, renovate and repair one or more of the District's other stations, and make other capital improvements. The District anticipates using a combination of reserve funds and bond proceeds to pay for the proposed improvements.

Construction of the new fire station at 318th Avenue NE and NE Cherry Valley Road will improve response times in the eastern portion of the District. The District's Board of Fire Commissioners has also found that it is essential and necessary for the protection of public health, life and property that the District make capital improvements at one or more of the District's existing stations, including the upgrade and repair of the District's headquarters located in downtown Duvall.

Without voter approval, there would not be sufficient funds to pay for construction of a new fire station and other capital improvements of existing fire stations.

The bonds would mature within 20 years, and be paid by annual property tax levies made in excess of regular property tax levies throughout the District, at an estimated average of 17 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value, or an estimated \$86.72 per year for a \$500,000 house.

Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. For more information, please call the King County Department of Assessments 206-296-3920.

Statement in opposition

Submitted by: Greg Garat

This bond will provide funding for the construction of a new fire station, however it will not provide the funding to staff it. An unstaffed station will not improve a fire protection class rating or life safety. The Fire District will need approximately \$1,000,000 in additional revenue each year in order to reach those goals. That is an approximate 25% increase in its annual budget. If you are willing to commit to providing this funding then I recommend approving the bond. If you are not willing to commit to providing this funding then I recommend that you reject the bond.

Rebuttal of statement in favor

No statement submitted.

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 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 24, 2018 Special Election are:

- **March 26** – Deadline for online and mail-in voter registration, address change and other updates.
- **April 16** – 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.

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.

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- Election day, April 24, 8:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Other accessible voting options

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Ballot drop boxes

Return your ballot without a stamp at a ballot drop box. Ballot drop boxes are open 24 hours a day beginning April 5 and close at 8 p.m. on Election Day, April 24.

Auburn	Auburn Library, 1102 Auburn Way S, 98002
Covington	Covington Library, 27100 164th Avenue SE, 98042
Des Moines	* Highline College (entrance across from 27th Ave S), 2400 S 240th St, 98198
new Duvall	* Duvall Police Department/Depot Park, 26225 NE Burhen Way, 98019
Kent	Kentridge High School, 12430 SE 208th St, 98031 Regional Justice Center (near parking garage entrance), 401 4th Ave N, 98032
Maple Valley	Hobart Food Market, 20250 276th Ave SE, 98038 * Tahoma School District Building, 25720 Maple Valley-Black Diamond Rd SE, 98038
Renton	Fairwood Library, 17009 140th Ave SE, 98058 * King County Elections, 919 SW Grady Way, 98057 * Renton Public Health Center, 3201 NE 7th St, 98056
SeaTac	Valley View Library, 17850 Military Rd S, 98188
Seattle	King County Administration Building, 500 4th Ave, 98104

* Drive-up ballot drop boxes

Ballot drop boxes close at 8 p.m. on Election Day, April 24.

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 April 24.

