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Seattle, WA 98104

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February 12, 2019 Special Election

King County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

as requested by King County Fire Protection District No. 16



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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.

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 Benefit Charge Continuation

Shall King County Fire Protection District No. 16 be authorized to continue voter-authorized benefit charges each year for six consecutive years, not to exceed an amount equal to sixty percent of its operating budget, and be prohibited from imposing an additional property tax under RCW 52.16.160?

Yes

No

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

Explanatory statement

For questions about this measure, contact:
Jim Torpin, Fire Chief, 425-354-1776,
jtorpin@northshorefire.com

The Northshore Fire Department (King County Fire Protection District 16)

is responsible for providing fire protection and emergency medical services in your community. For the last thirty years the Fire Department has funded these services primarily through a combination of property taxes and voter approved benefit charges. Benefit charges are based on risk factors and the cost of providing fire protection services, unlike property taxes that relate to the value of property.

Under state law, voters must approve the use of benefit charges every 6 years and the Elected Board of Commissioners is required to hold a public hearing each year to review and establish the amount of the benefit charge. Once established the aggregate amount of the charge is pro-rated to individual properties based on risk factors and collected by the county assessor, together with real estate taxes. The amount of any benefit charge imposed on any given property cannot exceed the measureable benefits of the services afforded to the property by the Fire Department and are subject to appeal.

Under state law, fire districts which collect benefit charges authorized under Chapter 52.18 RCW have reduced taxing authority. Benefit charges can constitute no more than 60 percent of a district's annual operating budget and the maximum property tax rate is reduced from \$1.50 to \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

If approved, Proposition 1 would continue the current funding method of providing emergency medical and fire protection services for 6 more years.

Statement in favor

Submitted by: Eric Adman, Jo Ann Evans

Citizens of the Northshore Fire District have wholeheartedly supported the work of our fire department, firefighters, and emergency medical technicians. We have one of the finest departments in the Northwest. Its professional team of well-trained staff has proven itself repeatedly in the performance of its duties. For over three decades our citizens have voted to authorize this benefit charge to support the department's operating budget.

This is not a new tax, but must be approved by voters every six years. It is time to renew that commitment once again. In 2013, voters approved this measure by 88%. Voters have approved each renewal since 1989. By supporting this renewal, the revenue for the fire district remains stable. The benefit charge provides a vital and reliable source of revenue for planning, equipment maintenance and replacement, and property protection.

This is a crucial investment in our community, one which we will be glad we made in case our own family needs emergency assistance, or we face a natural disaster or public safety crisis. Join us in continuing the commitment to maintaining our excellent fire department. Please vote to approve this measure.

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.

Return your ballot by mail.

No stamp needed!

We recommend dropping your ballot in the mail by the Friday before Election Day to make sure it gets postmarked in time to be counted.

Ballots must be postmarked by Election Day, February 12.



Ballot drop boxes

For a list of all 40 drop boxes open for this election visit kingcounty.gov/elections. Here are the closest locations to the district on your ballot:

Bothell	Bothell City Hall, 18415 101st Ave NE, 98011
Kenmore	Kenmore City Hall, 18120 68th Ave NE, 98028
Kirkland	Kingsgate Library, 12315 NE 143rd St, 98034
Lake Forest Park	Lake Forest Park City Hall, 17425 Ballinger Way NE, 98155
Renton	* King County Elections, 919 SW Grady Way, 98057
Seattle	Broadview Library, 12755 Greenwood Ave N, 98133 King County Administration Building, 500 4th Ave, 98104 Lake City Library, 12501 28th Ave NE, 98125 * Magnuson Park/The Brig, 6344 NE 74th St, 98115 North Seattle College (south visitor lot access from N 95th St), 9600 College Way N, 98103
Shoreline	Shoreline Library, 345 NE 175th St, 98155 Shoreline Park & Ride, 18821 Aurora Ave N, 98133

* Drive-up ballot drop boxes

Ballot drop boxes close at 8 p.m. on Election Day, February 12.

Accessible voting options

There are other ways to vote besides voting by mail.

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 voters who are blind or have low vision to cast a private ballot.
- If a voter's ballot is damaged or lost, the voter may mark their ballot on a computer and print it out. Return it at a ballot drop box or by mail before the 8 p.m. Election Day deadline.

Accessible Voting Centers

Accessible voting centers are available for voters that need assistance. Each center has voting machines that offer audio or large print ballots, and other assistive devices.

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

- Weekdays, January 23 - February 11 from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Election Day, February 12 from 8:30 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Union Station, 401 S. Jackson St, Seattle, 98104

- Monday, February 11 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Election Day, February 12 from 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Other accessible voting options

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How to register or update your registration

- Online at www.vote.wa.gov — you'll need a Washington State Driver License or ID.
- Print and mail a registration form at www.kingcounty.gov/elections.
- In person at King County Elections or at the Elections Annex.

Registration deadlines

- **January 14** – Deadline for online and mail-in voter registration, address change and other updates.
- **February 4** – Deadline for people not currently registered in Washington State (in-person only).



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