

Need assistance?

Vote centers

Vote centers are available for voters that need assistance. Each center has voting machines that offer audio or large print ballots, and other assistive devices. Elections staff are available to assist as needed. Voters can also register to vote and get their ballots through Election Day.

Locations	Hours of operation
Renton: King County Elections 919 SW Grady Way, Renton, 98057	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekdays, January 22 - February 10 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Seattle: Elections Annex King County Administration Building 500 4th Ave, Room 440, Seattle, 98104	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday, February 11 8:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Access your ballot online

- 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 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.

Other voting options

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

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 11.



Register to vote

Online

You can register online at www.vote.wa.gov — you'll need a Washington State Driver License or ID. Make sure you register online by the February 3 deadline for the February 11 Special Election.

In person

You can register in person through February 11, Election Day at one of the vote centers listed above.

By mail

Download and print a registration form from www.kingcounty.gov/elections and mail it to our office by the February 3 deadline for the February 11 Special Election.

Ballot drop boxes

For a list of all 41 drop boxes open for this election visit kingcounty.gov/elections. Here are the closest locations to the district on your ballot:

Covington	Covington Library, 27100 164th Ave SE, 98042
Kent	Kentridge High School, 12430 SE 208th St, 98031
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 * Renton Public Health Center, 3201 NE 7th St, 98056

* Drive-up ballot drop boxes

Ballot drop boxes close at 8 p.m. on Election Day, February 11.



**Proposition No. 1
Replacement of Existing Educational Programs and Operations Levy**

The Board of Directors of Tahoma School District No. 409 adopted Resolution No. 2019-20 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 programs and operations not funded by the state:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2021	\$2.00	\$16,419,347
2022	\$2.00	\$17,895,669
2023	\$2.00	\$19,504,860
2024	\$2.00	\$21,258,878

all as provided in the Resolution. 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: Krissy Riggs, Jim Flynn, Jerry Gaston, Voteyestahoma.com

Strong schools benefit the entire community. Your “yes” vote for our schools maintains programs, staffing, and supplies needed to support student learning. State funding alone does not ensure we can continue providing opportunities for our students that set us apart. Local levy funds invest in the type of education for which Tahoma is known.

A “yes” will provide continued support to security, mental health, nurses, extended enrichment, teachers, paraeducators, support for struggling students, and opportunities such as athletics, activities, expanded electives, elementary science and art, transportation, summer school, and community facilities use.

Tahoma is a good steward of tax dollars and excels at maximizing resources to help students succeed. Our cost-per-student levy rate is one of the lowest in King County, yet we are among the top districts in the state. This replacement levy rate is less than in many other districts. Tahoma is asking for a more modest \$2 rather than the \$2.50 allowed by law. The increased investment for the owner of a home valued at \$400,000 is \$200 per year.

Community support is critical to have high-performing schools. With community levy support, Tahoma can continue to provide the level of excellence it has achieved. Vote yes!

Explanatory statement

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would replace an expiring levy and allow the levy of \$16,419,347 in property taxes within Tahoma School District for collection in 2021, the levy of \$17,895,669 for collection in 2022, the levy of \$19,504,860 for collection in 2023, and the levy of \$21,258,878 for collection in 2024. In accordance with Resolution No. 2019-20 approving this proposition, these taxes would be deposited in the Tahoma 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 that are not funded or not fully funded by the State. If authorized by the voters and based on projected assessed valuation information, the estimated levy rate per \$1,000 of assessed value would be \$2.00 for collection in the years 2021 through 2024, 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. The District will review annually and determine whether there is a need to roll back the levy.

Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. To determine if you qualify, call the King County Assessor at (206) 296-7300.

For questions about this measure, contact: Kevin Patterson, Director of Communication, 425-413-3400, KPatters@tahomasd.us

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.

**Proposition No. 2
Technology Capital Projects Levy**

The Board of Directors of Tahoma School District No. 409 approved Resolution No. 2019-21 concerning a technology modernization levy. This proposition authorizes acquiring educational and operational technology, equipment, software, staffing, training and technical support; and authorizes the following excess levies for such purposes on all taxable property within the District:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2021	\$0.47	\$3,900,000
2022	\$0.48	\$4,300,000
2023	\$0.44	\$4,300,000
2024	\$0.40	\$4,300,000

all as provided in the Resolution. 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: Mike Hanson, Shelly Gaston, Andy McGrath, Voteyestahoma.com

Tahoma is committed to using and prioritizing technology in ways that accelerate and improve student learning. Your “yes” vote to restore the Technology Levy pays for equipment, infrastructure, training, and support staff that provide student access to computers and other learning devices at school. It also pays for teacher training and support to achieve equity in how classroom technology is used.

There is very little state or federal funding for classroom technology. Failure of the 2018 Technology Levy resulted in the District using reserve funds to temporarily maintain existing equipment and infrastructure. Staff support for students and teachers was reduced, along with training. This is not viable, long term, and puts us behind neighboring districts.

A citizen-district committee created a new education plan to guide how technology will be used. As the plan states: “Technology is an essential tool that allows our students and staff opportunities to communicate, collaborate, and create content as a community of learners to ensure that all students graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to live, learn, and work in the 21st century.”

Let’s provide all students with accessible, functional, and necessary tools to attain both instructional goals and their own aspirations. Please vote yes!

Explanatory statement

Passage of Proposition No. 2 would allow the levy of \$16,800,000 in property taxes within Tahoma School District No. 409 for collection each year in the years 2021 through 2024, inclusive, to fund construction, renovation, improvement and expansion of new and existing facilities, make improvements to technology equipment and training, modernize educational facilities through the acquisition and installation, implementation and management of computer technology and technology systems, facilities and projects including but not limited to enhancing infrastructure, acquiring hardware, licensing software, and implementing online applications, and training related to modernization, instruction and installation of the foregoing as part of the District’s technology systems, facilities, or projects; including, but not limited to, ongoing application fees, subscriptions, or licenses, upgrades and incidental services, training related to such improvements, and other capital project expenditures as approved by the Board of Directors. These taxes would be collected in the 2021-2022 through 2024-2025 school years, inclusive, and deposited in the District’s Capital Projects Fund for such improvements to meet the current and future educational programs for its students. If authorized by the voters, and based on projected assessed valuation information, estimated levy rates per \$1,000 of assessed value would be \$0.47 (2021 collection), \$0.48 (2022 collection), \$0.44 (2023 collection), and \$0.40 (2024 collection). The exact levy rate shall be determined at the time of the levy.

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