

## Need assistance?

February 11, 2020 Special Election

# King County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

as requested by Valley Regional Fire Authority

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

## 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.

## Register to vote

### Online

You can register online at [www.vote.wa.gov](http://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.

### By mail

Download and print a registration form from [www.kingcounty.gov/elections](http://www.kingcounty.gov/elections) and mail it to our office 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.

## Ballot drop boxes

For a list of all 41 drop boxes open for this election visit [kingcounty.gov/elections](http://kingcounty.gov/elections), we will be adding more boxes. Here are the closest locations to the districts, on your ballot:

<b>Auburn</b>	Auburn Library, 1102 Auburn Way S, 98002 Auburn Park & Ride, 101 15th St NE, 98001 Muckleshoot Tribe - Philip Starr Building, 39015 172nd Ave SE, 98092
<b>Covington</b>	Covington Library, 27100 164th Ave SE, 98042
<b>Des Moines</b>	* Highline College (entrance across from 27th Ave S) 2400 S 240th St, 98198
<b>Federal Way</b>	Federal Way 320th Library, 848 S 320th St, 98003 Federal Way City Hall, 33325 8th Ave S, 98003
<b>Kent</b>	Kentridge High School, 12430 SE 208th St, 98031 Regional Justice Center (near parking garage entrance), 401 4th Ave N, 98032
<b>Maple Valley</b>	* Tahoma School District Building, 25720 Maple Valley-Black Diamond Rd SE, 98038
<b>Normandy Park</b>	Normandy Park Towne Center, 19901 1st Ave S, 98148
<b>Pacific</b>	Algona-Pacific Library, 255 Ellingson Rd, 98047
<b>Renton</b>	Fairwood Library, 17009 140th Ave SE, 98058 * King County Elections, 919 SW Grady Way, 98057 * Renton Public Health Center, 3201 NE 7th St, 98056
<b>SeaTac</b>	Angle Lake Transit Station, 19955 28th Ave S, 98188 Valley View Library, 17850 Military Rd S, 98188

\* Drive-up ballot drop boxes

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



### Why are there measures on my ballot that are not in my pamphlet?

Pamphlets are only printed for a special election when requested by a district. For this election, Kent School District No.415 did not request to participate in the voters' pamphlet.



### Who donates to campaigns?

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**Proposition No. 1  
Levy Lid Lift to Restore the Regular Property Tax Levy**

The Board of Governance of Valley Regional Fire Authority has adopted Resolution No. 156 concerning restoring the regular property tax levy to its original rate.

If approved, this proposition would authorize restoration of the regular property levy rate of \$1.00/\$1,000 assessed value for collection in 2021, as described in the Resolution. The increased levy would be used to sustain fire protection and emergency medical services within the Authority. The highest lawful levy permitted for collection in 2021 will be used to calculate subsequent levy limits.

Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

*The complete text of this measure is available at the Elections Office or online at [kingcounty.gov/elections](http://kingcounty.gov/elections).*

**Explanatory statement**

The Valley Regional Fire Authority (VRFA) proposes a levy lid lift to restore its regular levy rate to \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, in order to sustain fire protection and emergency medical services (EMS) to those within VRFA's service area.

The levy lid lift would return the levy rate for collection in 2021 to the level approved by the voters when they approved forming the VRFA and would reset the levy limit under the 101% lid at the 2021 level. If this levy lid lift is approved, it would avoid the need to increase the fire benefit charge in order to continue to cover currently projected costs over the next several years.

If approved by voters, this levy would result in an increase in property taxes of \$91.00 per year (\$7.58 per month) for a \$350,000 median value home. This increase will be almost entirely offset by an expected reduction in the fire benefit charge beginning in 2021, resulting in a total net change in cost to the median homeowner for VRFA fire protection and emergency medical services of approximately \$10 per year (\$0.83 per month).

For questions about this measure, contact: Mark Horaski, Chief Financial Officer, 253-288-5800, [askthevrfa@vrfa.org](mailto:askthevrfa@vrfa.org)

**Statement in favor**

Submitted by: Debbie Christian, George Frasier, Lynn Norman, [YesForVRFA@gmail.com](mailto:YesForVRFA@gmail.com)

Proposition 1 will ensure that Valley Regional Fire Authority (VRFA) can continue meeting the needs of our community. Algona, Auburn and Pacific residents rely on VRFA for quality fire protection, life safety and emergency response services. VRFA has maintained outstanding service levels despite rapid growth in population and call volumes.

Proposition 1 will help safeguard our community at very little extra cost: less than \$1 per month for the owner of an average \$350,000 local home. It will restore the VRFA property tax levy to \$1 per \$1,000 of assessed value, which voters approved when forming VRFA, and allow reduction of fire benefit charges in 2021.

This rebalancing of property tax and fire benefit charges to more closely reflect VRFA's original funding mix will provide VRFA with financial flexibility to respond to the changing needs of our community. Not doing so will limit VRFA's options, reduce its ability to make important investments that benefit us all, and eventually lead to reduced service levels.

VRFA strongly protects not only our physical safety but also our public dollars. They serve us well. We must continue supporting them to help maintain a strong and healthy community. Please vote yes!

**Statement in opposition**

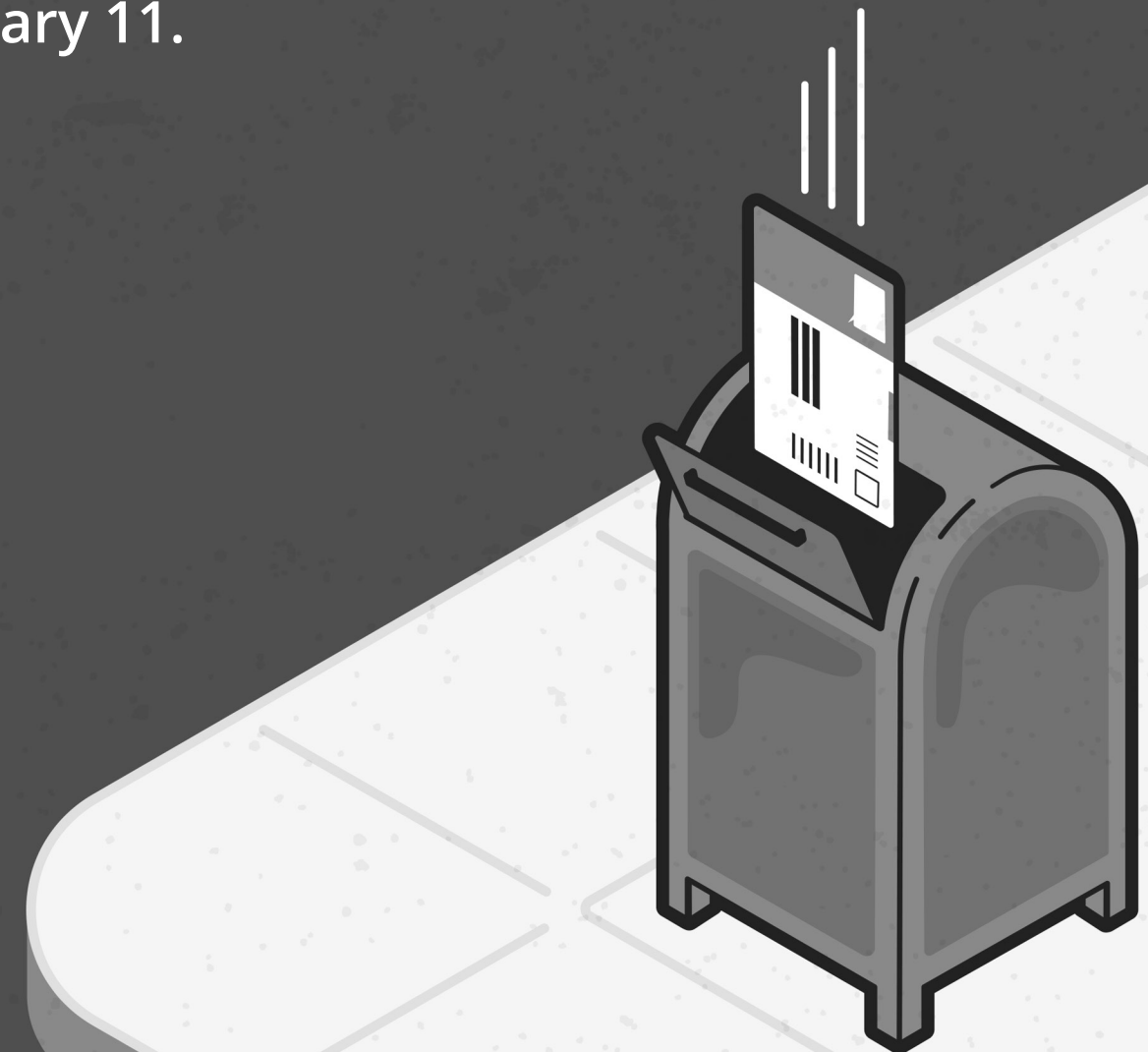
No statement submitted.

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 11.



Ballot drop box locations 