

Shoreline School District No. 412

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Proposition No. 2 Replacement of Expiring Capital Levy for Technology Improvements and Support

The Board of Directors of Shoreline School District No. 412 adopted Resolution No. 2021-15, concerning a proposition to finance technology improvements and support. This proposition would authorize the District to acquire and install instructional technology equipment and infrastructure throughout School District facilities to improve student learning and provide related training and support, and levy the following excess taxes, in place of an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District:

| Collection Year | Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value | Levy Amount |
|-----------------|--|-------------|
| 2023 | \$0.20 | \$3,500,000 |
| 2024 | \$0.19 | \$3,500,000 |
| 2025 | \$0.18 | \$3,500,000 |
| 2026 | \$0.16 | \$3,500,000 |

all as provided in Resolution No. 2021-15. 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

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 favor. If you would like to be involved with a committee in the future please contact the jurisdiction.

Explanatory statement

Passage of Proposition No. 2 would allow Shoreline Public Schools to replace an existing capital levy for technology improvements and support that will expire at the end of calendar year 2022. The taxes collected by this replacement levy will be used to acquire and install instructional technology equipment and infrastructure throughout School District facilities to improve student learning and provide related training and support. Further information is available on the District's website at <https://www.shorelineschools.org/>.

For questions about this measure, contact: Marla S. Miller, Deputy Superintendent, (206) 393-4514, marla.miller@shorelineschools.org

The proposed four-year replacement capital levy for technology improvements and support would authorize collection of taxes to provide \$3,500,000 each year from 2023 through 2026. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$0.20 in 2023, \$0.19 in 2024, \$0.18 in 2025, and \$0.16 in 2026 (estimated levy rate per \$1,000 of assessed value). Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. For more information, call the King County Department of Assessments, 206.296.3920.

Statement in opposition

These cap levy items should come out of the General Fund. If salaries were not so bloated this would be possible.

These levies should be rejected. There should be no tax measures whatsoever on the ballot in February. February is the lowest voter turnout election of the year. Understandably. Most citizens are just learning that there are levies to vote on - again. We just had the holidays. Citizens have voting fatigue. And, importantly, citizens won't even receive their property tax bills for the year until a month later in March. How convenient.

In the interest of high voter participation, these important, large tax measures (which affect all property owners and renters in their rents) should be only on the November Election. It is irresponsible for the district to propose property tax measures a month before voters see their property tax bills.

The state will never be able to fulfill its constitutional obligation of fully-funding schools so long as local districts are allowed to spend more than the ample provision the state provides. Until that changes, citizens need to reject these local levies like the ones before you today. More details at www.schooldataproject.com

Submitted by: Jeff Heckathorn, info@schooldataproject.com

February 8, 2022 Special Election

King County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

as requested by the City of Shoreline and Shoreline School District No. 412

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 8.



Ballot drop boxes

All 74 drop boxes across King County will be open for this election. To find the complete list, please see the other pamphlet in your ballot packet or visit kingcounty.gov/elections.

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

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 at Vote Centers through 8 p.m. on Election Day.

| Location | Hours of operation |
|---|---|
| King County Elections 919 SW Grady Way Renton, WA 98057 | Weekdays, January 19 – February 7, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Election Day, February 8, 8:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. |

Access Your Ballot Online

Access and print your ballot online! Those with disabilities or others who choose to do so may mark their selections on the ballot online before printing – or you can choose to print out a blank ballot to mark by hand. Online ballot access has been designed specifically to enable voters who are blind or have low vision to cast a private ballot and is available to all registered voters.

Just print, sign, follow the instructions for packaging, and return as you normally would – by mail or by drop box before boxes close at 8 p.m. sharp on Election Day.

Access your ballot at kingcounty.gov/elections/obmp.

If none of the above voting options work for you, please contact our office.

Register to vote

Online

You can register to vote online at VoteWA.gov -- all you need is two minutes and a Washington State Driver's License or ID. You can register online by January 31 for this election.

By mail

Download and print a registration form from kingcounty.gov/elections and mail it to King County Elections. It must be received by January 31 for this Special election.

In person

You can register in person through February 8, Election Day, at King County Elections headquarters. More information about hours and services can be found at kingcounty.gov/elections



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919 SW Grady Way
Renton, WA 98057



**Proposition No. 1
General Obligation Bonds for Parks and Recreation Improvements**

The City Council of the City of Shoreline adopted Ordinance No. 949 concerning neighborhood park improvements. This proposition authorizes the City to improve and/or construct city parks, including playgrounds, an accessible play area, splash-pads, multi-sports courts, walking and sensory trails, picnic shelters, off-leash dog areas, sports fields and/or other park amenities; install public art; acquire and improve new park land; issue up to \$38,500,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 20 years to finance and refinance such projects; and levy annual excess property taxes to repay such bonds, as provided in Ordinance No. 949.

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: Brian Branagan, Katie Schielke, Mary Ellen Stone, www.shorelineparksprop1.com

Last April, over 72% of Shoreline voters said yes to Proposition 1 park improvements, but we needed just 122 more people to turn in their ballots to meet the validation requirements. We get another chance to pass this bond measure now and we know our community will support it once again.

Shoreline has a long history of investing in great park facilities. With the existing parks bond expiring, now is the time to continue that legacy and vote yes on Proposition 1. There is something for everyone in this bond measure, and for only \$3 more per month for the median household, there will be improvements throughout our city's park system.

The bond will fund new picnic shelters, playgrounds, perimeter trails, sport courts, and playfields. We will get two new off-leash dog parks, ADA park improvements, splash pads, public art, and an expansion of green spaces.

The past year we have all come to appreciate and depend on public outdoor areas even more. By voting yes for Proposition 1, you will be supporting the health of our community, improving the parks we have, adding to our green spaces, and making sure everyone in our city has access to great parks.

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

The only reason Proposition 1 didn't pass last year was because of extremely high requirements for voter turnout. This year the requirement is lower. Proposition 1 received overwhelming support with a 72% yes vote, so bringing the same package of improvements back to the voters is the right thing to do.

Now is a prudent time to make these investments. Interest rates are low and future costs will only increase.

Explanatory statement

If approved by Shoreline voters, this proposition authorizes improvements to City parks, including the acquisition of new park land.

Significant improvements will be made at Brugger's Bog, Hillwood, Richmond Highlands, Briarcrest (Hamlin East), and James Keough Parks. These improvements, depending on the location, may include playgrounds, splash-pads, multi-sports courts, walking trails, picnic shelters, off-leash dog areas, and a fully accessible play area for people of all physical abilities.

Improvements will also be made at Ridgecrest and Shoreview Parks including creation/improvement of off-leash dog areas and improvements to play and field areas. Investments at Kruckeberg Botanic Garden include an education center and children's garden that will be accessible to persons of all physical abilities. Funding will also include installation of public art throughout the city.

Park land acquisitions and improvements will expand Paramount Open Space, Brugger's Bog, and Rotary Park, and will include additional park land acquisitions.

If approved, Proposition 1 will authorize the City to issue up to \$38,500,000 in general obligation bonds to finance and refinance these projects and set excess property taxes to repay those bonds. The bonds would mature within 20 years. Although the exact amount of property taxes per household necessary to repay the bonds will depend on interest rates and property values, the City estimates the annual property tax paid by the owner of a median valued home (\$534,000) would be approximately \$107 per year, or \$9 per month. This is an increase of approximately \$3 per month from the expiring park improvement bond.

For questions about this measure, contact: Christina Arcidy, Management Analyst, (206) 801-2216, carcidy@shorelinewa.gov

Statement in opposition

Shoreline residents have supported parks by investing in the the community paying for the current expiring parks measure since 2006. The \$13,000,000 plus measure has allowed for many parks to be updated and constructed, which continue to add value and positive experiences for residents and visitors to the city.

The City Council of the City of Shoreline adopted Ordinance No. 949 concerning neighborhood park improvement on x date. It is important to note that a similar measure failed to pass due to validation requirements during the special election last year and very few changes were made to the current measure which has been placed back on the ballot during continued uncertain economic times. This measure will authorize the city to issue up to \$38,500,000 in general obligation bonds to finance, refinance these projects, and set excess property taxes to repay those bonds. This measure does not fully fund the completion or enhancements of many area parks and prioritizes a select few.

If adopted, including the expiring bond measure, Shoreline residents will have invested a massive \$51,000,00 over a 35 year period. Alternative methods of funding as well as the project scope should be strongly considered.

Submitted by: Joseph Smith

Rebuttal of statement in favor

No statement submitted.

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

The Board of Directors of Shoreline School District No. 412 adopted Resolution No. 2021-14, concerning a proposition to finance educational programs and operations expenses. This proposition would authorize the District to meet educational needs of its students by levying the following excess taxes, in place of the expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, for support of the District's educational programs and operations expenses not funded by the State of Washington:

| Collection Year | Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value | Levy Amount |
|-----------------|--|--------------|
| 2023 | \$1.48 | \$26,000,000 |
| 2024 | \$1.44 | \$26,500,000 |
| 2025 | \$1.38 | \$27,500,000 |
| 2026 | \$1.33 | \$28,750,000 |

all as provided in Resolution No. 2021-14. Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

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Statement in favor

No statement submitted.

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Explanatory statement

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow Shoreline Public Schools to replace an existing educational programs and operations levy that will expire at the end of calendar year 2022. The taxes collected by this replacement levy will be used to pay expenses of educational programs and operations that are not fully funded by the State of Washington, including, but not limited to, nurses, librarians, family advocates, special education, counselors, athletics, music, drama and other extracurricular activities, transportation, and teacher pay and training. Further information is available on the District's website at <https://www.shorelineschools.org/>.

The proposed four-year replacement educational programs and operations levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide up to \$26,000,000 in 2023, \$26,500,000 in 2024, \$27,500,000 in 2025, and \$28,750,000 in 2026. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$1.48 in 2023, \$1.44 in 2024, \$1.38 in 2025, and \$1.33 in 2026 (estimated levy rate per \$1,000 of assessed value). The exact tax levy rate and amount to be collected may be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the taxable property within the District and the limitations imposed by State law at the time of the tax levy. Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. For more information, call the King County Department of Assessments, 206.296.3920.

For questions about this measure, contact: Marla S. Miller, Deputy Superintendent, (206) 393-4514, marla.miller@shorelineschools.org

Statement in opposition

In 2018, the McCleary Decision was promised to be a levy swap. Instead, state school property taxes increased dramatically and local school taxes never went away and are again spiraling out of control.

For 2020-2021, for the district's administrators, the median total compensation was \$199,812 with a high of \$387,127. Median teacher compensation is at \$139,287 up 33% in the last 3 years - multiple times inflation.

The argument that this levy is for a certain few duty types is disingenuous and heartless at best. The district complains that this levy fills the gap left from state legislators. The legislators are correct in saying no to the district. Local voters should do the same.

Nearly all districts try to just focus on how our property tax rates will remain nearly flat as if that has or will do us any favors. A flat tax rate multiplied by skyrocketing assessed property values equals skyrocketing taxes in dollars (paid for by property owners and renters in their rents). Please provide your input and vote. More details at, www.schooldataport.com

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