

February 11, 2014 Special Election

# King County

## Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

as requested by Tahoma School District No. 409



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206-296-VOTE (8683) or visit  
[www.kingcounty.gov/elections](http://www.kingcounty.gov/elections)



**King County**  
Department of Elections

# Registering 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; and
- Not under the authority of the Department of Corrections.

## How to register

- Register online with the Secretary of State, [www.vote.wa.gov](http://www.vote.wa.gov).
- Download a registration form from the King County Elections website and return it by mail.
- Register in person at the King County Elections office or annex.

## Registration deadlines

While you may register to vote at any time, there are registration deadlines prior to each election. The deadlines for the February 11, 2014, special election:

- **January 13** – Deadline to register to vote online or by mail, or update existing voter registration information.
- **February 3** – In-person registration deadline for people not currently registered in Washington. Register in person at the Elections office in Renton or at the Voter Registration Annex in Seattle.

## 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 centers

Accessible voting centers are available for voters who need assistance completing their ballot. Trained staff and specialized equipment is available to help voters with disabilities cast a private, independent ballot.

Voters may also return ballots at these locations during business hours.

### King County Elections

919 SW Grady Way, Renton 98057

**January 24 - February 10:** Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**February 11:** Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

### Bellevue City Hall

450 110th Ave NE, Bellevue 98004

**February 10:** Monday, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**February 11:** Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

# Returning your ballot

**i** Ballot return locations and accessible voting centers can change with every election. See below for a list of the ballot return sites for the February 11, 2014 special election.

## Through the mail

You can vote and return your ballot through the U.S. Postal Service as soon as you receive it. Ballots must be postmarked by February 11.

Mailed ballots require first class postage.

**!** First Class postage rates increase to 49 cents as of January 26th, 2014.

## 24-hour drop boxes

Return your ballot without using the U.S. Postal Service or a first class stamp at a ballot drop box.

**Ballot drop boxes are open:** 24 hours a day beginning January 23.

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

### Crossroads Shopping Center

#### South entrance

15600 NE 8th Street, Bellevue 98008

### Federal Way City Hall

33325 8th Avenue S, Federal Way 98003

### Issaquah City Hall

130 E Sunset Way, Issaquah 98027

### King County Administration Building

500 4th Avenue, Seattle 98104

### King County Elections

919 SW Grady Way, Renton 98057

### Lake Forest Park City Hall

17425 Ballinger Way NE, Lake Forest Park 98155

### Regional Justice Center

401 4th Avenue N, Kent 98032

*Near parking garage entrance*

### Redmond Senior Center

8703 160th Avenue NE, Redmond 98052



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

The Board of Directors of Tahoma School District No. 409 adopted Resolution No. 2013-28 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:

<u>Collection Years</u>	<u>Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2015	\$3.69	\$16,336,987
2016	\$3.69	\$16,990,466
2017	\$3.69	\$17,670,085
2018	\$3.69	\$18,376,888

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 [www.kingcounty.gov/elections](http://www.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 opposition. If you would like to be involved with a committee in the future please contact the jurisdiction.

**Explanatory statement**

This levy replaces one that expires at the end of 2014. This levy pays for school staff, education programs, classroom support, athletics, maintenance, utilities, transportation and school supplies that are not funded or are under-funded by the state. The levy represents about 20 percent of the school district's general fund, which pays for day-to-day operations.

If this replacement levy is approved, taxable property within the district would continue to be taxed to pay for school programs and operations over the next four years, with the estimated rate to be \$3.69 per year for each thousand dollars of assessed property value. This levy would generate funding in the amount of \$16,336,987 in the first year, \$16,990,466 in the second year, \$17,670,085 in the third year and \$18,376,888 in the fourth year.

For additional questions regarding this measure contact:  
Kevin Patterson - Public Information Officer  
425-413-3400 • [kpatters@tahomasd.us](mailto:kpatters@tahomasd.us)

**Statement in opposition**

Union officials in the Tahoma Schools have pressured the school board to divert levy funds from student services in order to pay teachers more. Our levy should pay for student services, not for wage increases.

In the collective bargaining agreement sought by union officials, the average state-provided wage of \$53,584 for teachers will be enhanced by 10.9 percent from levy and levy-matched funds. This costs roughly \$2.06 million per year which could be better used to help at-risk students or reduce class sizes. The school district leads taxpayers to believe the levy money is being used for students, yet large amounts support union priorities instead.

Levies are great for funding local priorities and unique services for our area students, but taxpayers should hold off giving the school district any more money until the school board is able to put student services above the demands of union officials.

**Statement submitted by:** Laurie Lyford, Renay Bennett, and Tom Henningsgards  
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## Proposition No. 2

### Replacement of Existing Capital Projects Levies

The Board of Directors of Tahoma School District No. 409 approved Resolution No. 2013-27 for educational facilities and technology levies. This proposition authorizes the improvement and upgrade of District facilities, including educational technology, software and training; building and site improvements; and authorizes the following excess levies for such purposes on all taxable property within the District:

<u>Collection Years</u>	<u>Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2015	\$0.62	\$2,700,000
2016	\$0.60	\$2,700,000
2017	\$0.58	\$2,700,000
2018	\$0.56	\$2,700,000

all as provided in the Resolution. Should this proposition be approved?

Yes

No

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### Explanatory statement

This levy replaces one that expires at the end of 2014. This levy pays for educational technology tools, including computers, software, network infrastructure, document cameras, projectors, and other technology needs. It also pays for staff to maintain equipment and assist teachers and students with training and support.

The Technology Levy is the primary source of funds for electronic instructional tools and training. If the levy is approved, taxable property within the district would continue to be taxed to pay for school technology over the next four years, with the estimated rate ranging from \$0.62 to \$0.56 per year for each thousand dollars of assessed property value. This levy would generate funding in the amount of \$2,700,000 for each year of the levy.

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Voting materials available in Chinese and Vietnamese

**To comply with Section 203 of the Federal Voting Rights Act, King County is required to provide voting materials in Chinese and Vietnamese. To request voting materials, update your language preference or register to vote, visit [www.myvote.wa.gov](http://www.myvote.wa.gov) or call 206-296-VOTE (8683).**

Để thực hiện theo Mục 203 của Đạo Luật Liên Bang về Quyền Bỏ Phiếu, Quận King được yêu cầu phải cung cấp các tài liệu bỏ phiếu bằng tiếng Trung Quốc và tiếng Việt. Để yêu cầu các tài liệu bầu cử, cập nhật lựa chọn ngôn ngữ của quý vị hoặc đăng ký bỏ phiếu, ghé đến [www.myvote.wa.gov](http://www.myvote.wa.gov) hoặc gọi 206-296-VOTE (8683) và bấm số 3.

根據聯邦投票權利法案第203節之要求，金郡需要提供中文和越南文版的選舉資訊。欲索取選舉資訊，更新您的語言選擇或登記投票，請查看網站[www.myvote.wa.gov](http://www.myvote.wa.gov)或致電206-296-VOTE(8683)，然後按“2”字。



## Contact us

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