April 28, 2015 Special Election

King County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet



For more information call 206-296-VOTE (8683) or visit www.kingcounty.gov/elections





Your vote is something to treat with great respect—it's your chance to make a difference and have your say on every important issue that appears on your ballot. It's a hard-won right that many people in the world, and even in some parts of our own country, are not allowed to realize. As the Director of Elections, I am responsible for ensuring that every vote cast in King County is accounted for and secure. Don't waste your ballot or your voice. Make sure you return your ballot as early as possible, but no later than the April 28th election day deadline. I encourage everyone to be an informed voter and take the time to vote.

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Sherril Huff, Elections Director

Reading the local voters' pamphlet



Why are there measures in the local voters' pamphlet that are not on my ballot?

The measures on your ballot reflect the districts in which you are registered to vote. The local voters' pamphlet may cover multiple districts and include measures outside of your districts.

What is an explanatory statement?

An explanatory statement is prepared by each district's attorney stating the effect of the ballot measure if passed into law.

How are committees in favor of or in opposition to a measure formed?

Districts choosing to participate in a local voters' pamphlet are responsible for appointing committee members who agree to write statements.

The statements are a way to persuade voters to vote for or against a measure. King County Elections is not responsible for the content or accuracy of the statements.

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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
- Not under the authority of the Department of Corrections

How to register

- Register online with the Secretary of State, www.vote.wa.gov
- Download a registration form from the King County Elections website.
- Register in person at the King County Elections office or at the King County Voter Registration Annex.

Registration deadlines

While you may register to vote at any time, there are registration deadlines before each election. The deadlines for the April 28, 2015, Special Election:

- March 30 Deadline to register to vote or update voter registration information.
- **April 20** 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.



Visit our Voter Registration Annex

King County Elections offers convenient, in-person service at the downtown Seattle annex for voter registration-related matters only.

Services offered:

- Register to vote
- Change or update your address or name
- Get voter registration cards
- Get help with address issues
- Cancel a voter registration

Services not offered:

- Get a replacement ballot
- Return voted ballots
- Resolve signature challenges
- Vote at an Accessible Voting Center
- Get maps or data files
- File for office

For these services contact King County Elections at 206-296-VOTE.

Contact information

Phone: 206-296-VOTE (8683) 1-800-325-6165 TTY Relay: 711

Email: elections@kingcounty.gov

Online: www.kingcounty.gov/elections

Mail or in-person:

919 SW Grady Way Renton, WA 98057

King County Elections is open Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Voter Registration Annex*

King County Administration Building 500 4th Ave., Room 440 Seattle, WA 98104

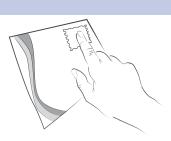
The Voter Registration Annex is open Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

*Please note, this location only provides services associated with voter registration.

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 April 28. Mailed ballots require first class postage.



24-hour drop boxes

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

Burien City Hall 400 SW 152nd Street, Burien 98166

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 Elections 919 SW Grady Way, Renton 98057

Lake Forest Park City Hall 17425 Ballinger Way NE, Lake Forest Park 98155

Redmond City Hall 15670 NE 85th Street, Redmond 98052

Regional Justice Center

401 4th Avenue N, Kent 98032 *Near parking garage entrance*

Seattle ballot drop box locations:

Ballard Branch Library Corner of NW 57th Street and 22nd Avenue NW, Seattle 98107

King County Administration Building 500 4th Avenue, Seattle 98104

Ballot drop boxes are open

24 hours a day beginning April 9.

Ballot drop boxes close

on election day, April 28, at 8 p.m.



Scheduled drop vans

Return your ballot without using the U.S. Postal Service or a first class stamp at a ballot drop-off van. Vans will be parked at these locations only on the dates and times listed:

Auburn City Hall 25 West Main Street, Auburn 98001

Enumclaw Library 1700 1st Street, Enumclaw 98022

Kirkland City Hall 123 5th Avenue, Kirkland 98033

Sammamish City Hall 801 228th Ave SE, Sammamish 98075

SeaTac City Hall 4800 S 188th Street, SeaTac 98188

Shoreline-Aurora Square Shopping Center 15505 Westminster Way N, Shoreline 98133

Tahoma School District Building 25720 Maple Valley-Black Diamond Rd SE, Maple Valley 98038

Vashon Market IGA 17639 100th Avenue SW, Vashon 98070

White Center at Greenbridge Library 9720 8th Avenue SW. Seattle 98106

Woodinville City Hall

17301 133rd Avenue NE, Woodinville 98072

Seattle locations:

Magnuson Park 6344 NE 74th Street, Seattle 98115 Use 74th Street entrance

Rainier Community Center 4600 38th Avenue S, Seattle 98118

West Seattle Stadium 4432 35th Avenue SW, Seattle 98126

College Campus location:

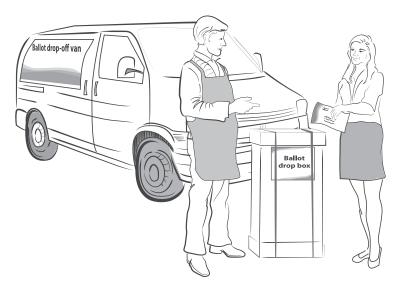
University of Washington Campus Red Square, Seattle 98105 *No parking or vehicle access available*

Hours of operation

Saturday, April 25, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Monday, April 27, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Election day, April 28, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.



Accessible voting centers



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

private, independent ballot.

Voters also may return ballots at these locations during the hours below.

King County Elections

919 SW Grady Way, Renton 98057

Hours of operation:

Weekdays, April 10 - April 27, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 28, 8:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Seattle Union Station

401 S. Jackson Street, Seattle 98104

Hours of operation:

Monday, April 27, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 28, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall

450 110th Avenue NE, Bellevue 98004

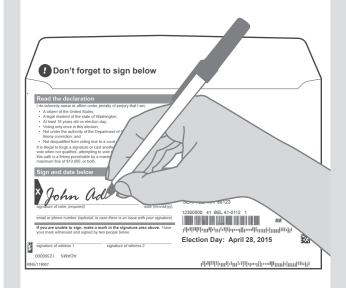
Hours of operation:

Monday, April 27, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 28, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Your *Signature* verifies your vote

Sign the declaration on the back of your return envelope before getting it back to Elections. Take your time and sign carefully.

Before any ballot is counted, state law requires that specially trained Elections staff make sure the signature on the ballot envelope matches the signature on file with your voter registration. If you forget to sign or if the signatures don't match, the Elections department cannot count your ballot. If this happens, Elections staff will contact you to take care of the issue.



Proposition No. 1 Regular Property Tax Levy for Emergency Public Safety Radio Network Replacement Project

The King County council passed Ordinance 17993 concerning funding for a new, upgraded regional emergency radio network. This proposition would provide funding to replace the current aging emergency radio network used for dispatching and communicating with police, fire and other first responders. The proposition would fund capital and transition costs as defined in Ordinance 17993 and would authorize King County to levy an additional regular property tax of \$0.07 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for nine years with collection beginning in 2016. The 2015 levy amount would be used to compute limitations under Chapter 84.55 RCW for the eight succeeding years. Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

The complete text of this measure is available beginning on page 18.

Statement in favor

Submitted by: John Urquhart, Kathleen O'Toole, and John Marchione www.YesOnPublicSafety.org

Proposition 1, the Emergency Public Safety Radio Network Replacement Project, would allow King County to

update our dangerously outdated emergency communications system for police, fire, Medic One, and other emergency first responders.

Our current system is decades old and was designed to serve a smaller population over a smaller area. The system has dangerous gaps in coverage and forces firefighters and police to use different channels to communicate in emergencies which can cause critical delays.

For just over \$2.00 per month for the median homeowner, we can replace this antiquated system and improve public safety across one of the fastest growing counties in the nation. This new generation public safety communications system will be available to city, district, and county first responders improving coverage across King County.

Proposition 1 has the support of Sheriff John Urquhart, local police and fire chiefs, firefighters, and first responders, as well King County Executive Dow Constantine, the King County Council, and local Mayors and Councilmembers across the region.

Rebuttal of statement against

Your police, firefighters and first responders are unified: we *must* replace King County's obsolete emergency radio system to better protect lives and property. Dangerous gaps in coverage prevent essential communication and coordination between emergency personnel, creating unacceptable risk.

Outdated technology developed in 1992 is inadequate in our fast-growing region. This modest levy will protect us for another generation— a modest but critical investment in our long term safety and peace of mind.

Explanatory statement

This proposition would authorize King County to levy an additional regular property tax to replace the region's current aging emergency public safety radio network, which is used primarily for dispatching public safety, police, For questions about this measure, contact: David Mendel, Emergency Radio System Project Director 206-263-7942 david.mendel@kingcounty.gov

fire, emergency medical staff and other first responders from jurisdictions across the County to incidents and for coordination among responders at the site of the incident. The current network was completed in 1997. It would be replaced with a new network to be referred to as the Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network (PSERN) that will provide improved coverage, capacity, and reliability.

Levy funds would be used for PSERN capital and transition costs, as defined in Ordinance 17993. Capital costs include planning, design, remodeling, construction, and equipping PSERN, and costs related to the issuance of bonds to help fund the project. Transition costs include operational costs to transition to the new network, costs to establish an entity to own and operate the network after project implementation, and payments to reduce the impact of increased rates for network users and prevent reductions in fire district services from levy prorationing as provided in interlocal agreements between the County and fire districts.

The proposed levy would be authorized for a nine-year period with collection beginning in 2016. During the first year, the tax would be levied at a rate of 7 cents (\$0.07) or less per one thousand dollars (\$1,000) of assessed valuation on all taxable property within King County. Annual increases for each of the succeeding eight years would be limited to the statutory rate in chapter 84.55 RCW.

Statement in opposition

Submitted by: Mark Thompson and James A. Fossos 253-344-1823

Fire District Commissioners serving citizens within unincorporated King

County and the suburban cities within those fire districts *support the need for a new radio system*.

Residents within fire districts need to understand the potential negative financial impact that this Lid Lift funding method could have on your fire district that serves you for the next 9 years; should property values suddenly drop like they did in 2008.

If property values drop, fire districts could possibly be in a negative financial position and need to lay off fire fighters during the 9 year term of the PSERN (radio system) levy.

Laying off Fire Fighters is unacceptable, especially when a comprehensive prorationing protection plan could have been implemented by the County Executive to stave off any possible staffing reductions by impacted fire districts.

The fiduciary responsibility of your Elected Fire Commissioners is to look out for you and your fire districts financial best interest! This levy lid lift is not in your long term best interest.

We, as elected fire commissioners, want you to know the facts as without a comprehensive pro-rationing protection plan your level of emergency service may be negatively affected.

Know the Facts, Be informed, Vote Informed.

Rebuttal of statement in favor

We support the need for a new radio system! It is the funding model that is contrary to good public policy and public safety! It does not meet the fiduciary responsibility of fire districts.

Laying off fire fighters is totally unacceptable! It will put our citizens and their property at risk; this is especially true if a comprehensive pro-rationing protection plan is not implemented by the County Executive in an inter-local agreement with fire districts.

Advisory Proposition No. 2 Powers of Local Initiative and Referendum

The Sammamish City Council is calling for an advisory election whether to provide for the exercise of the powers of local initiative and referendum, to the extent provided by law.

If provided, voters within the City would have the ability to initiate and enact certain types of legislation, and also to repeal or approve certain types of ordinances adopted by the City Council.

Shall these powers of initiative and referendum be provided?

For provision of powers of initiative and referendum

Against provision of powers of initiative and referendum

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

Statement in favor

Submitted by: Harry Shedd harryshedd@gmail.com

Washington State Constitution granted these voting rights to all citizens in 1912.

This proposal would just extend these rights to city of Sammamish ordinances.

Widespread voter participation results. 85% of King County citizens now have these voting rights, to include: Bellevue, Redmond, Issaquah, King County to our east.

Used when Sammamish City Council either decides not to address an issue of great concern to Sammamish citizens or finds the matter way down on its agenda list.

Also used to overturn pending legislation or existing legislation.

Excellent methods for citizens to become involved in their city government. Often noted voter apathy is overcome by inclusion in the process.

Exerts pressure on public officials to act in the best interest of Sammamish citizens.

These rights show Direct Democracy at its best. Citizens should not be denied these Constitutional guarantees.

Rebuttal of statement against

Same voters that elected the councilmembers would use these rights. Process is assisted not resisted.

Not available in the past. Addition will clarify need in the future.

What the citizens ask for they will pay for.

Digital world affords instant information. Citizens are and will be well informed. 85% of King County citizens have these Constitutionally granted voting rights including Bellevue, Redmond, Issaquah, and east King County. Time to join with our neighbors.

Explanatory statement

Advisory Proposition No. 2 concerns the advisory ballot measure to provide to the registered voters of the City of Sammamish the powers of local For questions about this measure, contact: Melonie Anderson, City Clerk 425-295-0511 manderson@sammamish.us

initiative and referendum, to the extent provided by law.

Under the power of local initiative, voters may directly initiate new legislation in Sammamish on certain topics through a petition process. New legislation on certain other topics is not subject to the power of local initiative.

Under the power of local referendum, voters may approve or reject legislation previously adopted by the city council on certain topics through a petition process, before such legislation becomes effective. Legislation adopted by the city council on certain other topics is not subject to the power of local referendum.

The results of Advisory Proposition No. 2 will inform the city council as to the desire of the voters regarding the powers of local initiative and referendum.

Statement in opposition

What problem are we trying to solve?

Submitted by: Steve Teichler 425-391-7251

Sammamish is the best-run city in

the state. With the best finances, and a pay-as-you-go approach to building roads and parks. We're building our Community and Aquatic Center with cash, not new taxes. City taxes have not gone up in five years, and won't for at least another two years. We aren't charged utility taxes.

Sammamish has been named one of the best, safest, friendliest cities in America! We have a great representative democracy, with elections every two years.

The pro side claims that most cities have initiative and referendum. That's wrong. Big cities do. But 74% of the 191 "code" cities in our state, like Sammamish, including our neighbors Kirkland, Auburn and Snoqualmie, do not.

The pro side argues that big outside special interest groups won't care about Sammamish. Not true. Tim Eyman funded an initiative in Redmond. Outside money recently funded initiatives in Issaquah, Sequim, Blaine, Chelan, Shelton, and Mukilteo. They all failed; but local citizens were stuck with election and legal costs.

Special interest groups? Big outside money? Misleading advertising? Poorly drafted laws? Unintended consequences? Unfunded mandates?

We don't need any of it. It's not worth it. Vote no.

Rebuttal of statement in favor

What problem are we trying to solve?

Sammamish is the best-run city in the state.

The pro side claims that most cities have initiative. 74% of "code" cities do not. The pro side argues that outside interests won't care about Sammamish. Not true. Tim Eyman and outside interests funded initiatives in seven cities. All failed, but taxpayers paid legal costs.

We have great representative democracy. It's not worth it. We don't need it. Vote no.

Proposition No. 1 Sales and Use Tax for Transportation Improvements

The Board of Covington Transportation District, Covington, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 15-01 concerning a sales and use tax to fund transportation improvements. This proposition would authorize collection of a sales and use tax at a rate of 0.2% of all taxable retail sales within the District, in accordance with RCW 82.14.0455, for a period not exceeding ten years, for the purpose of paying for or financing the costs of transportation maintenance and improvement projects identified in Resolution No. 15-01. 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.

Statement in favor

Covington and its surrounding

Submitted by: Laura Morrissey, Steven Pand, and Mary Pritchard proTBD@outlook.com

areas continue to grow. Every day Covington's roads are clogged by vehicles passing through or entering Covington to shop. The huge volume of vehicle traffic causes excessive damage to our roadways, which means increased road maintenance and road improvements. Most of these vehicles are operated by non-citizens of Covington, thus increasing the tax burden on Covington citizens by necessitating additional Covington tax money for road repair.

Voting for this measure raises the sales tax by a modest 0.2% (from 8.6% to 8.8%), but still keeps Covington with one of the lowest sales tax rates in King County. This minimal increase would cost just twenty cents for every hundred dollars and apply to all persons that shop in Covington, not just those who live here. Many people from the surrounding areas use Covington's roads to commute through or shop in area stores; this tax ensures non-citizens of Covington's roads. Monies raised would be legally restricted for road and sidewalk improvements only. Everyone that uses our roads should help maintain and improve them, not just those of us that live here. Vote Yes!

Rebuttal of statement against

The statement against the TBD is full of unrealistic and unsupported arguments and completely misses the point. *Covington citizens can either pay all the costs of road improvements themselves or vote for the TBD and have non-citizens share the cost and lessen the burden for Covington taxpayers—both now and in the future*. Funds generated by the TBD would be restricted by law for road improvements only and cannot be reallocated.

Explanatory statement

Proposition 1 represents an effort by the Covington Transportation Benefit District to fund transportation maintenance and improvement projects For questions about this measure, contact: Sharon Scott, Clerk of the Board 253-480-2400 info@covingtonwa.gov

identified in Covington's six-year Transportation Improvement Program. Among other unmet transportation needs, revenue generated by the district will be used to fund the reinstatement of street resurfacing, enhanced asphalt patching and crack sealing, and to sustain existing maintenance programs for the city's streets and pedestrian walkways. A vote to approve Proposition 1 will authorize an additional retail sales and use tax of 0.002 of the selling price, meaning only an additional 20¢ for every \$100.00 spent. The revenue generated from the tax is restricted and can only be used to maintain and improve Covington's transportation system. The district, in an effort to offset the impact to Covington residents, is seeking a sales tax increase so that all persons travelling Covington's streets to shop and conduct business in Covington share the costs of street and pedestrian walkway maintenance, not just Covington residents. The 0.002 sales tax increase would only be valid for a period of 10 years.

Statement in opposition

Mark Twain once said "If voting made any difference, they wouldn't let us do

Submitted by: Philip Jones and Leroy Stevenson pmjones4080@hotmail.com

it". Covington city government has a history of disregarding voter's wishes. This tax measure was defeated about 18 months ago. This "do over" cost the taxpayers about \$25,000. It is unnecessary to fund a separate taxing district to provide an essential city service which should be paid out of existing revenue. Covington chooses to not pay for essential services first.

Long term debt service cost taxpayers over 1.2 million dollars annually. Also considering the size of Covington the generous pay and benefits of the bureaucracy eat up a large portion of the budget. This includes about \$500 per month into their pensions and the new city manager started at \$151,000 pay plus benefits. Landscaping along streets may give covington a different look, but it costs substantially more to build and over \$50,000 a year to maintain. In some areas it even causes an unsafe condition for drivers and pedestrians.

Surface water management funds are dedicated for a specific use. City government diverts 6% to the general fund via the utility Will they do that to the Transportation Benefits district?

Rebuttal of statement in favor

Covington currently applies taxes to other taxes to increase utility tax revenues. The city council does a better job of representing the city than the taxpayers.

The proposed 11.7 cents per gallon state gas tax increase will help fund Covington's transportation needs. With rapidly rising property taxes, do you really want to pay an additional tax?

Please Vote No Again!!

Proposition No. 1 Bonds to Improve Safety, and Renovate and Construct Schools

The Board of Directors of Enumclaw School District No. 216 adopted Resolution No. 1014, concerning a proposition to improve safety, and renovate and construct schools. This proposition would authorize the District to: renovate Enumclaw High School (including constructing a new two-story addition to replace aging classrooms, library, science labs, music facility, auditorium and gymnasium; and upgrading systems in Commons, offices, and art/ automotive wing), and construct a new Black Diamond Elementary School; issue no more than \$68,555,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 21 years; and levy annual excess property taxes to repay the bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 1014. Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

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

Statement in favor

Submitted by: Johna Thomson, Nancy Merrill, and Edward Hechter www.4rKids4rFuture.com

Old, obsolete schools are bad for students, parents, and educators. And

bad for taxpayers. They present safety and health challenges and put our children at risk. They are costly and inefficient to maintain and repair. They make it hard to recruit and retain the best teachers. They make it difficult to teach 21st century courses. They reduce the value of property for local homeowners. They make it hard for businesses to recruit employees to live and work in our community.

This bond replaces the bond that constructed Thunder Mountain Middle School, which will be repaid in 2016. This new bond will keep tax rates flat, at current rates, a critical consideration for the Enumclaw School Board. Even with this bond, we will continue to have the lowest tax rate of any adjacent school district.

This bond has the unanimous support from the business owners who worked on the Enumclaw Economic Development Task Force and is endorsed by the Enumclaw and Maple Valley/Black Diamond Chamber of Commerce's, plus hundreds of local businesses and community leaders.

With enrollment forecasted to expand throughout the district by 17% by 2019, additional classroom space is badly needed.

Vote yes for our kids and our community!

Rebuttal of statement against

Reciting inaccurate numbers hurts our kids and our community! In Washington, the only way to fund facility expansion is passing bonds. Public schools are mandated to provide equal access and special needs services. Learn why our 50+ year old schools need to be rebuilt on the District web site. Get the facts about the numbers from Tim Madden, ESD Finance Director 360-802-7107.

Explanatory statement

Passage of this proposition would authorize Enumclaw School District to issue no more than \$68,555,000 of general obligation bonds to: renovate Enumclaw High School (including For questions about this measure, contact: Tim Madden, Exec. Director, Business & Operations 360-802-7107 tim_madden@enumclaw.wednet.edu

constructing a new two-story addition to replace aging classrooms, library, science labs, music facility, auditorium and gymnasium; and upgrading systems in Commons, offices, and art/automotive wing), and construct a new Black Diamond Elementary School.

The School Board determined that there is an urgent need for renovation of the Enumclaw High School and construction of a new Black Diamond Elementary School due to: student safety and security concerns, deteriorating and outdated schools, failing building infrastructure and the institution of new educational programs. With passage of this proposition and issuance of bonds, the District anticipates receiving approximately \$18,100,000 in State match to help complete these projects.

The bonds will be repaid from annual property tax levies in excess of regular property tax levies over a period of 21 years. The District anticipates a bond tax rate of approximately \$1.60 per \$1,000 of assessed value for the life of the bonds, which is the same bond tax rate currently imposed to repay the bonds for Thunder Mountain Middle School that will be paid off in 2016. Consequently, the District anticipates no increase in the current bond tax rate of \$1.60 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

Exemptions from taxes may be available to homeowners who are 61 or older, or disabled, and who meet certain income requirements. For more information, call the King County Department of Assessments 206.296.3920.

Statement in opposition

Taxpayers are told, education is underfunded. This districts 10 highest

Submitted by: Ted DeVol

paid employees are on par with Issaquah which is almost 4 times the size. Of the 589 employees in the district, 261 are listed as teachers. The state provides school districts \$11,300 per student. Average class size at EHS is 30 students X \$11,300 = \$339,000. Average teacher salary is \$78,714. \$260,286 is left over and its not enough? Private schools with 100 or more students have a tuition at approximately \$8,000 and generally score higher than public schools and do not have more non-teaching employees than teachers. Excuses given for tearing down most of the classrooms at EHS: Need to replace Roof, HVAC, lights, some siding, expand locker room, updated wiring and update 4 science classes. If these were concerns of a private business or homeowner, would they completely tear down the structure to fix these issues? Passage of this levy will cost \$10,000 to the average homeowner. However farm and business owners will pay much more. School districts like all government agencies, need to understand that today's taxpayers are struggling. Expensive fancy new schools do not make better students.

Rebuttal of statement in favor

The pro levy statement is classic pandering. Voters should verify if EHS is unsafe by viewing it themselves. No business or homeowner would tear down a building in such good shape. \$339,000 per classroom could supply 3 teachers in each room and with remaining funds, reroof, rewire, install rooftop HVAC in each classroom, every year. Yet \$339,000 per classroom is underfunding? Every government agency is out of control. School districts are no different.



Don't get slammed and left behind. Vote your ballot and return it early. The election day deadline is April 28. Be an informed voter!

Proposition No. 1 Fire Station, Emergency Response, and Firefighter Safety Equipment Improvements General Obligation Bonds - \$53,700,000

The Board of Commissioners of King County Fire Protection District No. 39 (South King Fire & Rescue), King County, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 501 concerning bonds for fire station improvements and firefighter safety equipment upgrades. If approved, this proposition authorizes the District to improve and construct fire stations and facilities; upgrade and acquire fire trucks, ambulances, lifesaving and cardiac response equipment, and firefighter safety and other equipment; modernize technology infrastructure for emergency response and basic life support; refund and restructure outstanding District debt; issue \$53,700,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum of 20 years; levy annual excess property taxes to repay the bonds, as provided in Resolution No. 501.

Should Proposition No. 1 be:

Approved

Rejected

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

Statement in favor

Yes! Keep Fast Emergency, Medical & Cardiac Response. South King Fire & Rescue has earned the best rating

in Washington for overall performance. Prop. 1 will maintain fast emergency fire, medical, and cardiac response when we need it and help keep South King safe.

Submitted by: Wayne Corey,

Roger Flygare, and Matt Pina

Yes! Upgrade Deteriorating Stations, Trucks & Ambulances for 911 Response. Prop. 1 includes needed fire station upgrades, decontamination areas, earthquake safety improvements, up-to-date fire trucks, ambulances, and technology infrastructure – needed now to maintain the fast emergency response.

Yes! Update Firefighter Safety Equipment to Standards. Firefighters respond to more than 17,000 emergency calls for firefighting, basic life support, and cardiac arrests. Prop. 1 will update Firefighter Safety Equipment to meet current safety standards including breathing and infrared equipment for dangerous firefighting and life-saving situations.

Yes! Modernize Technology for Emergency Response & Basic Life Support. It's been 20 years since District 39's last bond for needed upgrades to ensure fast and effective emergency response. Prop. 1 will modernize technology infrastructure to maintain fast emergency response and basic life response.

Endorsements: South King & Washington State Firefighters; King County Paramedics; Des Moines Police Foundation; Federal Way Mayor & School Board; Des Moines Mayor & Council, 30th LD Democrats.

Rebuttal of statement against

Fact: Last year, the average response time for heart attacks and cardiac arrest was 3 minutes 24 seconds. Prop. 1 makes sure the District can continue to respond quickly and effectively.

Fact: The District has maintained a strong record of fiscal responsibility, despite a 30% reduction in operating revenues during the recession.

Fact: The District earned the best performance rating in Washington - helping keep us safe and our insurance more affordable.

Please Vote Yes.

Explanatory statement

The population in South King Fire & Rescue is increasing and expected to continue to increase, and District facilities are in need of improvement and rehabilitation to continue to For questions about this measure, contact: Allen D. Church, Fire Chief/Administrator 253-946-7258 allen.church@southkingfire.org

provide 911 emergency services for fire and basic life support. Proposition 1 allows the District to make needed improvements to aging fire stations and facilities including earthquake safety upgrades and roof replacements; modernize technology infrastructure and equipment for firefighting emergency response; construct and equip a new fire station; and modernize fire station exhaust systems and infectious disease decontamination and related areas to current local and federal standards designed to prevent the transmission of disease and cancer causing agents in the stations. Proposition 1 allows the District to upgrade and acquire fire trucks, aid cars/ ambulances, and other equipment for 911 emergency and medical response and other District purposes; acquire lifesaving and cardiac response equipment for patients and up-to-date safety and breathing equipment for firefighters; and improve and acquire equipment to meet current safety standards. Proposition 1 allows the District to refund and restructure outstanding District bonds payable from regular property tax levies, proceeds of which were used to acquire property, fire apparatus, and other capital purposes. The refunding and restructuring will make regular property taxes available for fire prevention, fire protection, emergency medical services, and other District purposes. Proposition 1 would authorize the issuance of \$53,700,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 20 years and the levy of annual excess property taxes to repay the bonds.

Statement in opposition

The safety and security of our families is one of our most basic and universal needs.

Submitted by: Jerry Galland and Matthew Jarvis jerry@southkingfire.net

Unfortunately this bond measure is not about keeping our families safe. Instead it's tragically focused on empire building, stroking egos and pensions of SKFR leadership, while compensating for a decade of poor financial decisions.

If this was about your family's safety, SKFR leadership would acquire low cost, fuel efficient rapid response vehicles, or installing EMT sub-stations near the areas of town where most emergencies occur.

Instead SKFR leadership desires buying custom built, gas guzzling, \$500,000 fire trucks for going to the grocery store more often than to an actual fire. It is management egos that require buying a \$750,000 yacht, building a brand new station on the very edge of town and buying SUVs for the Chiefs.

Past misappropriations show abject disregard for your safety, favoring much higher regard for their paychecks.

Leadership at SKFR wants you to believe bad things will happen by voting *no*. No evidence supports this bullying. More taxes will not fix the waste, nepotism, corruption and immaturity leadership that plagues SKFR. Voting *no* sends a clear message. Present a bond measure designed for our safety, not egos. Vote No.

Rebuttal of statement in favor

Reject millions in new radio taxes and new fire department taxes.

If the needs are truly vital, why doesn't leadership buy them with the millions in Excess Levy taxes we already give them each year?

Last year SKFR leadership wasted tens of thousands of your dollars because their Chief accused an elected official of "staring at me during meetings."

Should you trust them with another \$53,700,000?

Leadership shows no accountability. Vote no! Reject Prop 1.

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Proposition No. 1

Park District Levy Renewal for 2016 through 2019

Shall the Vashon Park District be authorized to impose a regular property tax levy of not more than \$0.50 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation in each of 4 consecutive years beginning with collection in 2016, to pay operation and maintenance costs associated with the District's facilities as provided in Resolution No. 15-01?

Yes

No

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

Statement in favor

Submitted by: Jeff Chale and John Bean

This levy continues current funding for the Vashon Park District, which is an

integral part of the active and healthy lifestyle of the citizens of Vashon. The Park District's properties and programs help support beach walks, rowing, sailing, swimming, baseball, soccer, basketball, lacrosse, skateboarding, equestrian sports, fitness, yoga, Farmer's Market, Concerts in the Park, Strawberry Festival, Drama Dock, and the Vashon Commons.

As the sole source of revenue for the park district, this levy funds the management and maintenance of all park properties and operations. A "ves" vote sustains the following parks and recreational activities: The Vashon swimming pool, North End boat ramp, Winghaven Beach, Ferncove Nature Center, Agren playfields and trails, Vashon playfields, Ober Park playground and multi-purpose rooms, Paradise Ridge equestrian center, Jenson Point boat house and launch ramp. Tramp Harbor fishing pier. Lisabula Beach. Burton Acres, Burton Skate park, Point Robinson beach and light house, and the Village Green.

For further information on how the Vashon Park District serves the people of Vashon, visit vashonparks.org.

Rebuttal of statement against

Park District levy income, which depends on property values, decreased by 40% during the expiring levy cycle. To balance the budget during the housing market downturn, the District deferred non-critical maintenance and suspended certain programs and services. This proposition does not increase the levy rate, but continues the same rate as in the past. A Yes vote will allow the District to restore programs and services to the quality levels that Islanders desire and expect.

Explanatory statement

Passage of Proposition 1 would authorize the Vashon Park District to levy annually for four years excess property taxes to pay costs for operation and

For questions about this measure, contact: Elaine Ott, **Executive Director** 206-463-9602 eott@vashonparks.org

maintenance associated with the District's facilities. This levy will replace the District's expiring levy.

The proposed four-year capital levy would authorize the collection of levy amounts estimated to be not more than \$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value in each of the years between 2016 and 2019. The tax rate of approximately \$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value projected for the first year of collection in 2016 would equate to \$50.00 per year (or \$4.17 per month) for a \$100,000 home.

Exemptions from taxes may be available to homeowners who are 61 or older, or disabled, and who meet certain income requirements. For more information, call the King County Department of Assessments at 206-296-7300.

Statement in opposition

Six years ago we had a vibrant Park District. We had numerous summer

supervising the children at the skate park.

camps, summer concerts in both the Village Green and Ober Park. Parents were able to register their children for sports activities and their own adult classes at the Ober Park office. We had a Kayak Center and we had just added the Senior Center to the Park District offerings. BARC was staffed,

Submitted by: Hilary Emmer

206-463-7277

Then we built the VES 'Field of Dreams'. We have already spent over \$2 million on the VES fields and we are not finished. This year about one-third of our budget is dedicated to these fields.

Now the VPD summer camps and concerts in the Village Green are gone. The Kayak Center has been sold. The Senior Center decided to run their own programs. Registration for all sports is now done by individual leagues. BARC has no supervision. The Ober Park office has shortened hours so staff can work undisturbed by the public.

With the Park District doing less and the VES field being completed, why do we still need the same levy amount? Vote no now! We can vote for a lesser amount in the November election.

Rebuttal of statement in favor

The Park District provides Concerts at Ober Park and the Pool, but the other activities mentioned are not park programs. Volunteer groups support our parks: Friends of Point Robinson, Paradise Ridge, Jensen Point Boathouse, BARC, the Village Green and now the Pool. Thankfully these volunteers make sure our parks are well cared for.

A no vote tells Parks we want programs returned to the community. In November we can vote to fund these programs again.

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Proposition No. 1 Klahanie Annexation

The Sammamish City Council is calling for an election on the proposed annexation of the Klahanie Potential Annexation Area, now located in unincorporated King County.

If annexed, the Klahanie Potential Annexation Area would be subject to Sammamish land use designations and zoning regulations as provided in Ordinance Nos. O2014-383 and O2014-384, and would be assessed and taxed at the same rate and upon the same basis as property within Sammamish.

Shall the Klahanie Potential Annexation Area be annexed to Sammamish?

For annexation and adoption of proposed zoning regulations

Against annexation and adoption of proposed zoning regulations

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

Statement in favor

By annexing to Sammamish, Klahanie

Submitted by: Michael Foss, Kirsten O'Malley, Richard L'Heureux www.facebook.com/KlahanieChoice

PAA residents will enjoy increased public services, police protection, school safety, and greater home values, all with lower taxes than we pay now to King County. A vote yes insures that our taxes will be spent closer to where they are being paid.

We face the choice of remaining in Unincorporated King County, with minimal services, high property taxes and an unknown future, or we can choose to join the City of Sammamish who is enthusiastically anticipating annexation.

Recognized as a top residential city in America, Sammamish has no bond debt, no utility or B&O taxes, lower overall taxes than King County, significant cash reserves for future projects, maintains its streets, committed to improving Issaquah-Fall City Road, and will provide increased, rapid police response for our neighborhoods.

Now is the final time to choose between a city who wants us and a county that can't take care of us.

This *pro*-Sammamish statement was written by a coalition of local Klahanie PAA citizens who represented both sides of the issue in the last election. Jointly we now believe that becoming a part of Sammamish is the right path for our neighborhood, our community, and our PAA.

Explanatory statement

Proposition No. 1 concerns the proposed annexation of the Klahanie Annexation Area to the City of Sammamish. This area of unincorporated King County, For questions about this measure, contact: Tim Larson, Communications Manager 425-295-0555 tlarson@sammamish.us

which consists of about 1,240 acres, shares a common boundary with the City of Sammamish.

If voters approve this Proposition, the Klahanie Annexation Area will join the City of Sammamish. If voters do not approve this Proposition, the Klahanie Annexation Area will remain in unincorporated King County.

The Sammamish City Council authorized this election following the requirements of state law, which included a process before the Boundary Review Board for King County. If this Proposition is approved by voters, property within the Klahanie Annexation Area will be subject to City zoning classifications, which are similar to those of King County; also, property within the Klahanie Annexation Area will be assessed and taxed at the same rate and on the same basis as property within the City of Sammamish. If this Proposition is approved by voters, property within the Klahanie Annexation Area will not assume any bonded indebtedness on behalf of the City of Sammamish because the City of Sammamish currently has no outstanding bonded indebtedness.

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.

Nathan Adrian Olympic Gold Medalist

Be a voting champion – don't get left behind. Got a call from Elections about your signature? Respond quickly to make your ballot count. Ballots can still be counted after election day if you act in time.

Be an informed voter.

Full text of Ordinance No. 17993

AN ORDINANCE providing for the submission to the qualified electors of King County at a special election to be held in King County on April 28, 2015, of a proposition authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the levy limitation contained in chapter 84.55 RCW for a consecutive nineyear period at a rate of not more than \$0.07 per one thousand dollars of assessed valuation for the capital, transition, and financing costs for the Puget Sound emergency radio network project.

STATEMENT OF FACTS:

1. King County's current emergency public safety radio network ("KCERCS") is owned by four governmental entities: the city of Seattle; the Eastside Public Safety Communications Agency ("EPSCA"); the Valley Communications Center ("ValleyCom"); and King County. Each co-owner owns and manages separate sites, equipment and software and has its own customers.

2. KCERCS was substantially completed in 1997. It is aging and is requiring increasing repairs.

3. The vendor for KCERCS intends to stop supplying all replacement parts and repairing all used parts by December 31, 2018. King County must replace its emergency public safety radio network or risk performance degredation.

4. The King County council previously established a capital improvement project for this purpose.

5. King County executive staff has been working with the co-owners and users to plan the replacement of KCERCS with a new network that is known as the Puget Sound emergency radio network ("PSERN").

6. The PSERN project would cost approximately \$246 million, not including the cost of financing. King County will need additional tax revenues if it is to go ahead with the project.

7. If the funding measure is put on the ballot and approved by the voters, fire districts' levies may be reduced and services diminished.

8. The King County council finds that any reduction in fire district staff or services resulting from the PSERN levy would be contrary to the public interest. This funding proposal is intended to address concerns about prorationing of fire district levies during the term of the proposed levy.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Definitions. The definitions in this section apply throughout this ordinance unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

A. "Capital costs" means all costs incurred incident to the planning, design, remodeling, construction and equipping of the project including, but not limited to, the costs of architectural, engineering, legal and other consulting services inspection and testing, project management, relocation, site improvements, demolition and on- and off-site utilities. "Capital costs" also include the costs related to the sale, issuance and delivery of one or more series of bond anticipation notes or bonds. However "capital costs" do not include the costs of maintenance or operations.

B. "Fire district" means an organization authorized under RCW 52.02.020 or chapter 52.26 RCW.

C. "Fire service protection allocation" means the portion of levy proceeds, the purpose of which is to prevent a reduction in fire district staff or services resulting from prorationing mandated by RCW 84.52.010 and consistent with interlocal agreements between King County and any participating fire districts.

D. "Full system acceptance" means the determination issued to the contractor upon satisfactorily completing the final system development phase.

E. "Levy" means the levy of regular property taxes, for the specific purposes and term provided in this ordinance and authorized by the

electorate in accordance with state law.

F. "Levy proceeds" means the principal amount of revenue raised by the levy, any interest earnings on the revenues and the proceeds of any financing following authorization of the levy.

G. "Network" means the Puget Sound emergency radio network that is used primarily for dispatching public safety, fire, emergency medical staff and other responders to incidents for coordinating operations at those incidents.

H. "Operator" means King County or an entity established by the county, the Eastside Public Safety Communications Agency cities of Bellevue, Issaquah, Kirkland, Mercer Island and Redmond, the Valley Communications Center cities of Auburn, Federal Way, Kent, Renton and Tukwila, and the city of Seattle, through an interlocal agreement as authorized under RCW 39.34.030, which will own, operate, maintain, repair and govern the network after full system acceptance.

I. "Project" means all authorized activities relating to a capital project to plan, build, test, operate and transfer ownership of the network.

J. "Rate stabilization allocation" means the portion of the levy proceeds, the purpose of which is to reduce and phase in the impact of increased user rates on network users.

K. "Transition costs" means the operational costs to transition from the current emergency radio systems to the network, including, but not limited to, costs to operate the network during the transitional period and until it is transferred to the operator; pay for equipment warranties, updates and upgrades included in the vendor contract; establish an entity that would own and operate the network; and pay for election costs. "Transition costs" also includes payments for rate stabilization allocation and a fire service protection allocation.

SECTION 2. Levy submittal. To provide necessary revenues for the capital costs and transition costs for the network, the county council shall submit to the qualified electors of the county a proposition authorizing a regular property tax levy in excess of the levy limitation contained in chapter 84.55 RCW for nine consecutive years, commencing in 2015, with collection beginning in 2016, at a rate in the first year not to exceed \$0.07 per one thousand dollars of assessed value. In accordance with RCW 84.55.050, the levy shall be a regular property tax levy, subject to the statutory rate limit of RCW 84.52.043.

SECTION 3. Project description.

A. The project will replace King County's aging emergency radio network with a new emergency radio network, the Puget Sound emergency radio network, having improved coverage, capacity and reliability. King County will provide support while the new system is being planned, contracted for, deployed, tested and operated. Once the network has achieved full system acceptance, the network shall be managed and operated by an operator.

B. The county estimates that the capital costs and the transition costs for the project will be \$246 million.

SECTION 4. Deposit of levy proceeds. If approved by the voters, the levy proceeds shall be deposited in a special revenue fund created by ordinance.

SECTION 5. Eligible expenditures. If approved by the qualified electors of the county, the levy proceeds shall be used only for the capital costs and transition costs of the project. The maximum amount of levy proceeds for the rate stabilization allocation shall be \$2,619,406. Up to a maximum of \$1 million annually may be used for the fire protection services allocation. Consistent with RCW 84.55.050, levy proceeds may not supplant existing funding. If the actual costs for financing and for fire protection services are less than the amounts estimated, any savings shall be used first for capital contingency costs, and if any savings remain after all capital

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costs have been paid, the savings then may be used for transition costs.

SECTION 6. Call for special election. In accordance with RCW 29A.04.321, the King County council hereby calls for a special election to be held in conjunction with the special election on April 28, 2015. The director of elections shall cause notice to be given of this ordinance in accordance with the state constitution and general law and to submit to the qualified electors of the county, at the said special county election, the proposition hereinafter set forth. The clerk of the council shall certify that proposition to the director of elections, in substantially the following form, with such additions, deletions or modifications as may be required for the proposition listed below by the prosecuting attorney:

PROPOSITION ____: The King County council passed Ordinance _____ concerning funding for a new, upgraded regional emergency radio network. This proposition would provide funding to replace the current emergency radio network used for dispatching and communicating with police, fire and other responders. The proposition would fund capital and transition costs as defined in Ordinance ______ and would authorize King County to levy an additional regular property tax of \$0.07 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for nine years with collection beginning in 2016. The 2015 levy amount would be used to compute limitations under Chapter 84.55 RCW for the eight succeeding years. Should this proposition be:

Approved? _

Rejected?

SECTION 7. Severability. If any one or more of the provisions of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this ordinance, the bonds or any short-term obligations issued in anticipation thereof, and this ordinance, the bonds and any short-term obligations issued in anticipation thereof shall be construed and enforced as if the unconstitutional or invalid provisions had not been contained in this ordinance.

Ordinance 17993 was introduced on 1/12/2015 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 3/2/2015, by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Mr. Phillips, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Dembowski and Mr. Upthegrove

No: 1 - Mr. von Reichbauer

Excused: 0





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