

February 13, 2018 Special Election

King County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

as requested by Vashon Island School District No. 402



vote!

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Register 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
- Not disqualified from voting due to a court order
- Not under Department of Corrections supervision for a Washington felony conviction

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 Elections Annex.

Registration deadlines

While you may register to vote at any time, there are registration deadlines before each election. The deadlines for the February 13, 2018 Special Election are:

- **January 15** – Deadline for online and mail-in voter registration, address change and other updates.
- **February 5** – Deadline for people not currently registered in Washington State (in-person only).

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.



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Public Disclosure Commission

www.pdc.wa.gov

Toll Free 1-877-601-2828

Accessible voting options

Voting by mail is a convenient option for most people. There are other options available.

Online Ballot Marking Program

- 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 blind and vision-impaired voters to cast a private ballot.
- If a voter's ballot is damaged or lost, voters may mark their ballot on a computer, print it out, and return it by fax, standard mail, or email before the 8 p.m. election day deadline.

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. Mail ballots can also be dropped off at any accessible voting center, when open.

King County Elections

919 SW Grady Way, Renton 98057

Elections Annex

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

- Weekdays, Jan. 24 - Feb. 12, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Election day, Feb. 13, 8:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Bellevue Regional Library

1111 110th Ave NE, 98004

- Monday Feb. 12, 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Election day, Feb. 13, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Other accessible voting options

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

Phone: 206-296-VOTE (8683)

1-800-325-6165

TTY Relay: 711

Email: elections@kingcounty.gov

Ballot drop boxes

Return your ballot without a stamp at a ballot drop box.

For a list of all **55 drop boxes open** for this election visit kingcounty.gov/elections. Here are the 5 closest locations to the districts on your ballot:

Federal Way	Federal Way City Hall, 33325 8th Ave S, 98003
Seattle	High Point Library, 3411 SW Raymond St, 98126 King County Administration Building, 500 4th Ave, 98104 White Center Library, 1409 SW 107th St, 98146
Vashon	Vashon Library, 17210 Vashon Highway SW, 98070

Ballot drop boxes are open 24 hours a day beginning January 25.

Ballot drop boxes close at 8 p.m. on Election Day, February 13.

Mail your ballot

You can vote and return your ballot through the U.S. Postal Service as soon as you receive it.

Mailed ballots require first class postage and must be postmarked by February 13.



Proposition No. 1 Replacement of Expiring Educational Programs and Operation Levy

The Board of Directors of Vashon Island School District No. 402 adopted Resolution No. 756, concerning a proposition to finance educational programs and operation expenses. This proposition would support the District to meet its educational goals by levying the following excess taxes, in place of an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, for support of the District's General Fund educational programs and operation expenses not funded by the State:

<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2019	\$1.50	\$4,556,285
2020	\$1.50	\$4,784,099
2021	\$1.50	\$5,023,304
2022	\$1.50	\$5,274,470

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: Anne Atwell, Tami Brockway Joyce, Kevin Joyce
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Every four years Vashon voters are asked to renew the Vashon Island School District's "Program and Operations Levy" to ensure that our school programs and services continue to be among the best offered in our state. This year's renewal is as crucial to our schools as any past levy has been.

While the Washington State Supreme Court has mandated in its McCleary decision that the Legislature fully fund basic education in our state, the Legislature's new funding model remains a "work in progress" that only begins to pay the costs of the State's definition of "basic education". However, the legislation fell short of meeting the Court's requirement and leaves our district extremely dependent upon continuing levy support to deliver the quality of education our community demands.

Our levy represents 19.9% of our total general fund budget and makes it possible to go beyond "basic" to support teachers with high quality training, ensure special needs students receive effective support, provide for additional counselors and para-professionals, and support options such as AP courses, music, art and enrichment. These enhancements ensure a stable teaching force with the tools needed to deliver outstanding instruction.

Please vote yes to ensure the future of our children!

Rebuttal of statement against

VISD has successfully passed levies over the past 40 years because it has kept its promise to our island community to use levy funds to "go beyond basic" by providing outstanding learning and extra-curricular programs to our students. Our students thrive in rigorous academic programs and arts, music, theater, athletics, technology, and other local levy funded opportunities. Our children are our future. Our schools are at the heart of our community. Please renew the levy.

Explanatory statement

Passage of Proposition 1 would allow the Vashon Island School District to replace an existing educational programs and operation levy that will expire at the end of calendar year 2018. The proposed four-year replacement educational programs and operation tax levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide up to \$4,556,285 in 2019, \$4,784,099 in 2020, \$5,023,304 in 2021, and \$5,274,470 in 2022. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$1.50 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 levy.

The taxes collected by this levy will be deposited in the District's General Fund and used to meet the educational needs of students and pay expenses of educational programs and operation that are not fully funded by the State of Washington.

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:
Jodi Burwell, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent
206-463-8534, jburwell@vashonsd.org

Statement in opposition

Submitted by: Jeff Schnelz
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Vashon Island hasn't failed a school levy in over 40 years. In the last four decades the school district has lavished its self with enrichment. The schools have the people and money to run big campaigns.

The build-up of the schools has had serious growth consequences in the last few years. More families moving to vashon bid-up real estate prices and lengthen ferry lines. How will cramming Vashon with more people do the children any good?

Why must home owners be burdened with the tax? If the school district proposed a co-pay for enrolling children in the school, say 10% of the per student schooling cost, I would say 'yes' to that levy. As long as parents can enroll as many children as they please, free-of-charge, there is little incentive to prevent the next pregnancy.

No one should feel shame for voting against the school levy. It's simply unfair. Parents should own-up and pay for any funding above the State minimum. As long as levies pass, school districts will have no incentive to find alternative funding.

Don't forget to vote No. You're lucky you still have the right.

Rebuttal of statement in favor

Vashon doesn't need the best school in the state. The push to have it, is a display of arrogance. 15 years ago a few people decided to get more money to move here. It certainly has and we all have to pay. The super school has been the most powerful driver of such growth. If you're concerned about future affordability: Your No vote is critical. Remember takes 50%.



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Contact us to receive your voting materials in Chinese, Korean, Spanish or Vietnamese.

如需獲取您的中文投票資訊，請聯絡金郡選舉部。

Comuníquese con nosotros para recibir sus materiales de votación en Español.

한글로 선거 자료를 받으시려면 저희에게 연락하세요.

Vui lòng liên lạc Bộ Bầu cử Quận King để nhận tài liệu bầu cử bằng tiếng Việt.