Ballot drop boxes

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

Need assistance?

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.

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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.

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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.
Explanatory statement
Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the Renton School District 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, middle and high school athletics/activities programs, class size reduction, supplemental transportation, summer school, after school extracurricular activities, elementary music and art programs, curriculum, special education, and maintenance and operations programs outside of basic education funding: food service, safety, school counseling, social emotional supports, and administrative support. Further information is available on the District's website at https://www.rentonschools.us.

The proposed four-year replacement educational programs and operations levy tax rate would authorize collection of taxes to provide up to $41,236,226 in 2023, $41,896,005 in 2024, $43,272,122 in 2025, and $44,093,427 in 2026. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be $1.25 in 2023, $1.22 in 2024, $1.23 in 2025, and $1.21 in 2026 (estimated levy rate per $1,000 of assessed value).

Statement in favor
No statement submitted.

Statement in opposition
In 2018, the McCleary Decision was promised to be a levy swap. Instead, state school property taxes increased dramatically and locally, and general property taxes never went away and are again spiraling out of control. For 2020-2021, for the district’s administrators, the median total compensation was $209,794 with a high of $455,169. Median teacher compensation was at $126,270 up 26% in the last 3 years - multiple 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 the renton district. Please provide your input and vote. More details at, www.schoolsdataproject.com

Statement in opposition
At least the tech items in this levy 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 the district 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.schoolsdataproject.com

Statement in favor
In 2019-2020, per pupil expenditures (including capital outlays and interest on debt) for the district were already at $19,742. That’s above tuition and books at many universities let alone most private K-12 schools today. In 2018, because of the McCleary Decision, state legislators pumped billions more dollars into our public schools, largely from increased property taxes. There is no amount of money monopoly school districts will be satisfied with. Citizens are crying uncle. Enough!

Rebuttal of statement in favor
Voting Yes for the Capital Technology Levy will fill gaps in state funding in order to provide the high-quality learning environments and classroom technology that support student success and prepare students for the jobs of the future. This measure is a new tax and your approval won’t increase tax rates. In fact, our tax rates will likely decline as they have since 2016. Learn more at www.rentonschools.us

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