February 3, 2009 Special Election

King County Local Voters' Pamphlet



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Voting by mail is easy



Polling places are closed for the February 3 election.

All registered voters will be mailed a ballot 20 days before the election. Voters will have plenty of time to study the issues and return their ballot by mail or a secured, 24-hour ballot drop box.

If you are new to voting by mail, follow these important steps.

Five simple steps for voting by mail

- 1. Vote. Make your selections using a blue or black pen.
- 2. Place your ballot in the security envelope and seal it to ensure your ballot remains secret.
- 3. Then place the sealed secrecy envelope into the mailing envelope. Read and sign the oath on the return envelope. Your signature is as important as your vote, make sure you take the time to sign your return envelope.
- 4. Return your ballot by U.S. mail or at a 24-hour ballot drop box on or before February 3. Mailed ballots must be postmarked by Election Day to count.
- 5. Starting in this election, voters can follow the progress of their ballot through new online ballot packet tracking. Visit www.kingcounty.gov/elections to learn more.





24-hour ballot drop boxes

Ten ballot drop boxes are available throughout the county to provide voters with a way to securely return their ballots without the cost of postage. Ballots can be returned starting at 6 a.m. on January 16. Drop boxes will close at 8 p.m. on Election Day, February 3.

Algona-Pacific

Algona Pacific Library 255 Ellingson Road

Bellevue

Library Connection @ Crossroads 15600 NE 8th Street (outside of Suite K-11)

Black Diamond

Black Diamond Library 24707 Roberts Drive

Des Moines

Des Moines Library 21620 11th Avenue S

Fall City

Fall City Library 33415 SE 42nd Place

Lake Forest Park

Lake Forest Park Library 17171 Bothell Way NE (on the lower level, near the mall entrance)

Renton

King County Elections 919 SW Grady Way

Seattle

- King County Administration Building
 500 Fourth Avenue
- Delridge Neighborhood Service Center
 5405 Delridge Way SW
- University Neighborhood Service Center
 4534 University Way NE

Accessible voting options





Accessible voting options are available. Voters with disabilities will have the opportunity to cast a private and independent ballot at one of three accessible voting centers throughout the county.

Bellevue

Bellevue City Hall, Room 121 450 110th Avenue NE

January 30-31, February 2: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

February 3: 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Renton

King County Elections 919 SW Grady Way

January 14 - 30, February 2 (Monday-Friday): 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

January 31 (Saturday):

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

February 3: 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Seattle

Union Station 401 S Jackson Street

January 30-31, February 2: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

February 3: 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

The equipment at these locations provide audio and visual technology which allow voters with limited vision and physical disabilities to vote independently.



King County Elections Director of Elections (Nonpartisan Office)



David Irons

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Education: Two years at Bellevue Community College; Two years at Oakland University, Math and Economic studies.

Candidate Statement

This past November, 56% of voters in King County supported your ability to vote for an Elections Director. The voters wanted the office that counts your ballots to be transparent and accountable to you – not the Executive's office.

I supported this Charter Amendment.

Election administrators across our country face many challenges, but the primary mission of all election departments remains the same: the accurate counting and reporting of ballots.

Every election is only as good as the people administering it. I will use my proven management experience and leadership abilities to create a culture of integrity and fairness so that, together with excellent staff members, we continue to build a King County Elections Department that is a world-class example of modern election practices and procedures.

As the past Vice Chair of the King County Council Budget Committee I understand the processes that will be needed to ensure the King County Elections Department is properly funded and that new processes and equipment are cost effective and promote honest access to voting.

I have been elected to local and King County positions striving to assure fairness, accountability and access to every person in King County.

I am a business executive in the field of high tech that has managed large teams of people engaged in simultaneous processes under mandatory time constraints – similar to elections administration.

Eleven years ago I founded a new company to provide cutting edge technology to the convention center industry. As CEO I brought together a team that enabled us to become one of the leaders in our industry. In 2007 my company received two unsolicited offers to purchase us from two competing large Corporations.

I offer this unique skill set to the voters of King County and ask for your vote this February 3.



Sherril Huff

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Current Occupation: King County Elections Director, 2007 -present

Education: University of Washington, Western Washington University and University of Southern California.

Candidate Statement

Elect Sherril Huff: The Only Candidate with Proven Elections Leadership

Current King County Elections Director Sherril Huff has implemented more than 300 reforms and administered 21 successful elections since 2004—restoring trust and improving performance in the largest elections department in the nation to undergo a shift to all-mail voting.

No other candidate can match Sherril's record of success, reform, and administration of elections. This position is too important to be trusted to an inexperienced or overly partisan candidate who lacks administrative and elections experience.

Sherril Huff: True Nonpartisan Credentials

Huff is a nonpartisan leader appointed and supported by a bi-partisan majority of King County leaders, including the Executive and County Council, and good government watchdogs. Thirty-five elected county auditors of both parties—Sherril's colleagues in managing fair elections—endorse her candidacy. Her work has won national recognition.

Sherril Huff: A Real Record of Reform

Working with citizen oversight commissions, Sherril has implemented:
• state of the art ballot tracking and security • cutting edge audits and reconciliations procedures • expanded foreign language voting programs • cleaned up the voter rolls • ...and hundreds more real reforms and changes.

The Seattle Times writes: "Huff has overseen strong improvement of the operation..." (12/8/08)

Sherril Huff: A Plan for the Future

When elected, Sherril will build on her record of accomplishment and reform, adopting new technologies, replacing aging equipment, and instituting procedures that ensure long-term innovation, stability and accountability in the Elections Office.

Sherril Huff is the only experienced, professional elections director seeking this office. King County voters can depend on her proven skills, commitment to fairness and openness, and record of results.

Selected Bi-Partisan Endorsements

35 County Auditors, both Republican and Democrat; Executive Ron Sims; County Democrats Chair Susie Sheary; hundreds of elected leaders and citizens countywide.

King County Elections Director of Elections (Nonpartisan Office)



Julie Kempf

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Current Occupation: Election integrity speaker & activist; expert witness & trial consultant in election issues.

Education: Attended Seattle University School of Law 2001-2003; Certified Election Administrator 1999-2003; BA in Speech – Washington State University

Candidate Statement

There is no greater responsibility of local government than insuring the integrity of our elections.

Sloppy counting, lost ballots, the recent hidden purchase of more Diebold vote equipment, has eroded the confidence of King County citizens. That is why 57% of the citizens voted *twice* for change – we *need* an elected Director of Elections reporting directly to the voters.

I am asking you, the voters, to hire me.

Clean and complete voter rolls; accessible, secure ballots; vote counts with prompt disclosure of problems; all taking place in the bright sunshine of open government are foundation of my vision for King County Elections.

This year, voting for me presents a credible alternative to the status quo, a choice of a public servant with years of experience as an election administrator but the healthy skepticism of an outside citizen activist, who will protect our election integrity, and open the election process for full public scrutiny.

As a person, I have human flaws and admit as much. I have learned from past election mistakes: my own, and others'. As your Elections Director, I cannot promise a "perfect" election, but I will always promise a *perfectly accounted for election*, with nothing hidden and no ugly surprises after the fact.

I am unique in that I am the only candidate who has managed King County elections during years of severe budget crises such as we face now, and who has managed a countywide razor thin recount, where we had no ugly surprises or lost ballots.

The current appointee has *not* been tested by close, controversial elections under the stress of a major County funding crisis.

In light of this fact, I am endorsed by the non-partisan watchdog group, Citizens for Accountable Elections.

I hope you, too, will honor me with your vote and your confidence.



Bill Anderson

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Current Occupation: Semi-retired bank technology and operations manager also providing expert witness services for LECG, LLC

Education: MBA University of Washington Graduate School of Business

Candidate Statement

King County's move to voting exclusively by mail is but the first step in gaining control of the voting process. However, it is not the end of changes that will be required to ensure the voting process is accurate, secure, results can be reproduced and there is transparency within the voter registration and election process. There is much to be done and I have the experience

and background to modernize the election registration and voting processes on behalf of King County voters. I am not politically connected and possess no party affiliation and no political experience, but my work as Senior Vice President and Manager of back office operations for Seafirst bank qualifies me for the job of Director of Elections.

The job of Director of Elections requires a person who has experience managing hundreds of employees processing large numbers of paper documents under extreme time constrains while requiring the ultimate level of security, accuracy, accountability and integrity. I have experience managing the systems and people (up to 1,300) that process large number of paper checks (3 to 5 million per day at Seafirst). The fundamental similarities of processing votes and processing checks are that votes/checks come from multiple locations and that each has to be handled by multiple humans and multiple machines. Of utmost importance is the requirement that the document speaks for the writer and there is no room for error in determining the writer's intent. I have participated in the evolution of paper based check payment systems to electronic payments systems and over the past 20 years, as paper checks have slowly given way to debit cards and online bill paying, I have helped architect the systems used to keep the money flowing smoothly and securely. Voting needs the overhauling.

See more about me at www.thebillandersonsite.com.

King County Elections Director of Elections (Nonpartisan Office)



Christopher Clifford

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Current Occupation: Teacher Orting School District

Education: Masters University of Puget Sound, BA UPS, AA & AAS Green River

Candidate Statement

As an English teacher, I tell students they must pay close attention to the actions of the characters in their readings. Action defines character. Despite what the character or others say, the personal choice of action always defines a person's character.

I cringe as the actions of our public officials expose us to the personal characteristics of arrogance and dishonesty. I have fought against officials who choose to act with those characteristics.

There are actions I believe are unworthy of your vote. Filing a false declaration, lying about where you live, being accused of assaulting your mother, being arrested for forgery, and being arrested for attempting to run over a police officer. These are the actions of arrogance and dishonesty. These are not the actions we look for in individuals seeking your trust, your confidence, your vote.

These are some of my actions: I acted to help our future generations and became a teacher. I acted and won a Washington State Supreme Court decision battling the arrogance and dishonesty of an elected official. To read more about those actions please go to the website recallpat.com . I acted to defend the State Open Meetings Act, to battle discrimination, and support freedom of speech. I acted and was elected to serve as a member of the North Bay Planning Committee. My twenty-three fellow committee members chose to elect me chair of that committee. I acted and served on various committees supporting schools and students.

I teach my students that choices matter and that actions speak louder than words. I choose to act upon the words of Thomas Jefferson "Everyone is bound to bear witness, where wrong has been done." I ask that you act in support of open, honest, corruption free government, and I humbly ask for your vote.



Pam Roach

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Current Occupation: State Senator, 31st District

Education: BA history, BYU, 1970

Candidate Statement

The first responsibility of Elections Director is to ensure our elections are fair, nonpartisan, and open to inspection and verification.

As State Senator representing King County for 18 years, I have successfully improved our election laws, managed staff, and put the people of King County above partisan politics. I believe we need new, competent leadership for this new office.

I have served 16 years as chair or ranking member on the Senate Operations and Elections Committee. I led the effort to bring accountability and openness to our elections in the wake of the 2004 election fiasco.

I have been the state's strongest supporter of the initiative and referendum process, fending off efforts to take away the right of citizens to control their government through initiative. I prime sponsored the *Help America Vote Act* into law which has stemmed voter fraud and removed thousands of unqualified voters. I helped deployed military access voting, know voting systems, and have configured both county and state budgets.

As elections director I will open the department to public scrutiny by allowing direct public access to records.

As the 14 year chief of staff to Councilmember Kent Pullen, I know county government without being beholden to it. I will provide the most qualified technical staff available and make sure we finally meet certification standards. (King County Elections is currently not certified.)

I am running to provide the independent, qualified leadership we need. I have a record of achievements in election law and now want to make sure those laws are implemented, protected, and in some cases further defined.

In 2005 I introduced legislation to give King County an elected director. I supported the initiative process every step of the way.

(King County residents for 32 years, Jim and Pam have five grown children, ten grandchildren.)

Proposed Fall City Metropolitan Park District

Official Ballot Title

Proposed Fall City Metropolitan Park District Proposition No. 1 Formation of New Metropolitan Park District

The King County Council passed Ordinance No. 16282 concerning a proposition to create the Fall City metropolitan park district. If approved, this proposition would create a metropolitan park district encompassing portions of King County Fire Protection District No. 27 and various adjacent neighborhoods. The district would have all of the powers provided in chapter 35.61 RCW, including the authority to levy a general tax not to exceed \$0.75 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation on all property located in the district each year. The park district would be governed by a five-member board of commissioners to be elected at large.

- FOR THE FORMATION OF A METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT TO BE GOVERNED BY A FIVE-MEMBER BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO BE ELECTED AT LARGE
- AGAINST THE FORMATION OF A METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT

Explanatory Statement

If this proposition is approved, a metropolitan park district would be created to manage, control, improve, maintain, and acquire parks, parkways, boulevards and recreation facilities. The district would be known as the Fall City Metropolitan Park District and would have the boundaries set forth in Attachment A to King County Ordinance No. 16282.

The district would be a municipal corporation with all the powers provided in chapter 35.61 RCW, including the power to levy an annual tax on all taxable property within the district in an amount not to exceed \$0.75 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. The district would also have the power to contract indebtedness, issue general obligation bonds or revenue bonds, and to exercise the right of eminent domain.

The district would be governed by a five-member board of commissioners to be elected by all qualified voters residing in the proposed district. The initial terms of office would be staggered and thereafter, all commissioners would be elected to six-year terms.

Statement for

The issue is clear. Do we control the ambiance of our small portion of this valley or do we leave its fate to developers, ambitious politicians and those with interest disconnected with Fall City? This is an opportunity to take ownership of an important element of our community. Maintaining our local parks and open spaces in which we can walk, play, and connect with the beauty of our valley defines the quality of life we have chosen by living here. The parks would be managed by an elected board of commissioners, which means local control of such a valuable community resource. Many residents in the Fall City community believe that King County should transfer Fall City Community Park to the Park District. Yes, we'll have to pay. The dedicated citizens' group leading this campaign to retain our parks has recommended a modest budget of \$109,000 a year to provide a part-time parks manager, grounds keeper, utilities and the necessary insurance to keep our parks serving us. For the owner of a \$300,000 home that's less than \$30 a year. If the District is created, tax levy rates would not apply until 2010. This one's easy. Vote YES Fall City Parks.

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Statement against

No Statement Submitted.

Fall City Metropolitan Park District Commissioner Position 1 (Nonpartisan Office)



Perry Wilkins

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Current Occupation: Account Manager for a Life Sciences company

Education: B.S. Biology; Old Dominion University, VA

Candidate Statement

My wife and I have lived in the Fall City area for 12 years. We have two daughters, 3 and 7. We have been blessed to be able to take advantage of all that the Fall City area has to offer and I would love the chance to work on keeping what outdoor experiences Fall City has, enhancing them and adding to them.

If I am elected as Park Commissioner I will listen to the people of Fall City. My decisions and actions will be based on the input I receive from the people of Fall City. Every time I make a Park decision I will always have Fall City and the people of Fall City's best interest in mind. I will be a good steward of the Parks of Fall City.

Commissioner Position 2 (Nonpartisan Office)



Lee Moderow

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Current Occupation: Senior Architectural Manager, Johnson Controls Inc.

Education: MS Architecture; University of Washington

Candidate Statement

My husband and I have lived and worked in King County for over 30 years and our daughter attends Central Washington University. Since moving to Fall City 8 years ago to keep our horses we have witnessed enormous change to the rural landscape.

My passion for this rural lifestyle has inspired me to partner with other community volunteers on long-term sustainability of working forestland, farmland, outdoor recreation and biodiversity of our special region. As a Board Member of PRKC (Partnership for Rural King County), and founding member of Friends of Soaring Eagle Regional Park I've worked for the Park's permanent conservation.

I believe in **stewardship** and placing our public lands in the hands of people dedicated to promoting the best interest of the land and the public, **beyond political or personal gain**. As such I ask for your vote and your trust in the oversight of Fall City Parks.

Commissioner Position 3 (Nonpartisan Office)

No Photo Submitted

Debra Pettersson

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Current Occupation: Environmental Education Program Coordinator for a local Park & Community Services Department

Education: MS Environmental Education 1995 & BS Recreation 1991, Cal. State University Hayward

Candidate Statement

For the last 20 years I have worked in the parks, recreation and education profession. I am passionate about the preservation and enhancement of Fall City's natural, historic, cultural and recreational areas. I understand the benefits such areas provide for the environment, our local economy, our schools, and for the public at large. It is my hope that the public parks in Fall City will remain in public hands and will continue to serve as beautiful inspirational stopping and gathering places for people of many interests and hobbies. I look forward to working with the people of Fall City representing and integrating their ideas in to a public park system.

Fall City Metropolitan Park District Commissioner Position 4 (Nonpartisan Office)



Kirk A. Harris 4921 370th Court SE

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Current Occupation: Professional Engineer/Project Manager; David Evans and Associates, Inc.

Education: B.S. Civil Engineering; University of Washington

Candidate Statement

I am a lifelong resident of King County and my wife and I have two wonderful sons, ages 4 and 7. We built our home in Fall City almost 10 years ago because we love the area, the community, and the outdoors.

I support the formation of the Fall City Metropolitan Park District because I believe that stewardship of parks should be with the local community. Our parks provide opportunities for neighbors to play sports, ride horses, fish, gather, and celebrate. My concept of this new district includes the protection, preservation, and enhancement of our treasured parks.

I welcome input from the community and will base my decisions on it. I will draw upon my professional background managing transportation projects for local cities and counties to provide fiscal accountability to the district. I humbly ask for your vote to represent the residents of Fall City as a park district commissioner.

Commissioner Position 5 (Nonpartisan Office)



Dave Schneidler

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Current Occupation: Emergency Manager, City of Seattle **Education:** B.A. Political Science, University of Washington

Candidate Statement

This is a wonderful opportunity to help make a lasting positive impact for our Fall City community. I will be flattered to be a commissioner. I will work hard and continue to learn your interests and your concerns. I will represent those interests as an elected commissioner. You are in an enviable position – I have met the candidates for the other commission positions and find them all to be dedicated and passionate supporters of an exciting, new, local parks program. You can't go wrong....

As required by federal law, King County produces all election materials in both English and Chinese. Federal law requires counties to provide language assistance if more than 5 percent of voting age citizens in a jurisdiction are members of a single-language minority group who do not speak or understand English adequately enough to participate in the electoral process.

If you need language assistance or would like a ballot or Voters' Pamphlet in Chinese, call 206-296-8683 or learn more at www. kingcounty.gov/elections/chinese.aspx.



Voter Information - what you need to know



Special Election on February 3, 2009

All voters will receive a mail ballot for this election.

Your polling place will <u>not</u> be open. Please follow the ballot instructions carefully, and remember to sign the oath on the return envelope before mailing your ballot. Your signature will be compared and matched to the signature on your voter registration file.

You can return your voted ballot by mail or return your ballot at one of our drop box locations listed on page 3 of this pamphlet. Anyone needing assistance to vote, can vote inperson on an accessible voting unit located at an Accessible Voting Center location listed on page 3 of this pamphlet.

Qualifications to Register

To register to vote in King County, you must be:

- a citizen of the United States
- a legal resident of Washington State
- at least 18 years old by election day.

If you have been convicted of a felony in Washington, another state, or in federal court, you lose your right to vote in Washington State until your civil rights are restored.

Registration Deadlines

You may register to vote at any time, but keep in mind that there are registration deadlines prior to each election. King County Elections must receive your registration form at least **30** days before an election if you register online, or postmarked, if registering by mail. New Washington voters have up to **15** days before the election to register to vote; however, you must register in person at the King County elections office, 919 SW Grady Way, Renton, WA 98057.

How to Register

Come in person to the King County elections office, 919 SW Grady Way, Renton, WA 98057 or you can complete your registration online at www.vote.wa.gov. You can also complete

a voter registration form and put it in the mail. Forms are available from King County Elections, public libraries, public schools, other government offices or the Web at www.kingcounty.gov/elections.

Keep Your Voter Registration Up-to-Date

If your voter registration record does not contain your **current** name or address, it may affect your voting status. **Note the deadline for changes.** Changes to your name and address must be made **30 days before** an election to legally entitle you to vote using your new name or to vote in the precinct associated with your new address. Use the mail-in voter registration form to send your name or address change to the King County Elections or call 206-296-8683 to change your address. You can also update your record online at www.vote.wa.gov.

Mail Ballots

If you have an address change, do not receive your mail ballot or you have lost your ballot, please notify King County Elections at the telephone numbers, or e-mail address listed below. Voted mail ballots for this election must be signed and postmarked or delivered to King County Elections on or before February 3.

Services and Additional Information

Contact King County Elections for further information about registering to vote, for help with voting your ballot, or voters' pamphlets in alternate formats.

Voter Hotline: 206-296-VOTE (8683) or

1-800-325-6165 or TTY 206-296-0109 206-296-1544 (Chinese)

Internet: http://www.kingcounty.gov/elections

E-mail: elections@kingcounty.gov Fax: 206-205-5080 or 206-296-0108

Mail or In Person: King County Elections

919 SW Grady Way Renton, WA 98057



Your signature is as important as your vote



Take your time, vote and sign.

Before any ballot is counted, trained staff compare the signature on every mailed ballot envelope with the signature on the voter's registration.

If the signature does not match, the voter is contacted by phone and mail to verify their signature. If this happens to you, make sure you respond quickly, so your ballot counts.

While there are many reasons this could occur, common reasons include the length of time that has passed since the voter first registered to vote, the voter initialing instead of signing or simply forgetting to sign.



Make sure that your ballot counts, take your time, vote and sign.

Your role

- > Take your time, vote and sign.
- > Keep your address current. If you move, let us know.
- Your signature is as important as your vote. Make sure it's up-to-date.



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