King County Local Voters' Pamphlet packet

Information for jurisdiction administrators

2027 election cycle

Who can participate?

King County automatically publishes a local voters' pamphlet and all jurisdictions placing measures on the ballot are included.

The primary county accepts committee appointment forms, explanatory statements, and statements submitted by the pro and con committees.

Jurisdiction's responsibilities

The jurisdiction placing a measure on the ballot must file a resolution or ordinance with King County Elections by 4:30 p.m. on the day of the deadline.

Jurisdictions are also responsible for the following:

- Coordinating with jurisdiction's legal counsel to prepare an explanatory statement (250 word/5 paragraph limit).
- Appointing members to pro and con committees who are willing to write statements for the local voters' pamphlet.
  - Committee members must reside in the district.
- Informing committees of the rules, procedures, and deadlines for submitting statements for the local voters' pamphlet.
- Submitting all materials to King County Elections by 4:30 p.m. on the day of the deadline.
  - Resolution or ordinance
  - Ballot measure resolution cover sheet
  - Explanatory statement
  - Committee appointment form

King County Elections' responsibilities

King County Elections will receive all materials from the jurisdiction as well as the pro and con committees.

Additionally we are responsible for the following:

- Sending a letter acknowledging receipt of the resolution or ordinance calling for an election.
- Following the deadline for pro and con statements, sending each to the opposing committee so rebuttals can be written.
- Sending finalized pamphlet to the printer for production and mailing.

King County is not responsible for the validity or accuracy of statements, arguments, or rebuttals.

Pro/Con committees' responsibilities

The pro and con committees will agree to submit statements in favor of and in opposition to the ballot measure for the local voters' pamphlet.

Additionally they are responsible for the following:

- Submitting pro/con statement, following all guidelines, to King County Elections by 5:00 p.m. on the day of the deadline.
- Submitting rebuttal statement, following all guidelines, to King County Elections by 5:00 p.m. on the day of the deadline.

Need more information?

For more detailed information, consult the Jurisdiction Manual at kingcounty.gov/elections or contact Election Services at 206-296-1565 or election.services@kingcounty.gov.



Local voters' pamphlet deadlines

Special elections

Election date	February 9	April 27
Pro/Con Committee Appointments	12/11/26	2/26/27
Explanatory Statement	12/11/26	2/26/27
Pro/Con Statement	12/15/26	3/2/27
Rebuttal Statement	12/17/26	3/4/27

Primary and general elections

Election date	August 3	November 2
Pro/Con Committee Appointments	4/30/27	8/3/27
Explanatory Statement	5/4/27	8/6/27
Pro/Con Statement	5/11/27	8/10/27
Rebuttal Statement	5/13/27	8/12/27

Note: A resolution requesting a local voters' pamphlet is not required. Local voters' pamphlets are automatically produced for all elections.

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Pro and con committee appointment form

This form is to be completed by the jurisdiction administrator. The completed form must be submitted to King County Elections by 4:30 p.m. on the day of the deadline. If you have any questions on how to complete this form, please contact Election Services at 206-296-1565.

Committee member names listed on this form will be published in the pamphlet following their statements. Contact information provided here will be used for communicating with the committee and verifying eligibility to serve on committee. Committee members provide contact information for publication, if any, when they submit their statement.

ballot measure information

name of jurisdiction/district

name of ballot measure (e.g., Proposition No. 1 or Levy Lid Lift)

committee member information

Committee advocating approval (pro)

committee member name

phone number

email address

residential address

committee member name

phone number

email address

residential address

committee member name

phone number

email address

residential address

Committee advocating rejection (con)

committee member name

phone number

email address

residential address

committee member name

phone number

email address

residential address

committee member name

phone number

mail address

residential address

***Committee member names will be listed in the pamphet in the order they appear on this form.**

submitter information

name of person submitting this form

title

phone number

date

new

if you are not appointing a committee, use the above field to briefly describe your recruitment process for the unformed committee(s)

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Information for pro and con committees

2027 election cycle

Who can participate?

Committees are formally appointed by a jurisdiction proposing a ballot measure. There is a limit of three members per committee but committees may seek advice of any person or persons. Each committee member must reside in the district.

If the jurisdiction fails to make committee appointments by the deadline, King County Elections has the authority to make such appointments.

If you would like to serve on a committee, contact the jurisdiction proposing the measure.

Pro and con committee statements

Arguments in favor of or in opposition to any ballot measure shall be filed with King County Elections no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the deadline.

Length and other specifications

Limitations on the length of committee arguments are based upon the space available within the pamphlet.

- Pro/con statements: 200 words/4 paragraphs
- Rebuttal statements: 75 words/2 paragraphs
- Space is limited, so formatting is very important. Format your statement as an essay; text must be written in paragraphs. Tables, lists, and bullets are not allowed and will be changed to a block paragraph with a semicolon to separate each item.
- Only use italics to emphasize specific words or statements. Bold, underline, and all caps is not allowed. Words submitted with prohibited formatting will be changed to italics.

In the event of any question regarding length, the King County Elections Director's decision shall be final.

Rebuttal statements

The day after the deadline to submit pro and con statements, King County Elections will email the opposing committee's statement to all committee members.

Rebuttal statements are not required. However, they give each committee an opportunity to write a few more words supporting their point of view.

Committee contact information

Only the names of the committee members (as submitted by the jurisdiction) are included in the pamphlet. Additionally, a phone number, email or website (as submitted by the committee) can be included. Government web and email addresses, such as those ended in .gov, may not be used. This information is in addition to the statement word limits. Committee members' titles will not be included.

Submission of material

King County Elections prefers to receive statements submitted by email with a Word document attached. The submission of the initial statement must include a statement submission form. Statements can be submitted one of the following ways:

Email	election.services@kingcounty.gov
In person	King County Elections
Mail	919 SW Grady Way, Renton, WA 98057
Fax	206-296-0108

Review of statements

Prior to publication of the pro/con statements and rebuttal statements, King County Elections will email each committee a proof of their statements. Once they receive the proof, they can ensure there are no discrepancies between the proof copy and the information they submitted.

No changes to the originally submitted statements will be accepted and no new material will be accepted. The only changes that will be accepted are updates to the contact information section.

Need more information?

For more detailed information please contact Election Services at 206-296-1565 or election.services@kingcounty.gov.

Statement review deadlines

	Special elections		Primary and general elections	
Election date	February 9	April 27	August 3	November 2
Pro/con statements due	12/15/26	3/2/27	5/11/27	
Rebuttal statements due	12/17/26	3/4/27	5/13/27	
Proof emailed to committee	12/22/26	3/9/27	6/11/27	
Response from committee due	12/24/26	3/11/27	6/14/27	

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Pro and con statement submission form

This form must be included with each committees' initial statement when it is submitted to King County Elections. If you have any questions on how to complete this form, please contact Election Services at 206-296-1565.

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Fax
206-296-0108

ballot measure information

_____
name of jurisdiction/district

_____
name of ballot measure (e.g., Proposition No. 1 or Levy Lid Lift)

committee contact information for publication

This information will be published in the local voters' pamphlet and on our website at www.kingcounty.gov/elections.

Committee members names, as submitted by the jurisdiction, will be listed following their statements. Committee members' titles will not be included. In addition, each committee may include **one** of the following so voters may contact them with any further questions:

- an email address ***or***
- a website ***or***
- a phone number

Government web and email addresses, such as those ended in .gov, may not be used. This listing of committee members and contact information is not included in the statement word counts.

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committee contact information (any one of the following: email address, website, or phone number)

statement submission

If you are submitting your statement separately from this submission form please identify the ballot measure and committee on the statement. Statements must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on the day of the deadline. No late submissions will be accepted.

Which committee do you represent?

- ☐ Pro committee
- ☐ Con committee

If you are submitting your statement separately from this form, how will you be submitting your statement?

- ☐ Email
- ☐ In person
- ☐ Mail
- ☐ Fax

_____ _____
name of person submitting this form | phone number

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1. Ballot title

The language of the measure that will appear on the ballot.

This information is submitted by the jurisdiction and approved by the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

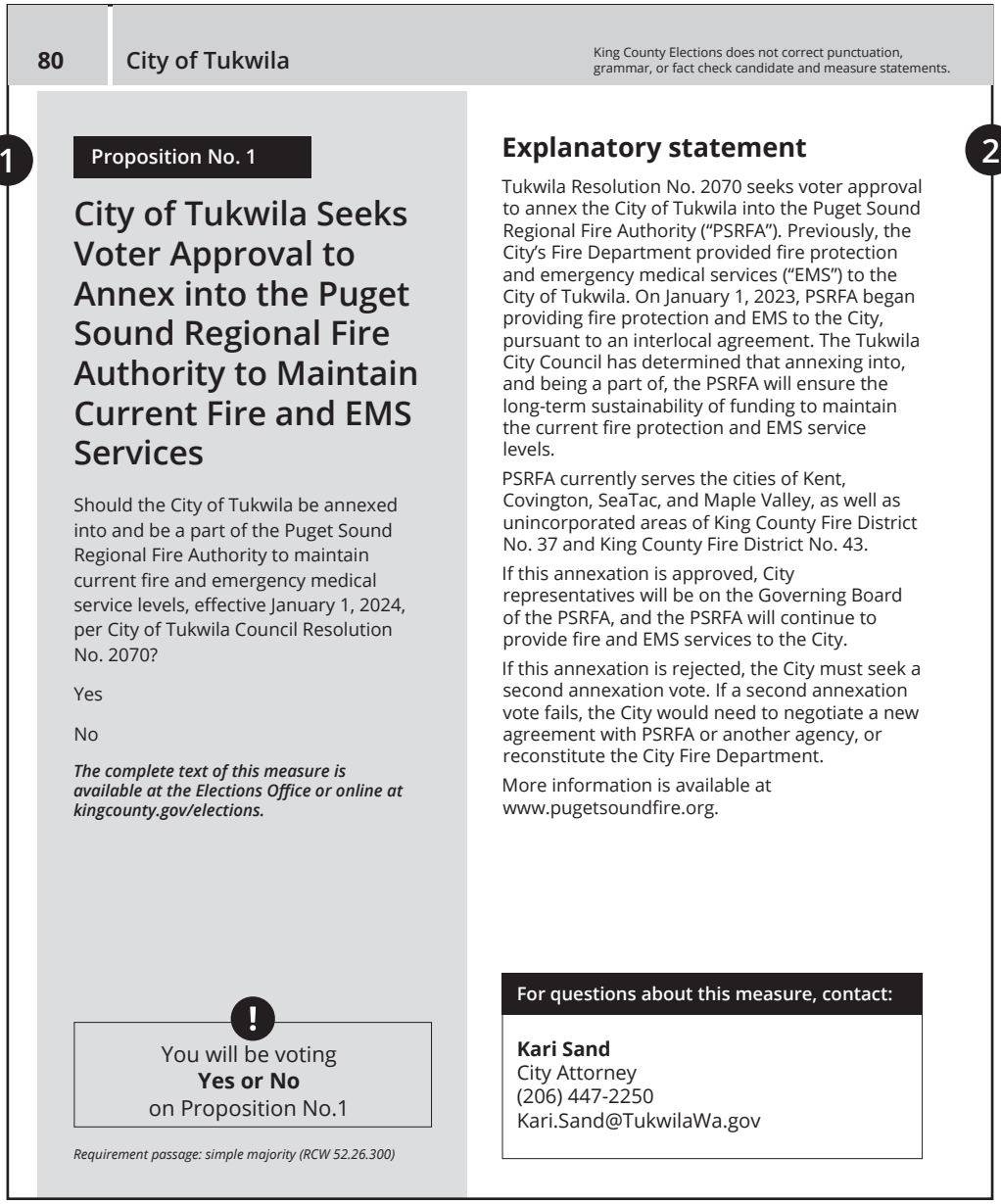
2. Explanatory statement

A statement prepared or approved by the jurisdiction's legal counsel.

The explanatory statement describes the effect of the measure if passed into law.

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Submissions will not be proofed for any errors in spelling, punctuation, or syntax.



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Proposition No. 1

City of Tukwila Seeks Voter Approval to Annex into the Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority to Maintain Current Fire and EMS Services

Should the City of Tukwila be annexed into and be a part of the Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority to maintain current fire and emergency medical service levels, effective January 1, 2024, per City of Tukwila Council Resolution No. 2070?

Yes

No

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

You will be voting **Yes or No** on Proposition No.1

Requirement passage: simple majority (RCW 52.26.300)

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Explanatory statement

Tukwila Resolution No. 2070 seeks voter approval to annex the City of Tukwila into the Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority ("PSRFA"). Previously, the City's Fire Department provided fire protection and emergency medical services ("EMS") to the City of Tukwila. On January 1, 2023, PSRFA began providing fire protection and EMS to the City, pursuant to an interlocal agreement. The Tukwila City Council has determined that annexing into, and being a part of, the PSRFA will ensure the long-term sustainability of funding to maintain the current fire protection and EMS service levels.

PSRFA currently serves the cities of Kent, Covington, SeaTac, and Maple Valley, as well as unincorporated areas of King County Fire District No. 37 and King County Fire District No. 43.

If this annexation is approved, City representatives will be on the Governing Board of the PSRFA, and the PSRFA will continue to provide fire and EMS services to the City.

If this annexation is rejected, the City must seek a second annexation vote. If a second annexation vote fails, the City would need to negotiate a new agreement with PSRFA or another agency, or reconstitute the City Fire Department.

More information is available at www.pugetsoundfire.org.

For questions about this measure, contact:

Kari Sand
City Attorney
(206) 447-2250
Kari.Sand@TukwilaWa.gov

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3. Statement in favor

An argument advocating voters' approval of the measure.

This statement is submitted by the committee favoring the measure (pro committee).

4. Statement in opposition

An argument advocating voters' rejection of the measure.

This statement is submitted by the committee opposing the measure (con committee).

5. Rebuttal of statement in opposition

A response to the statement in opposition.

This statement is submitted by the committee favoring the measure (pro committee) after having the opportunity to review the statement in opposition.

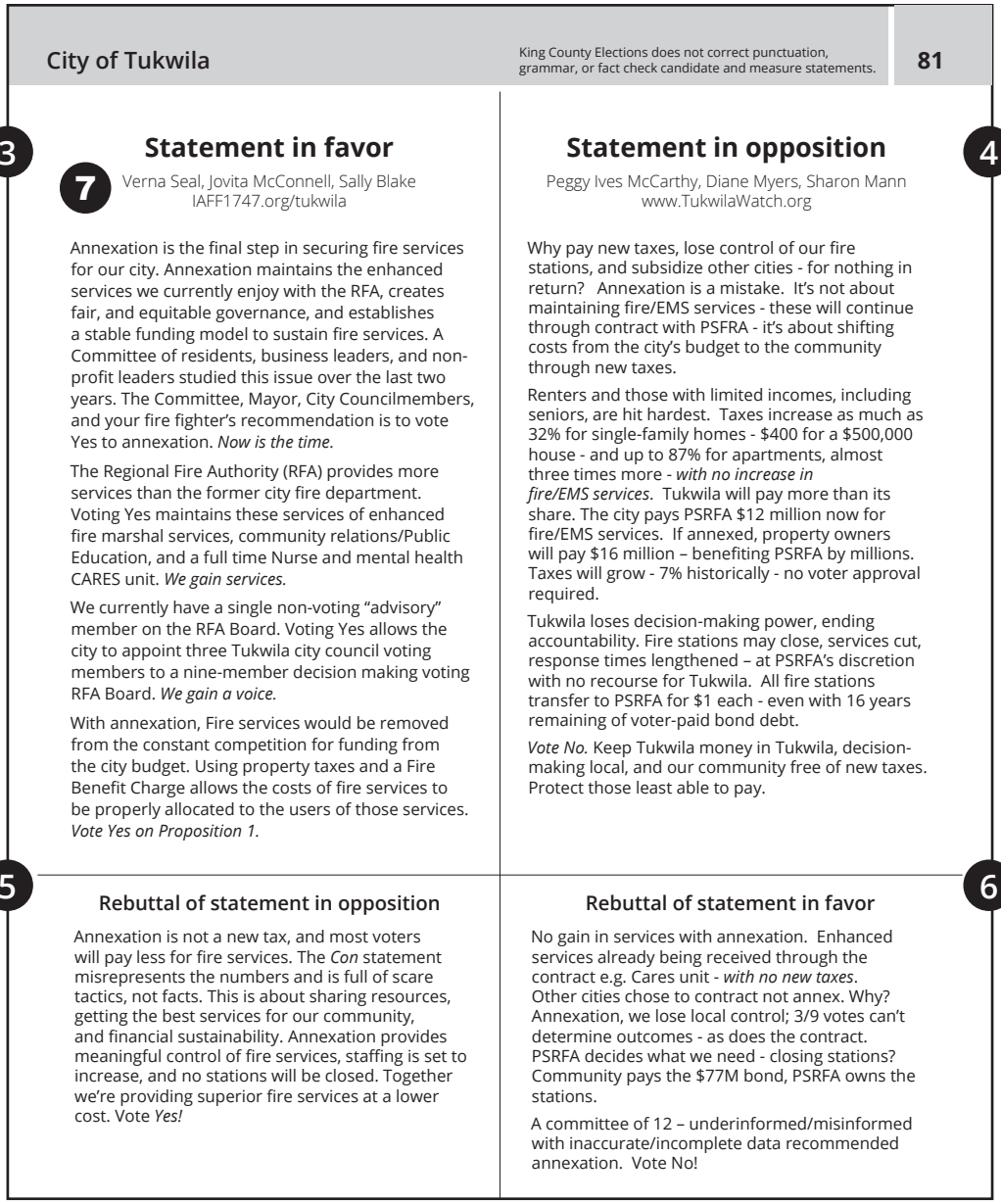
6. Rebuttal of statement in favor

A response to the statement in favor.

This statement is submitted by the committee opposing the measure (con committee) after having the opportunity to review the statement in favor.

7. Submitted by

This area lists the names of all committee members as submitted by the jurisdiction (maximum of three). Additionally, committees can include one of the following: email address, website, or phone number. This section is not included in the allowable word limits for statements.



City of Tukwila

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Statement in favor

7 Verna Seal, Jovita McConnell, Sally Blake
IAFF1747.org/tukwila

Annexation is the final step in securing fire services for our city. Annexation maintains the enhanced services we currently enjoy with the RFA, creates fair, and equitable governance, and establishes a stable funding model to sustain fire services. A Committee of residents, business leaders, and non-profit leaders studied this issue over the last two years. The Committee, Mayor, City Councilmembers, and your fire fighter's recommendation is to vote Yes to annexation. *Now is the time.*

The Regional Fire Authority (RFA) provides more services than the former city fire department. Voting Yes maintains these services of enhanced fire marshal services, community relations/Public Education, and a full time Nurse and mental health CARES unit. *We gain services.*

We currently have a single non-voting "advisory" member on the RFA Board. Voting Yes allows the city to appoint three Tukwila city council voting members to a nine-member decision making voting RFA Board. *We gain a voice.*

With annexation, Fire services would be removed from the constant competition for funding from the city budget. Using property taxes and a Fire Benefit Charge allows the costs of fire services to be properly allocated to the users of those services. *Vote Yes on Proposition 1.*

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Statement in opposition

Peggy Ives McCarthy, Diane Myers, Sharon Mann
www.TukwilaWatch.org

Why pay new taxes, lose control of our fire stations, and subsidize other cities - for nothing in return? Annexation is a mistake. It's not about maintaining fire/EMS services - these will continue through contract with PSFRA - it's about shifting costs from the city's budget to the community through new taxes.

Renters and those with limited incomes, including seniors, are hit hardest. Taxes increase as much as 32% for single-family homes - $400 for a $500,000 house - and up to 87% for apartments, almost three times more - *with no increase in fire/EMS services*. Tukwila will pay more than its share. The city pays PSRFA $12 million now for fire/EMS services. If annexed, property owners will pay $16 million – benefiting PSRFA by millions. Taxes will grow - 7% historically - no voter approval required.

Tukwila loses decision-making power, ending accountability. Fire stations may close, services cut, response times lengthened – at PSRFA's discretion with no recourse for Tukwila. All fire stations transfer to PSRFA for $1 each - even with 16 years remaining of voter-paid bond debt.

Vote No. Keep Tukwila money in Tukwila, decision-making local, and our community free of new taxes. Protect those least able to pay.

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Rebuttal of statement in opposition

Annexation is not a new tax, and most voters will pay less for fire services. The *Con* statement misrepresents the numbers and is full of scare tactics, not facts. This is about sharing resources, getting the best services for our community, and financial sustainability. Annexation provides meaningful control of fire services, staffing is set to increase, and no stations will be closed. Together we're providing superior fire services at a lower cost. Vote *Yes!*

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Rebuttal of statement in favor

No gain in services with annexation. Enhanced services already being received through the contract e.g. Cares unit - *with no new taxes*. Other cities chose to contract not annex. Why? Annexation, we lose local control; 3/9 votes can't determine outcomes - as does the contract. PSRFA decides what we need - closing stations? Community pays the $77M bond, PSRFA owns the stations.

A committee of 12 – underinformed/misinformed with inaccurate/incomplete data recommended annexation. Vote No!

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