

Register to vote

Online: It takes two minutes and a Washington State Driver's License or ID to register online at VoteWA.gov. To register in time to vote in the February Special Election, register online by February 5.

By mail: Download and print a registration form from kce.wiki/VoterReg and mail to King County Elections: 919 SW Grady Way, Renton, WA 98057. It must be received by February 5.

In person: You can register in person through February 13, Election Day, at King County Elections headquarters. More information about hours and services can be found at kingcounty.gov/elections.

Vote center

Open in Renton for this election, the Vote Center is available for those that need assistance. Voters can register to vote and get their ballots at the Vote Center through 8 p.m. on Election Day. We also provide audio or large print ballots and other assistive devices for voters with disabilities.

King County Elections
919 SW Grady Way, Renton, 98057

Weekdays, January 24 - February 12, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Election Day, February 13, 8:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Access your ballot online

If your ballot is lost, damaged, or you need a replacement, our Online Ballot Marking Program is here to help. Available to all registered voters, OBMP allows you to access and print your ballot from home, the library, or wherever convenient. It is also designed to provide voters with disabilities, including those who are blind or have low vision, the opportunity to mark their ballot privately.

Access your ballot online at kingcounty.gov/elections/obmp.

If you need assistance voting, contact us at 206-296-VOTE (8683).

Contact us to receive this pamphlet in an alternate format.

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

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한국어로 투표 자료를 받으시려면 저희에게 연락하세요.

Свяжитесь с нами, чтобы получать материалы для голосования на русском.

Nala soo xiriir si aad u hesho agabkaaga codeynta oo ku qoran Af-Soomaali.

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

Xin vui lòng liên lạc với Sở Bầu cử Quận King để nhận tài liệu bầu cử bằng tiếng Việt.

February 13, 2024 Special Election

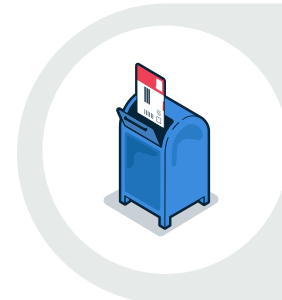
King County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

as requested by Vashon Island School District No. 402



Sign up for ballot alerts!

Get texts or emails as your ballot is processed and counted. Opt in at kce.wiki/TrackMyBallot.



No Stamp Needed!

We strongly recommend returning your ballot as early as possible. Mailed ballots must be postmarked by February 13.



Drop boxes are now open!

For a list of all 18 drop boxes open for this election visit kingcounty.gov/elections.

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

Locations near you

Vashon • Vashon Library, 17210 Vashon Hwy SW, 98070

Your signature matters. Make it match.

Your signature doesn't need to be fancy or even be legible, but it does have to match what's on file. Not sure of what's on file? Check your driver's license or state ID.

Keep your signature current to make sure we can count your ballot. Learn more about your signature and why it matters at kingcounty.gov/elections/signature.

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Proposition No. 1

Replacement Capital Levy for Safety, Security and Technology Improvements

The Board of Directors of Vashon Island School District No. 402 adopted Resolution No. 812, concerning a proposition to finance safety, security and technology improvements. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, to make safety and security improvements (upgrading fire safety, entry controls, security systems, HVAC) and acquire computers and technology equipment for student learning:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2025	\$0.44	\$1,950,000
2026	\$0.43	\$1,950,000
2027	\$0.42	\$1,950,000
2028	\$0.41	\$1,950,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 812. 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.



You will be voting **Yes or No** to approve Proposition No. 1

Requirement passage: Simple majority (Wash. Const. art. VII, sec. 2(a))

Explanatory statement

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow Vashon Island School District to replace an existing capital levy that will expire at the end of calendar year 2024. The replacement levy will be used to make safety, security and technology improvements, including: (1) upgrading fire safety systems and play structure at Chautauqua Elementary School; (2) upgrading entry controls, door locks, security cameras and other security systems; (3) upgrading and/or improving heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems and equipment (“HVAC”); and (4) acquiring, installing and implementing instructional technology equipment, infrastructure and systems.

The School Board determined these projects are necessary to address student and staff safety and security needs, aging and deteriorating building infrastructure, the existing condition of technology systems and the needs of the District’s educational programs. Further information is available on the District’s website at <https://www.vashonsd.org/>.

The proposed four-year replacement capital levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide \$1,950,000 each year from 2025 through and including 2028. The tax levy rate per \$1,000 of assessed value required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$0.44 in 2025, \$0.43 in 2026, \$0.42 in 2027 and \$0.41 in 2028. The exact tax levy rate to be levied may be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the taxable property within the District at the time of the levy. Exemptions from taxes may be available, call the King County Department of Assessments, 206.296.3920.

For questions about this measure, contact:

Peter Woodbrook
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent
(206) 463-8627
pwoodbrook@vashonsd.org

Statement in favor

Craig Klinkam
cjk@klinkam.com

VISD continues to be a strong steward of public dollars by investing in ongoing preventative maintenance to facilities and modernizing vital technology systems. We must renew this levy to meet both the modern needs of students and the expectations of our community. Voting “Yes” ensures funding for safety, security, and technology improvements over the next four years.

This replacement levy enables VISD to upgrade fire safety systems and the play structure at Chautauqua Elementary School. It also enables upgrading of entry controls, door locks, security cameras as well as heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems. Recently, VISD installed energy efficient LED lighting in all three gyms and school buildings, including the CES covered play area, and conducted crucial preventive maintenance on building mechanical systems.

Technology provides critical support for students and teachers. Under our current levy, the district-wide wireless network was updated as well as additional cameras at each building. Renewing the levy allows the district to purchase IT upgrades, software licenses, and enhance network infrastructure.

These projects are necessary to address student and staff safety and security to ensure we follow through on the Vashon Promise: “Every student is welcomed, known, and treasured.” Please vote “Yes” for our kids!

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

Vashon Island School District does not receive state funding for urgent and necessary safety driven capital improvements as part of the state funding model. Unfortunately, the model is outdated, woefully inadequate, and does not address our state’s paramount duty to fully fund basic education. VISD faces this reality yearly when making necessary safety, security, and technology improvements. Our students deserve better than what the state provides. These are the facts.

Statement in opposition

Jeff Heckathorn
LevyNo.com

There should be no tax measures on the lowest voter turnout month, February. Taxpayers don’t even have their tax bills for the year yet. Tell the district to run tax measures in November when voter turnout is high.

WA has about a dozen public charter schools open to all. Our public charter schools are not allowed to run any local tax measures and they don’t. They stay on a budget. They provide all the technology that students need and none that they don’t. They don’t nickel and dime taxpayers and tax them out of their homes. They don’t have Enrichment Levies, Tech Levies, Capital Levies, Bonds, Replacement Levies, Not-A-New-Tax Tax Levies, etc.

The point is that most traditional public schools in WA are spendthrifts. More money, same poor results. It doesn’t matter how much money they are given. They always seem to need/want more. What if we had school choice (vouchers) to give families a choice and taxpayers a break? Perhaps that is needed to introduce some competition for the monopoly to both improve and to become more efficient. And most importantly, many students learn better in environments other than what the assigned traditional public schools provide.

Rebuttal of statement in favor

There is no reason to rush this or any tax measure for the February election without a full vetting. The district should have the courtesy of allowing hardworking taxpayers to at least see their property tax bill for 2024 (arrives in the mail, conveniently, in March) and our Federal Income Taxes (April). And the district should want a large voter turnout, no? That will occur in November.