

Your signature matters. Make it match.

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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.

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.

如需獲取您的中文投票資訊，請與我們聯絡。

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 Tukwila School District No. 406



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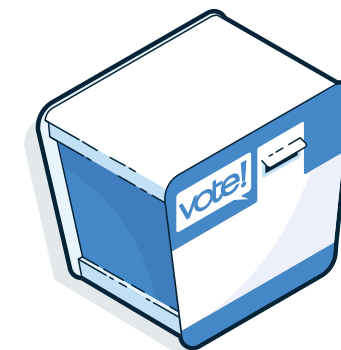
Get texts or emails as your ballot is processed and counted. Opt in at kce.wiki/TrackMyBallot.



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

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| Renton | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *King County Elections, 919 SW Grady Way, 98057 *Powell Avenue, 725 Powell Ave SW, 98057 <p><i>The drop box is located two blocks from King County Elections and can be easier to get to during high-traffic times.</i></p> |
| SeaTac | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valley View Library, 17850 Military Rd S, 98188 |
| Tukwila | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Tukwila Community Center, 12424 42nd Ave S, 98168 |

* Drive-up ballot drop boxes

Return your ballot by mail



No Stamp Needed!

We strongly recommend returning your ballot as early as possible.

Mailed ballots must be postmarked by February 13.

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Proposition No. 1

Renewal Educational Programs and Operations Levy

The Board of Directors of Tukwila School District No. 406 adopted Resolution No. 938, authorizing a renewal educational programs and operations levy. This proposition would authorize the District to meet the educational needs of students by levying the following excess taxes, renewing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, for educational programs and operations expenses not funded by the State:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2025	\$1.58	\$9,259,768
2026	\$1.62	\$9,722,756
2027	\$1.66	\$10,208,894
2028	\$1.65	\$10,719,339

all as provided in Resolution No. 938, subject to legal limits at time of levy. 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.

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

Explanatory statement

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow Tukwila School District to renew an existing educational programs and operations levy that will expire at the end of calendar year 2024. 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 operations that are not fully funded by the State of Washington, including, but not limited to, expenses of teaching, student support, special education services, school nurses and counselors, textbooks and classroom supplies, student transportation, security, student activities (such as band, music, art, world languages and extra-curricular activities), professional development and training, and other school operations. Further information is available on the District's website at www.tukwilaschools.org.

The proposed four-year renewal levy authorizes the collection of taxes to provide up to \$9,259,768 in 2025, \$9,722,756 in 2026, \$10,208,894 in 2027, and \$10,719,339 in 2028. The tax levy rate per \$1,000 of assessed value required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$1.58 in 2025, \$1.62 in 2026, \$1.66 in 2027 and \$1.65 in 2028. 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. Exemptions from taxes may be available. For more information, call the King County Department of Assessments 206.296.3920

For questions about this measure, contact:
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Proposition No. 2

Renewal Technology and Capital Projects Levy

The Board of Directors of Tukwila School District No. 406 adopted Resolution No. 939 authorizing a renewal levy for technology and capital projects. This proposition would authorize the District to acquire and install technology equipment and infrastructure to better prepare students for careers of tomorrow, improve school facilities, and make safety and energy efficiency upgrades, by levying the following excess taxes, renewing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2025	\$0.75	\$4,388,220
2026	\$0.75	\$4,512,804
2027	\$0.75	\$4,619,605
2028	\$0.75	\$4,865,474

all as provided in Resolution No. 939. 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.

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

Explanatory statement

Passage of Proposition No. 2 would allow Tukwila School District to renew an existing levy that will expire at the end of calendar year 2024. These funds would be deposited in the District's Capital Projects Fund to pay for technology infrastructure, computers and other hardware, software, online subscriptions, applications, licensing and related implementation costs. These technology improvements will allow the District to stay-up to date to better prepare students for the careers of tomorrow and ensure technology systems are safe, secure and reliable. To provide and enhance quality learning environments, the renewal levy will also fund critical school repairs, energy efficiency upgrades, major systems (such as, heat pumps and lighting systems), equipment upgrades and replacements, and site safety and security upgrades. Further information is available on the District's website at www.tukwilaschools.org.

The proposed four-year renewal technology and capital projects levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide \$4,388,220 in 2025, \$4,512,804 in 2026, \$4,619,605 in 2027, and \$4,865,474 in 2028. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$0.75 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Exemptions from taxes may be available. For more information, call the King County Department of Assessments 206.296.3920

For questions about this measure, contact:
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Statement in favor

Pat Larson, Katrina Dohn, Riley Haggard
yestukwilaschools@gmail.com

The Educational Programs and Operations (EP&O) levy is *Not* a new tax. It *Renews* the levy the community approved in 2020. Tukwila School District relies on these funds for programs and operations that are not supported by other revenue sources.

The passage of this levy benefits every student because it supports Athletics, extracurricular activities, Art, World Languages, Music and Special Education programs. This levy funds Counselors, Family Advocates and Nurses who provide critical health services for our students. This levy provides funding for our Custodial Staff who work tirelessly to keep our facilities clean and functioning. Students need this levy to ensure they receive a well-rounded education, their mental and physical health needs are met, and that our facilities are top notch.

This *Renewal* levy is *Endorsed* by: U.S. Rep. Adam Smith, Sen. Bob Hasegawa, Rep. David Hackney, Rep. Steve Bergquist, Tukwila Education Association, Mayor Allan Ekberg, Mayor-Elect Thomas McLeod, De'Sean Quinn, Kathy Hougarty, Cynthia Delostrinos-Johnson, Kate Kruller, Tosh Sharp, Mohammed Abdi, Jovita McConnell, Armen Papyan, Joe Duffie, Verna Seal, Edna Morris, Katrina Dohn, Paul Coblenz, Sharon Nakata, Pam Carter, Ron Lamb, Abigail Tabason, Mary Fertakis, Jonathan Joseph, Sarah Vallieu, John & Lisa Forsythe, Sheila Coppola, Riley Haggard, Pat Larson.

Statement in opposition

Jeff Heckathorn
LevyNo.com

The district failed to find con committee members. The county had to find someone at the last minute by 12/15/23.

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. For a property with a 2023 AV of \$500,000, the owner would be responsible for \$940 on average for the next 4 years for this one levy - a 21% increase over the previous Enrichment Levy.

School districts have forgotten about the McCleary Decision. Taxpayers were told local school levies would be eliminated as our State School property taxes were increased. But these local school levies were reintroduced and are again spiraling out of control pitting taxpayers in different parts of the state against each other. If anything, these Enrichment Levies are supposed to go towards student enrichment programs only - not staff salary enrichment. Districts should stop blaming sports and music programs for the district's lack of budgeting discipline.

Most school districts complain that the "State" is not fully funding education by X%. These districts are just X% over budget. And these districts are supposed to be teaching students about mathematics and maybe budgeting?

Statement in favor

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The School Technology and Capital Projects levy is *Not* a new tax. It *Renews* the levy the community approved in 2020. Tukwila School District relies on these funds for technology learning that is not supported by other revenues.

The passage of this levy will benefit every student by upgrading and expanding technology in classrooms to keep pace with technological advancements. Students will develop 21st Century technology skills required for college, careers, and the workforce. Staff will receive training on how to effectively use new technology tools to enhance technology and project-based learning experiences in their classrooms. Students need this levy to meet the K-12 Technology standards and be competitive with our surrounding districts.

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Statement in opposition

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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. The district should only 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 opposition

The Tukwila School district posted the Notice of Solicitation for pro/con members on its website and social media.

Since 1992, 80% of Washington school districts selected February for levy elections to comply with state budget deadlines. Districts collect local levies to meet the *unique* need of their student population and fill gaps in state funding. Tukwila has a history of strong support for our neighborhood schools. Let's continue that! Vote Yes!

Rebuttal of statement in favor

The district has the incorrect name for this levy. And having a list of names of "public servants" on the dole all in favor of more excessive taxes isn't convincing us. Running tax measures in February is disgraceful. Run it in November. Hardworking taxpayers deserve the courtesy of knowing their 2024 property tax bills (conveniently mailed in March) and maybe our Federal Income taxes (April) before asking us for yet more money.

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

The Con Statement is inaccurate and was written by an individual who is not a resident of Tukwila and does not know our community or our students. The Pro Committee are Tukwila residents, and many members are graduates of our educational system. We know our community, we know our students, we know their unique needs. Tukwila has a history of strong support for our neighborhood schools. Let's continue that! Vote Yes!

Rebuttal of statement in favor

The pro spending side forgot to mention that this Not-A-New-Tax Tax is a 37% increase (in dollars) over the previous 4 year Tech Levy. And this while there has been a significant drop in enrollment. And all of this technology money is helping how exactly? Student performance on basic skills (reading, writing, mathematics) isn't all that great. How about we wait until November. We can then review the Spring 2024 basic state testing results.