

## Return your ballot by mail



### No Stamp Needed!

We strongly recommend returning your ballot as early as possible.

Mailed ballots must be postmarked by April 23.

## 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](https://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](https://VoteWA.gov). To register in time to vote in the April Special Election, register online by April 15.

**By mail:** Download and print a registration form from [kce.wiki/VoterReg](https://kce.wiki/VoterReg) and mail to King County Elections: 919 SW Grady Way, Renton, WA 98057. It must be received by April 15.

**In person:** You can register in person through April 23, Election Day at King County Elections headquarters. More information about hours and services can be found at [kingcounty.gov/elections](https://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, April 3 - April 22, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Election Day, April 23, 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](https://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.

April 23, 2024 Special Election

# King County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

as requested by East Pierce Fire & Rescue



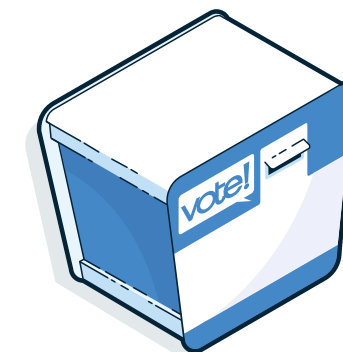
## Sign up for ballot alerts!

Get texts or emails as your ballot is processed and counted. Opt in at [kce.wiki/TrackMyBallot](https://kce.wiki/TrackMyBallot).



## Drop boxes are now open!

All drop boxes close at 8 p.m. sharp on Election Day, April 23.



**Black Diamond** • Black Diamond Library, 24707 Roberts Dr, 98010

**Covington** • Covington Library, 27100 164th Ave SE, 98042

**Enumclaw** • Enumclaw Library, 1700 1st St, 98022

**Federal Way** • Federal Way City Hall, 33325 8th Ave S, 98003

**Kent**

- Kent Panther Lake Library, 20500 108th Ave SE, 98031
- Kent YMCA, 10828 SE 248th St, 98030
- Regional Justice Center (near parking garage entrance), 401 4th Ave N, 98032

**Maple Valley**

- Hobart Food Market, 20250 276th Ave SE, 98038
- \*Tahoma School District Building, 25720 Maple Valley-Black Diamond Rd SE, 98038

**Renton**

- Fairwood Library, 17009 140th Ave SE, 98058
- \*King County Elections, 919 SW Grady Way, 98057
- \*Powell Avenue, 725 Powell Ave SW, 98057

*The drop box is located two blocks from King County Elections and can be easier to get to during high-traffic times.*

- \*Renton Public Health Center, 3201 NE 7th St, 98056

\* Drive-up ballot drop boxes



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**Proposition No. 1**

# Single-Year Levy Lid Lift

The Board of Fire Commissioners of East Pierce Fire & Rescue adopted Resolution No. 1046 concerning a proposition to finance maintenance, operations and facilities improvements. Shall the District be authorized to restore the District's regular property tax rate to \$1.50 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation, exceeding the 1% limitation on annual increases in tax revenues for one year, with the levy dollar amount collected in 2025 to be used for computing the limitations for subsequent levies?

Should this Proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

*The complete text of this measure is available at the Elections Office or online at [kingcounty.gov/elections](http://kingcounty.gov/elections).*



You will be voting to **Approve or Reject** Proposition No. 1

*Requirement passage: Simple Majority (RCW 84.55.050)*

## Explanatory statement

East Pierce Fire & Rescue (District) is placing a one-year lid lift proposition on the April 23, 2024 special-election ballot. East Pierce Fire & Rescue serves a population of over 100,000 residents including Bonney Lake, Sumner, Lake Tapps, the Ridge Communities, South Prairie, Tehaleh, Edgewood, Milton, and a large portion of unincorporated Pierce County. The District responded to 12,558 emergency calls in 2023. This is a 47.4% increase in emergency calls since 2013. However, while firefighters are responding to more calls, the District's \$1.50 general levy has been reduced to \$1.09 due to 1% limitations.

Passage of this measure would provide sustainable funding for District operations and emergency response. It will ensure the District can provide the high level of service voters expect, while keeping up with increased service demand and population growth.

If this proposition passes, a taxpayer with the average home value of \$500,000 would anticipate an increased tax of \$17 per month. If approved, this measure authorizes the District to restore the levy rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed property value as previously approved by voters. The dollar amount of the levy collected in 2025 would be used to calculate future levy increase limits.

## Statement in favor

Greg Reinke, Kathy Hayden, Christy Ferber

### *Increasing Populations with Limited Resources*

East Pierce Fire & Rescue serves over 100,000 residents and growing while facing increased demand for fire and medical services. Without approval of Proposition 1, the fire district faces a budget shortfall and *will not* be able to keep up with the growing demand for exceptional lifesaving services.

### *Not a New Tax*

A Yes Vote is not a new tax, but a restoration of the previous voter approved amount of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value. State law has caused the Fire Levy to drop below the level previously approved by voters in 2017.

### *Supported by your Firefighters and Commissioners*

Supported by your Professional Firefighters and your Board of Fire Commissioners, this measure is deemed essential to maintain exceptional lifesaving services and maintain the improved services. We urge you to vote Yes on Proposition 1 to restore the fire levy and ensure continued quality service in our community.

## Statement in opposition

No statement submitted.

Statements in favor of and in opposition to a ballot measure are submitted by committees appointed by the jurisdiction. No persons came forward to serve on the committee and to write a statement in opposition. If you would like to be involved with a committee in the future please contact the jurisdiction.

**For questions about this measure, contact:**

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 Fire Chief  
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[info@eastpiercefirerescue.org](mailto:info@eastpiercefirerescue.org)