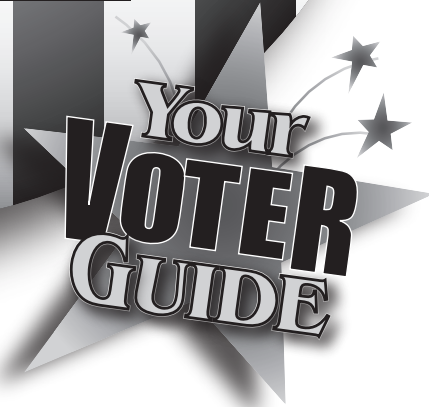




**King County
Elections**

Local Voters' Pamphlet

**King County
Fire Protection District No. 45**



如果您需要一份中文的
選民手冊，請參閱第4頁
的索取詳情。

Check your registration
and sample ballot at
www.kingcounty.gov/elections

King County Voting Information

All-Mail Special Election on May 20, 2008

The districts participating in the May 20 special election requested the election be conducted entirely by mail. All voters will receive a mail ballot for this election only.

Your polling place will not 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.

Postage rates increase to \$0.42 on May 12. You can return your voted ballot immediately by mail or bring your ballot to King County Elections headquarters located at 919 SW Grady Way, Renton. Anyone needing assistance to vote, can vote in-person on an accessible voting unit located at King County Elections.

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.

You may not register to vote if you are presently denied your civil rights due to a felony conviction or judicially declared mentally incompetent and ineligible to vote.

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 have your registration form postmarked at least **30 days** before an election (April 19, 2008) if you register by mail, through the Department of Licensing Motor Voter program, or to change your name or address. New Washington voters have up to **15 days** before the election (May 5, 2008) to register to vote; however, you must register in person and vote by absentee ballot for this Special Election.

How to Register

Come in person to the King County elections office, 919 SW Grady Way, Renton, WA 98057 or 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.

Absentee Ballots/Mail Ballots

The May 20, 2008, special election is an all-mail election. You may sign up to receive an absentee ballot for all future elections. Just check the "Yes" box in the Ongoing Absentee Request section of the mail-in voter registration form or if you are currently registered to vote complete and send in a signed absentee/mail ballot request form, a copy of which is provided in this voters' pamphlet. Also, in future elections, one-time absentee ballot requests may be made either by phone, fax, e-mail, on the Web, or by regular mail.

If you have already requested or have a permanent request for an absentee/mail ballot on file, please do not submit another application.

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** May 20.

Services and Additional Information

Contact King County Elections for further information about registering to vote, permanent absentee voting, polling place locations for future elections 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

Available in alternate formats.

King County Fire Protection District No. 45

Proposition No. 1



Official Ballot Title

**KING COUNTY
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 45
PROPOSITION NO. 1
FIRE LIFE AND SAFETY LEVY LID LIFT**

The Board of Fire Commissioners has adopted Resolution No. 303 concerning a levy lid lift for fire life and safety services. If approved, this proposition would provide additional funds necessary to support the District's fire, life and safety services and to acquire necessary equipment and apparatus. It authorizes an incremental increase of \$0.3302/\$1,000 over the 2008 levy rate, for an estimated total 2009 levy rate of \$1.35/\$1,000 of assessed value. This lid lift would be used to calculate levy limits after its expiration.

Should this levy lid lift be:

APPROVED REJECTED

Explanatory Statement

Fire Protection District 45, King County, Washington is seeking voter approval for a levy lid lift. The proposed lid lift would result in an estimated incremental increase in the regular property tax rate of \$0.33 per \$1,000 of assessed value over the 2008 levy rate, for a total estimated levy rate of \$1.35 per \$1,000 of assessed value for collection in 2009. The dollar amount of the 2009 levy would be used to calculate the levy lid for future levies. The increased amounts collected may be used to support the District's fire, life and safety services and to acquire necessary equipment and apparatus.

Statement for

King County Fire District 45 has a critical need for funding to continue to provide efficient services to the citizens of Duvall and the surrounding area. Since Initiative 747 passed in 2001, the District's annual tax revenue growth has been limited to 1%. With annual operating expenses increasing by nearly 6 times that rate, the District has been forced to utilize emergency reserve funds until a levy increase can be passed.

The voters last approved a levy increase in 1999, which raised the rate to \$1.50 per \$1000 assessed. In 2008, the District collected just \$1.02 per \$1000. With fiscal responsibility in mind, the District has decided to ask taxpayers to lift the levy rate to \$1.35 per \$1000 rather than the \$1.50 per \$1000 allowed by law. By comparison, residents in Redmond, Woodinville and Monroe pay \$1.35, \$1.50 and \$1.47 respectively.

Without restoring the tax rate, the District will be forced to cut services. The number of emergency personnel on duty will be cut resulting in less personnel responding to emergencies and potential extended response times. Rapid transports that are currently free will be done by private ambulances with a cost to patients and potentially delayed responses.

STATEMENT PREPARED BY: Rick Webber, Houston Barclay

Statement against

NO STATEMENT SUBMITTED.



King County
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Absentee/Mail Ballot Request Form

索取缺席/郵寄選票申請表

Fax or mail to: Voter Services

請傳真或寄至:選民服務組

919 SW Grady Way

Renton, WA 98057

Fax 傳真: 206-205-5080

I hereby declare that I am a registered voter. Please use a pen and print legibly.

我特此聲明我是一名登記選民。請用原子筆工整書寫。

Registration No. if known:
選民登記號碼, 如知道: _____

Registered Name
登記姓名 _____

Residence Address _____ Apt/Unit # _____
居住地址 _____ 單位號碼 _____

City _____ Zip _____
城市 _____ 郵號 _____

Mailing Address
郵寄地址 _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____
城市 _____ 州 _____ 郵號 _____

Telephone: (Day) _____ (Eve) _____
電話: (日) _____ (晚) _____

Date of Birth
出生日期 _____

For this request to be valid, you must sign below.

必須簽署姓名, 此申請方可有效。

Signature _____ Date _____
簽名 _____ 日期 _____

This request is for
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All future elections
所有未來的選舉

One election only
Please specify which election.
一次選舉用。請寫明選舉日期。 _____

Unless you request a Chinese ballot in the box below,
an English ballot will be mailed to you.

除勾選下面空格要求中文選票外, 寄出的選票皆屬英文版本。

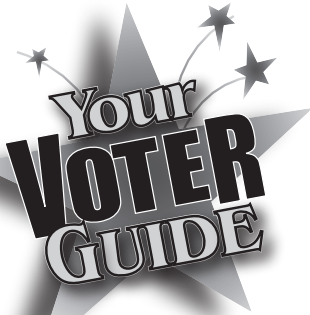
Check the appropriate box(es) below if you would like a Chinese ballot or a
Chinese voters' pamphlet:
若要中文選票和/或中文選民手冊, 請勾選適當的方格:

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中文選票

CHINESE VOTERS' PAMPHLET
中文選民手冊

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King County Fire Protection District No. 45



- ★ May 20, 2008 is an all-mail ballot election.
- ★ Ballots will be mailed beginning April 30, 2008.
- ★ Remember to return or postmark your ballot by May 20, 2008.

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