April 17, 2012 Special Election

King County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

as requested by Auburn Transportation Benefit District



For more information call 206-296-VOTE (8683) or visit www.kingcounty.gov/elections



Registering to vote is easy

Requirements

To register to vote in Washington, you must be:

- · A citizen of the United States
- A legal resident of Washington State
- At least 18 years old by Election Day

How to register

- Register online with the Secretary of State, www.sos.wa.gov
- Download a registration form from the King County Elections website, and return it by mail or in person
- Register in person at the King County Elections office

Registration deadlines

While you may register to vote at any time, there are registration deadlines prior to each election. The deadlines for the April 17, 2012, special election:

- March 19 Deadline to register by mail or online, or to transfer or update voter registration.
- April 9 Deadline to register in-person for people who are not currently registered in Washington. You can register in-person at the Elections office in Renton or at our new Voter Registration Annex located at the King County Administration Building, 500 4th Ave., Room 311 in Seattle.

Keep your voter registration current

Update your registration if you have moved or changed your name, or if your signature has changed. Simply submit a new registration form to update your information.

Accessible voting center

Accessible voting centers are available for voters who need assistance completing their ballot. Trained staff and specialized equipment is available to help voters with disabilities cast a private, independent ballot. Voters may also return ballots at this location during business hours.

King County Elections

919 SW Grady Way, Renton, 98057

March 30 - April 16

Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

April 17

Tuesday, 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Returning your ballot

Voting begins as soon as you receive your ballot in the mail. Consider returning it early to be counted in election night results and to have time to resolve any issues with your signature.



Through the mail

You can vote and return your ballot through the U.S. Postal Service as soon as you receive it.

Ballots must be postmarked by April 17. This requires first class postage.

Ballot drop boxes

King County Elections offers ballot drop boxes as an option for returning your ballot without using the U.S. Postal Service or a first class stamp. Ballot drop boxes are open 24-hours a day beginning Thursday, March 29.



By law, ballots cannot be accepted at ballot drop box locations after 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

Crossroads Shopping Center South entrance

15600 NE 8th Street, Bellevue 98008

Federal Way City Hall

33325 8th Avenue S, Federal Way 98003

Issaquah City Hall

130 E Sunset Way, Issaquah 98027

Regional Justice Center

401 4th Avenue N. Kent 98032

Near parking garage entrance

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919 SW Grady Way, Renton 98057

King County Administration Building

500 4th Avenue, Seattle 98104

Auburn Transportation Benefit District

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Proposition No. 1 General Obligation Bonds - \$59,000,000

The Board of the Auburn Transportation Benefit District adopted Resolution No. 2012-2 concerning a proposition to fund District transportation improvements and projects. If approved, this proposition would authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds to pay the costs of the transportation improvements and projects identified in the City of Auburn six-year Transportation Improvement Plan in an amount not more than \$59,000,000, each series of such bonds maturing within 25 years or less, and authorize the annual levy of excess property taxes to pay and retire such bonds, as provided in Resolution No. 2012-2. Should this proposition be approved?



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

Statement in favor

Auburn's citizens know our high-traffic streets badly need repair. We cannot depend on anyone else to fix them – federal and state funds for street repair are very limited. The longer we wait, the more potholes develop and the more costly it becomes to fix them.

That's why local citizens and businesses came together and asked the City of Auburn to <u>Save Our Streets</u> by developing an affordable street improvement program. Your <u>YES</u> vote will <u>keep our local tax dollars in our community, make our busiest streets safer, help local <u>businesses</u> be more competitive, and create jobs.</u>

Save our Streets will also protect your pocketbook. A citizen-led Arterial Task Force will select and prioritize the projects to maximize resources and minimize disruption. To keep costs down, bonds will be issued over a twenty-five year or less period. Monthly costs for the average homeowner start under \$3, increase up to \$9 and then decline to zero. Every dollar generated by this program must be dedicated to specific road improvements.

Our streets need fixing. This is an affordable and responsible way to do so. Please join us in Voting YES to Save Our Streets and Keep Auburn Moving!

Statement submitted by: Nancy Colson, Cyril Van Selus and Ed Vander Pol

Explanatory statement

If approved, Prop. 1 would provide revenues for up to twenty-five years that would be specifically dedicated to Auburn's many miles of high-traffic arterial roads, which must be rebuilt and maintained largely with limited local resources. Auburn has worked with citizens and businesses to identify and prioritize the City's arterial roads for preservation projects. The City is prioritizing road preservation because a high quality street system that efficiently moves goods and people enhances our competitiveness and creates a tangible return on investments for businesses and residents. The City has prioritized high-traffic arterial roads in response to concerns that further deterioration of these roads will impact economic development and efficient flow of commuter traffic.

If approved, Prop 1 would dedicate excess property tax revenues to repay general obligation bond proceeds to rebuild and repair a list of citizen-selected arterial street improvement projects over a period of twenty-five years or less. The average \$250,000 home would see a \$4-\$8 per month increase in years one to five (\$36-\$96 per year) and average monthly impacts of \$8-\$9 (\$96-\$113 per year) in years six to year fifteen. Thereafter, as the bonds mature and are paid off, the average annual impact to a homeowner steadily declines and is eventually retired.

The bond funds cannot be used for other projects. The resolution proposing the Proposition (Resolution No. 2012-2, adopted February 21, 2012), states that, if approved, "none of the Bond Proceeds shall be used for any purpose other than preservation purposes related to the Projects."

Statement in opposition

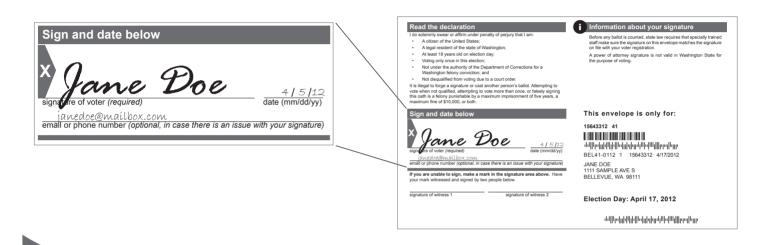
No statement submitted.

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.

Your Signature verifies your vote

Sign and date the declaration on the back of your return envelope before returning it. Take your time and sign carefully.

Before any ballot is counted, state law requires that your signature is on the ballot envelope and it matches the signature on file with your voter registration. If you forget to sign or if the signatures don't match, the Elections department cannot open and count your ballot. If this happens, Elections staff will contact you to try to remedy the issue.



You've moved your furniture, your clothes, the kids and the dog.

But what about your vote?

Did you know that when you move you need to update your address with King County Elections?

You can update your address online, by phone, or by visiting our office.



To obtain this pamphlet in an alternate format please contact King County Elections at 206-296-VOTE (8683).

In accordance with Federal law, King County also produces election materials in Chinese and Vietnamese. If you, or someone you know, needs language assistance, call King County Elections at 206-296-8683 and request a ballot and voting material in Chinese or Vietnamese.

Theo luật Liên bang, quận King cũng sẽ xuất bản tài liệu bầu cử bằng tiếng Hoa và tiếng Việt. Nếu quí vị, hoặc người nào khác mà quí vị biết, cần trợ giúp ngôn ngữ, vui lòng gọi Hội đồng bầu cử quận King số 206-296-8683 để yêu cầu một lá phiếu và tài liệu bầu cử bằng tiếng Việt.

根據聯邦法律規定,金郡也提供中文和越南文版本的選舉資訊。如果您或您認識的人需要語言協助,請致電206-296-8683與金郡選舉部聯絡,索取一份中文選票和投票資料。



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