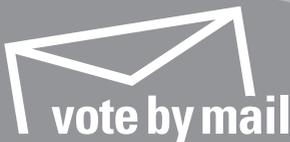


April 17, 2012 Special Election

# King County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

as requested by City of Enumclaw



For more information call  
206-296-VOTE (8683) or visit  
[www.kingcounty.gov/elections](http://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](http://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*

### King County Elections

919 SW Grady Way, Renton 98057

### King County Administration Building

500 4th Avenue, Seattle 98104

**Proposition No. 1**

Should the City of Enumclaw be annexed to and be a part of the King County Rural Library District, doing business as the King County Library System?

- YES  
 NO

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

**Statement in favor**

Library annexation is our opportunity to grow! Except for Seattle and Enumclaw, all other cities in King County have already annexed to the King County Library System, giving them access to 48 libraries. KCLS' excellent web site [www.KCLS.org](http://www.KCLS.org) is available for requests, renewals, and detailed descriptions of many activities and resources offered. In 2011, the Library Journal described KCLS as the best system in the nation. Our library staff will have career opportunities with KCLS. KCLS will run our library building with staff, books, periodicals and up-to-date computers available to us sixty hours a week.

Our library is underfunded and only open 35 hours a week. It has no money to buy books, media materials, periodical subscriptions, or to update its computer capacity. The city has no funds available to continue its operation for another year.

The choice is ours: Vote to annex our library to the King County Library System or allow it to close and lose a vital cornerstone of Enumclaw history. We urge you to vote YES and save our beloved library.

**Rebuttal of statement in opposition**

**Fact:** The Library Advisory Board will still advise KCLS library operations. The city keeps control of endowment funds.

**Fact:** The city held a public hearing and considered the Library Board's recommendation, but the city council voted to go with KCLS.

**Fact:** We all love our library and want it there for our community. A YES vote keeps our library. A no vote closes it and ends our use of KCLS libraries.

Vote YES for KCLS!

**Statement submitted by:** Richard H. Elfers, Richard E. Hughes and Barbara Braun • [richardelfers@clearwire.net](mailto:richardelfers@clearwire.net)

**Explanatory statement**

If approved by a simple majority of Enumclaw voters, this measure would annex City of Enumclaw residents to the King County Library System (KCLS) effective June 1, 2012. The City of Enumclaw would no longer operate the Enumclaw library. KCLS would provide library services at the Enumclaw library to the residents of the City of Enumclaw including increased hours, more public computers and different library programs. Annexation would mean that City of Enumclaw residents would pay for library services through property taxes levied by KCLS rather than by the use of the City's general fund money. KCLS is a separate local government, and not part of King County government, with the sole purpose of providing library services. KCLS is governed by a Board of Trustees. The City of Enumclaw will retain the authority to have its own library board, which will serve in an advisory capacity to the King County Library System and it will retain control of the library endowment funds.

For additional questions regarding this measure contact:  
 Michael Thomas - City Administrator  
 360-615-5607 • [mthomas@ci.enumclaw.wa.us](mailto:mthomas@ci.enumclaw.wa.us)

**Statement in opposition**

Enumclaw Library has 94 years of exemplary community service. Yet, City Administration sees it as non-essential and underfunds the Library. The Mayor and City Administrator confirmed April 20, 2011; Proposition 1 raises property taxes 24% with a \$0.50/1000 County Levy; a \$125.00 increase on a \$250,000 home. KCLS director, Bill Ptacek, classifies Enumclaw as a "small district" with no guarantee levied taxes will all return to our Library. The KCLS transfer agreement gives the Enumclaw Library Board no meaningful influence and ill-defined control over endowment funds.

City Resolution 1369 tasks the City to investigate alternative solutions to fund the Library. Yet Council refused to review any options but annexation and barred Library Board members from all discussions on the Library's future.

City Administrations are temporary; the Library is a legacy to our children. Don't give control of our Community Library to KCLS and don't pay a 24% tax increase when a smaller increase in City taxes would keep the Library under our control.

We're King County residents, already eligible for KCLS library cards and services near us. No need to send more tax dollars to King County! Keep that money here in Enumclaw and VOTE NO on Proposition 1.

**Rebuttal of statement in favor**

Don't be fooled, this isn't about a caring City Council saving the Library. It's about new KCLS taxes for residents so the City can spend elsewhere. Our Library provides new books sooner, proctors exams, provides free conference rooms, and designs learning centers unique to Enumclaw residents. KCLS does not. Don't threaten closing the Library! City funds ARE available and if necessary, a City tax LESS than the KCLS levy will properly fund OUR Library.

**Statement submitted by:** Charles V. Sansone, JoAn McKinlay and Una Waldron • [SaveOurLibrary@comcast.net](mailto:SaveOurLibrary@comcast.net)

# 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.

**Sign and date below**

X *Jane Doe* 4/5/12  
signature of voter (required) date (mm/dd/yy)

*janedoe@mailbox.com*  
email or phone number (optional, in case there is an issue with your signature)

**Read the declaration**

I do solemnly swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that I am:

- A citizen of the United States;
- A legal resident of the state of Washington;
- At least 18 years old on election day;
- Voting only once in this election;
- Not under the authority of the Department of Corrections for a Washington felony conviction; and
- Not disqualified from voting due to a court order.

It is illegal to forge a signature or cast another person's ballot. Attempting to vote when not qualified, attempting to vote more than once, or falsely signing this oath is a felony punishable by a maximum imprisonment of five years, a maximum fine of \$10,000, or both.

**Sign and date below**

X *Jane Doe* 4/5/12  
signature of voter (required) date (mm/dd/yy)

*janedoe@mailbox.com*  
email or phone number (optional, in case there is an issue with your signature)

If you are unable to sign, make a mark in the signature area above. Have your mark witnessed and signed by two people below.

signature of witness 1 \_\_\_\_\_ signature of witness 2 \_\_\_\_\_

**Information about your signature**

Before any ballot is counted, state law requires that specially trained staff make sure the signature on this envelope matches the signature on file with your voter registration.

A power of attorney signature is not valid in Washington State for the purpose of voting.

**This envelope is only for:**

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JANE DOE  
1111 SAMPLE AVE S  
BELLEVUE, WA 98111

**Election Day: April 17, 2012**

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 quý vị, hoặc người nào khác mà quý 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。



## Contact us

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**Voter Registration Annex:**

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Seattle, WA 98104



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