

April 23, 2013 Special Election

# King County

## Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

as requested by King County Fire Protection District No. 43  
(Maple Valley Fire & Life Safety)



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206-296-VOTE (8683) or visit  
[www.kingcounty.gov/elections](http://www.kingcounty.gov/elections)



**King County**  
Department of Elections

# Registering to vote

## 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; and
- Not under the authority of the Department of Corrections.

## How to register

- Register online with the Secretary of State, [www.vote.wa.gov](http://www.vote.wa.gov).
- Download a registration form from the King County Elections website and return it by mail.
- Register in person at the King County Elections office or annex.

## Registration deadlines

While you may register to vote at any time, there are registration deadlines prior to each election. The deadlines for the April 23, 2013, special election:

- **March 25** – Deadline to register to vote online or by mail, or update existing voter registration information.
- **April 15** – In-person registration deadline for people not currently registered in Washington. Register in person at the Elections office in Renton or at the Voter Registration Annex 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 these locations during business hours.

### King County Elections

919 SW Grady Way, Renton 98057

#### April 5 - April 22

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

#### April 23

Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

# Returning your ballot for this election

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.

## Beginning April 3 through April 23

### Through the mail

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

Ballots require first class postage and **must be postmarked by April 23**.



### At our office

The King County Elections ballot drop box located at 919 SW Grady Way, Renton 98057 will also be open.

## **new** Beginning April 15 through April 23

### Ballot drop boxes

Return your ballot without using the U.S. Postal Service or a first class stamp at a ballot drop box. The following ballot drop boxes are open 24-hours a day **beginning Monday, April 15**:

#### Lake Forest Park City Hall

17425 Ballinger Way NE

Lake Forest Park 98155

#### Tahoma School District Office

25720 Maple Valley-Black Diamond Road SE

Maple Valley 98038

#### King County Administration Building

500 4th Avenue

Seattle 98104

#### King County Elections

919 SW Grady Way

Renton 98057

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



# King County Fire Protection District No. 43 (Maple Valley Fire & Life Safety)

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## Proposition No. 1 Levy of General Tax

The Board of King County Fire Protection District No. 43 (Maple Valley Fire & Life Safety) adopted Resolution No. R-2013-005 concerning a proposition to finance maintenance and operations. This proposition would authorize the District to levy an excess property tax on all taxable property within the District beginning with collection in 2014 and continuing for two years thereafter to be used for maintenance and operations to maintain the current level of fire services and emergency medical services. The levy amount for each of the three years would be \$1,500,000 with an approximate rate each year of \$0.38 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation (the actual rate will be based on assessed values).

Should this proposition be approved?

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

Please join your local concerned citizens and Vote Yes for Proposition 1.

Your Yes vote will save lives and maintain the quality fire and emergency services our community expects and deserves.

Declining property values has resulted in a 1.5 million shortfall in our fire district's budget since 2010. Without this levy, the deficit is anticipated to increase well over 2.5 million in the year 2014. Firefighters and staff have already given concessions in wages and benefits and despite reducing staff by 9 positions and cutting programs, the fire district cannot continue to provide the same quality of services without replacing lost revenue.

Approving this levy will save lives.

- It will keep all current fire stations open and fully staffed.
- It will guarantee 24 hour staffing of an aid car currently part time.
- It will prevent the planned firefighter layoffs.
- It will prevent response time from continuing to rise and jeopardizing the safety of our community.

The fire district isn't asking for an increase in revenue, they're asking to restore some of the lost revenue caused by declining home values.

It's your Choice! Please support the fire district that supports you. Please join us and Vote Yes!

**Statement submitted by:** Sue Van Ruff, Mike Maryanski, and Brett Habenicht • 206-669-7200

## Explanatory statement

Maple Valley Fire and Life Safety, serving the citizens of Greater Maple Valley, is placing a maintenance and operations levy proposition on the April 23, 2013 ballot. This proposition will authorize the fire district to collect \$1.5 million annually, at an approximate rate of \$0.38 per \$1000 of assessed valuation, for a three year period covering 2014 through 2016. This proposition is presented to allow voters the opportunity to maintain current fire department services and personnel. In addition, it will allow the district to re-staff an aid car for emergency responses, which has been currently reduced to part-time.

The fire district has lost over \$1.6 million in revenues since 2010 and projects a further reduction of approximately 1 million in 2014 due to the nationwide recession and loss of property values. Declining tax revenues and increasing costs have necessitated cutbacks in service levels and personnel, including one aid car reduced to part-time status. The reduction of revenue has also caused a total of nine department vacancies, including five firefighters eliminated through layoffs and/or attrition.

Approval of this proposition would allow the department to maintain the current level of service, maintain all current firefighter positions, allow the district to move the aid car from part-time to fulltime status, and prevent cutbacks in services and the imminent layoff of firefighters that would otherwise be necessary.

For additional questions regarding this measure contact:

Brad Doerflinger - Fire Chief  
425-432-0200 • [bradd@maplevalleyfire.org](mailto:bradd@maplevalleyfire.org)

## 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 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 specially trained Elections staff make sure the signature on the ballot envelope 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 count your ballot. If this happens, Elections staff will contact you to take care of the issue.

The diagram illustrates the signature process. On the left, a close-up of the signature area shows a box labeled "Sign and date below" with an 'X' in a square. The signature "John Adams" is written in cursive, followed by the date "4.11.13". Below the signature, the text reads "signature of voter (required)" and "jadams@gmail.com" with a note "(email or phone number (optional, in case there is an issue with your signature))".

On the right, the back of the envelope is shown. It features a warning "Don't forget to sign below" with an exclamation mark. Below this is a section titled "Read the declaration" with a list of requirements: being a citizen of the United States, a legal resident of Washington, at least 18 years old, voting only once, not being under the authority of the Department of Corrections, and not being disqualified by a court order. A warning states that forging a signature or casting another person's ballot is a felony. Below the declaration is another "Sign and date below" section with the same signature and date as the close-up. To the right of this section is the voter information: "Only to be opened and voted by: JOHN ADAMS, 1234 50TH AVE S, APT. 1234, SEATTLE, WA 98123". A barcode and the number "12300000 41 BEL 41-0112 1" are also present. At the bottom, there are fields for "signature of witness 1" and "signature of witness 2", and the text "Election Day: April 23, 2013".

## The security envelope has been redesigned



Slip your ballot inside the black and white envelope. The margin of your ballot will stick out from the side, but all your votes will be covered.

Do not make additional folds to your ballot or tape the envelope shut.



Now place the black and white envelope with your ballot into the return envelope.

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

**Voting materials available in Chinese and Vietnamese**

**To comply with Section 203 of the Federal Voting Rights Act, King County is required to provide voting materials in Chinese and Vietnamese. To request voting materials, update your language preference or register to vote, visit [www.myvote.wa.gov](http://www.myvote.wa.gov) or call 206-296-VOTE (8683).**

Để thực hiện theo Mục 203 của Đạo Luật Liên Bang về Quyền Bỏ Phiếu, Quận King được yêu cầu phải cung cấp các tài liệu bỏ phiếu bằng tiếng Trung Quốc và tiếng Việt. Để yêu cầu các tài liệu bầu cử, cập nhật lựa chọn ngôn ngữ của quý vị hoặc đăng ký bỏ phiếu, ghé đến [www.myvote.wa.gov](http://www.myvote.wa.gov) hoặc gọi 206-296-VOTE (8683) và bấm số 3.

根據聯邦投票權利法案第203節之要求，金郡需要提供中文和越南文版的選舉資訊。欲要索取選舉資訊，更新您的語言選擇或登記投票，請查看網站[www.myvote.wa.gov](http://www.myvote.wa.gov)或致電206-296-VOTE(8683)，然後按“2”字。



## Contact us

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<b>Voter Registration Annex:</b>	King County Administration Building 500 4th Ave., Room 311 Seattle, WA 98104



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