

April 23, 2013 Special Election

King County

Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

as requested by King County Fire Protection District No. 44



For more information call
206-296-VOTE (8683) or visit
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.
- 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

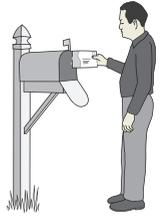
Voting begins as soon as you receive your ballot in the mail. Consider returning it early to be counted in election night results and to have time to resolve any issues with your signature.

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. 44

King County Elections is not responsible for the validity or accuracy of the statements, arguments or rebuttals.

Proposition No. 1 Levy of General Tax for Maintenance and Operations

The Board of King County Fire Protection District No. 44 adopted Resolution No. 13-484 concerning a proposition to adequately finance maintenance and operation costs. 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 three years thereafter to be used for the support of fire protection and emergency medical services, facilities, maintenance, staffing and operations. The levy amount for each of the four years would be \$650,000 with an approximate rate each year of \$0.31 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.

Statement in favor

Fire District 44 has never requested a levy of this type. The District has met our needs with the statutory funds based on property value. Due to the 39.8% decline in assessed valuation of property in our district, the district now needs to ask us for support. This need will be short-term (four years) as property values are expected to increase.

As your neighbors, we encourage you to vote "YES" for this levy. The Fire District has been there for us when loved ones have had heart attacks, when our children have sustained serious injuries, when our homes have been consumed with fire--we need to support the district now so that they will continue to provide the level of service we need.

Many could share a personal story of how the District 44's response has impacted our lives. We are blessed with a district that exceeds county and national average in heart attack survival rates--this is due to response time, skill and training. It is also critical that the eight schools in our district have timely emergency response from trained professionals.

We ask you to please vote "YES" and mail in your ballot!

Citizens for Fire District 44

Statement submitted by: Linda S. Cowan, Monroe Shropshire, and Karen Weiman

Explanatory statement

If approved by the voters, the Fire District will be authorized to levy a maintenance and operations excess levy in the sum of \$650,000.00 per year to be collected in 2014 through 2017. Such levy will be in addition to the District's regular and EMS tax levies for a temporary four-year period. Based on current assessed property valuations the District estimates that the tax levy rate necessary to generate these funds each year will be approximately \$0.31 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. In subsequent years the levy rate will decrease if assessed property values increase.

Declining assessed property values have caused the District's revenue to drop \$1,850,151.00 from 2008 to 2013. During this same period, the cost of specialized equipment, personnel training, and supplies required by various laws, codes and standards have increased. Due to the decrease in revenues, the District will not be able to maintain current staffing and service levels within the limitations of the District's regular tax levy. The proposed maintenance and operations levy funds will be used to maintain service levels and retain firefighters.

If the levy is approved, the additional maximum tax per \$100,000.00 assessed valuation is estimated not to exceed approximately \$31.00 each year or an additional \$2.58 per month for fire protection and emergency medical services.

For additional questions regarding this measure contact:
Greg Smith - Fire Chief
253-735-0284 • info@kcfcd44.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 black 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 with a "Don't forget to sign below" warning. It contains a "Read the declaration" section with the following text: "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." Below this is another "Sign and date below" section with the same signature and date as the close-up. To the right of the signature area, it says "Only to be opened and voted by: JOHN ADAMS 1234 50TH AVE S APT. 1234 SEATTLE, WA 98123". Below that is a barcode with the number "12300000 41 BEL 41-0112 1" and "## 11563". At the bottom, it says "Election Day: April 23, 2013" and has fields for "signature of witness 1" and "signature of witness 2".

The security envelope has been redesigned



1 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.



2 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 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 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或致電206-296-VOTE(8683)，然後按“2”字。



Contact us

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Email:	elections@kingcounty.gov
Online:	www.kingcounty.gov/elections
Mail or in-person:	919 SW Grady Way Renton, WA 98057
Voter Registration Annex:	King County Administration Building 500 4th Ave., Room 311 Seattle, WA 98104



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