

February 11, 2014 Special Election

# King County

## Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

as requested by Federal Way School District No. 210



For more information call  
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 February 11, 2014, special election:

- **January 13** – Deadline to register to vote online or by mail, or update existing voter registration information.
- **February 3** – 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 centers

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

**January 24 - February 10:** Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**February 11:** Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

### Bellevue City Hall

450 110th Ave NE, Bellevue 98004

**February 10:** Monday, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**February 11:** Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

# Returning your ballot

**i** Ballot return locations and accessible voting centers can change with every election. See below for a list of the ballot return sites for the February 11, 2014 special election.

## 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 February 11.

Mailed ballots require first class postage.

**!** First Class postage rates increase to 49 cents as of January 26th, 2014.

## 24-hour drop boxes

Return your ballot without using the U.S. Postal Service or a first class stamp at a ballot drop box.

**Ballot drop boxes are open:** 24 hours a day beginning January 23.

**Ballot drop boxes close:** on Election Day, February 11, at 8 p.m.

### 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

### King County Administration Building

500 4th Avenue, Seattle 98104

### King County Elections

919 SW Grady Way, Renton 98057

### Lake Forest Park City Hall

17425 Ballinger Way NE, Lake Forest Park 98155

### Regional Justice Center

401 4th Avenue N, Kent 98032

*Near parking garage entrance*

### Redmond Senior Center

8703 160th Avenue NE, Redmond 98052



**Proposition No. 1****Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy**

The Board of Directors of Federal Way School District No. 210 adopted Resolution No. 2013-29 concerning a replacement levy for education. This replacement levy funds district educational programs and school operations, including classroom support, technology and security staff, athletics and activities, maintenance, and transportation, and authorizes the following excess levies to replace an expiring levy on all taxable property within the District subject to reduction as provided in the Resolution:

<u>Collection Years</u>	<u>Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2015	\$4.95	\$53,000,000
2016	\$4.95	\$53,000,000
2017	\$4.95	\$53,000,000
2018	\$4.95	\$53,000,000

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**

EP&O Replacement Levy Preserves Funding for Every FWPS Student.

Voting Yes for this four-year replacement levy helps reduce class size, supports competitive salaries for our teachers, staffs school security and technology, maintains college and career prep programs, and ensures that the special education services continue to qualify for federal funds. In addition, this levy supports after school enrichment, community outreach programs and sports programs.

It is crucial to preserve current school district funding levels to ensure that these programs are available to all students. The state provides less funding per student to FWPS than it does to other districts in King County, and yet FWPS manages to spend a larger percentage of our dollars in the classroom than other districts. And because the state maintained levy equalization funding, Federal Way Public Schools was able to reduce its current EP&O tax collections, saving taxpayers over \$17 million in 2 years. EP&O levies maintain local support for our students and have been consistently supported by parents, residents and businesses in Federal Way. Let's renew our commitment to children, schools and our community. Vote Yes for schools!

Visit [www.citizensforfederalwayschools.org](http://www.citizensforfederalwayschools.org)

**Rebuttal of statement in opposition**

The con statement is one of over a dozen boilerplate statements urging voters in various Washington school districts to vote against school levies crafted by authors who don't live in Federal Way nor represent our community's values.

Levy dollars are used for local priorities and unique services for our students. It is about continuing the current level of funding to preserve current programs and support teachers. Our community supporting our students. Vote Yes!

<http://www.fwps.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/FWPS-AR-winter-2014-WEB-small.pdf>

**Statement submitted by:** Kris Milholland, Amye Bronson-Doherty, and Kelley Tanner  
[www.citizensforfederalwayschools.org](http://www.citizensforfederalwayschools.org)

**Explanatory statement**

Passage of Proposition No. 1 allows the Federal Way School District to replace an expiring levy. This educational programs and operations (EP&O) levy pays for about one-fifth (20%) of the general expenses of the District. The levy funds program support for basic education, special education and transitional bilingual education. That support includes teaching and para-educator staff; security and technology staff; learning opportunities such as AVID, International Baccalaureate, Cambridge and College Board; and athletics and activities. For additional information please see [fwps.org/levy2014](http://fwps.org/levy2014).

If approved, this levy will replace an expiring levy and will be collected for four years beginning in 2015 for collection in the school years of 2014-15 through 2018-19, at an estimated tax rate of \$4.95 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, not to exceed \$53,000,000 for collection in 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018. The exact levy rate shall be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of property within the District at the time of the levy.

This levy sets a maximum dollar amount for collection (voter authority). Legal collection authority may be less depending on annual Washington State legislative actions.

Exemptions from taxes may be available to homeowner who are 61 or older, or disabled, and who meet certain income requirements. For more information, call the King County Department of Assessments 206.296.3920.

For additional questions regarding this measure contact:  
Sally McLean - Assistant Superintendent  
253-945-2043 • [smclean@fwps.org](mailto:smclean@fwps.org)

**Statement in opposition**

Union officials in the Federal Way Schools have pressured the school board to divert levy funds from student services in order to pay teachers more. Our levy should pay for student services, not for wage increases.

In the collective bargaining agreement sought by union officials, the average state-provided wage of \$49,853 for teachers will be enhanced by 15 percent from levy and levy-matched funds. This costs roughly \$9.8 million per year which could be better used to help at-risk students or reduce class sizes. The school district leads taxpayers to believe the levy money is being used for students, yet large amounts support union priorities instead.

Levies are great for funding local priorities and unique services for our area students, but taxpayers should hold off giving the school district any more money until the school board is able to put student services above the demands of union officials.

**Rebuttal of statement in favor**

Don't let the Federal Way School District confuse you by a nuanced definition of taxes, levy, new, or renewal. Approving this measure will increase the amount you pay the government. Taxpayers should hold off giving the district any more money until the school board is able to put student services above the demands of union officials.

Voting 'no' on Proposition 1 will send this message to the district: Be more responsible with taxpayer's money.

**Statement submitted by:** Laurie Lyford, Renay Bennett, and Tom Henningsgards  
[propertyrights4us@gmail.com](mailto:propertyrights4us@gmail.com)

# Voting tips

- Read and follow the instructions carefully when voting.
- Mark your ballot using a black ink pen.
- Sign and date the voter's declaration on the back of the return envelope. Your signature is checked and verified in each election that you vote.
- Return your ballot as early as possible, but no later than election day, Feb. 11.
- If you are contacted by Elections staff (even after election day) follow up promptly so your ballot can be counted.
- Keep your voter registration information and signature up to date.
- See for yourself how we process your ballot! Watch the Elections web cams or take a video tour of King County Elections at [www.kingcounty.gov/elections](http://www.kingcounty.gov/elections)



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**You can only make a difference if you  
get your ballot in on time**

***Act fast and be an informed voter!***

**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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**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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