

February 11, 2014 Special Election

King County

Official Local Voters' Pamphlet



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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 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

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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

The Issaquah City Council is calling for an election on the proposed annexation of the Klahanie Annexation Area, which is located in unincorporated King County. If annexed, the Klahanie Annexation Area would: be subject to zoning regulations as provided in Ordinance No. 2695; assume a proportionate share of the City's then-outstanding indebtedness; and be assessed and taxed at the same rate and upon the same basis as property within the City. Shall the Klahanie Annexation Area be annexed to the City of Issaquah?

For annexation, adoption of proposed zoning regulations and assumption of proportionate share of then-outstanding indebtedness.

Against annexation, adoption of proposed zoning regulations and assumption of proportionate share of then-outstanding indebtedness.

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

Statement in favor

We pay taxes and we deserve a say in how they are used. As citizens of Issaquah we'll get our say; about police services, road maintenance, traffic management, and parks/recreation – things that affect our daily lives. Being part of our city we will have a voice!

We have not been served well by King County for our taxes paid - that will change with a vote to become part of Issaquah – Taxes will go down and our voice will go up. Don't be misled by the indebtedness question. Whenever you move to or live in a city, you are responsible for their past and future debt. Issaquah is the city where we dine, shop and conduct the essential elements of our daily lives. Issaquah has twice invested in thorough studies of its ability to provide the same level of support to the new city if annexation occurs, and actually found that the level of support will improve!

A yes vote for annexation to Issaquah will improve the lives of the citizens in our new community and we will finally have greater political clout in state and county matters. A vote yes is right for you and right for our city!

Rebuttal of statement in opposition

Sammamish was not and is not an option; Issaquah had no choice in this matter. Issaquah has twice funded independent studies bringing facts and supportive rationale to the voters. What has Sammamish done? Nothing! The opposition gives allegations without support, accuses without rationale, and again preys upon voters' fears. Issaquah is a city of annexed communities and in all cases supports them exceptionally well. We should not have to pay taxes without receiving appropriate services.

Statement submitted by: Richard L'Heureux and Michael Foss
425-391-5501

Explanatory statement

Proposition No. 1 concerns the proposed annexation of the Klahanie Annexation Area to the City of Issaquah. This area of unincorporated King County, which covers about 1,240 acres, shares a common boundary with the City of Issaquah.

If voters approve this Proposition, the Klahanie Annexation Area will join the City of Issaquah. If voters do not approve this Proposition, the Klahanie Annexation Area will remain in unincorporated King County.

After approval from the Boundary Review Board for King County, the Issaquah City Council recently authorized this election following a process set by state law. If this Proposition is approved by voters, property within the Klahanie Annexation Area will be subject to zoning classifications that are similar to those of King County; assessed and taxed at the same rate and on the same basis as property within the City of Issaquah; and assume a proportionate share of the City's then-outstanding indebtedness.

For additional questions regarding this measure contact:
Wayne Tanaka - City Attorney
425-447-7000 • wtanaka@omwlaw.com

Statement in opposition

Klahanie is a premier Sammamish Plateau community deserving better public services and lower taxes. Many Klahanie residents asked for annexation choices. Though possible, Issaquah refused to allow the Sammamish choice.

Issaquah's energies and revenues focus on valley-centric projects, not providing services to remote neighborhoods. Issaquah relies heavily on bond debt, making projects more expensive. Issaquah's own plan for Klahanie promises little change from King County: Ignoring needed Issaquah-Fall City Road improvements, minimal street and park maintenance, questionable drinking water stewardship, and insufficient police response – especially for Beaver Lake and Challenger school emergencies.

Sammamish can be an expedited option. Recognized as a top residential city in America, Sammamish has no bond debt, no utility or B&O taxes, lower property taxes than King County, significant cash reserves for future projects, maintains its streets, would improve Issaquah-Fall City Road, and will provide increased, rapid police response for our neighborhoods.

Our great community deserves the best annexation options, not Issaquah's indifference. Sammamish promises fast action to ensure the best public services, school safety, and greatest home value. For a Sammamish option, we must vote "No" on this latest attempt by Issaquah to take our tax dollars while providing minimal services in return. Vote "No"!

Rebuttal of statement in favor

We've all met those that mean well, but didn't have what it takes for a long-term commitment. Issaquah, you mean well, and we appreciate you're offering the best you can afford. But look at *Sammamish*! Having \$70 Million in reserves, Sammamish has the financial ability to provide superior and more responsive services for fixing, maintaining, and keeping Klahanie neighborhoods safe. Issaquah's \$37 Million in bond debt would mortgage our future. Sorry Issaquah, we're voting "No".

Statement submitted by: Mark Seely and David Kappler
www.KlahanieChoice.org

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



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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 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。



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