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April 27, 2021 Special Election

King County Official Local Voters' Pamphlet

as requested by the City of Shoreline and Shoreline Fire Department



Edition 1

Register to vote

Online

You can register online at www.vote.wa.gov — you'll need a Washington State Driver License or ID. Make sure you register online by the April 19 deadline for the April 27 Special Election.

By mail

Download and print a registration form from www.kingcounty.gov/elections and mail it to our office by the April 19 deadline for the April 27 Special Election.

In person

You can register in person through April 27, Election Day at the vote center listed below.

Vote Centers

Vote Centers are available for voters that need assistance. Each center has voting machines that offer audio or large print ballots, and other assistive devices. Elections staff are available to assist as needed. Voters can also register to vote and get their ballots at Vote Centers through 8 p.m. on Election Day.

King County Elections, 919 SW Grady Way, Renton, 98057

- Weekdays, April 7 - April 26, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 27, 8:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Access Your Ballot Online

Access and print your ballot online! Those with disabilities or others who choose to do so may mark their selections on the ballot online before printing – or you can choose to print out a blank ballot to mark by hand. Online ballot access has been designed specifically to enable voters who are blind or have low vision to cast a private ballot and is available to all registered voters.

Just print, sign, follow the instructions for packaging, and return as you normally would – by mail or by drop box before boxes close at 8 p.m. sharp on Election Day.

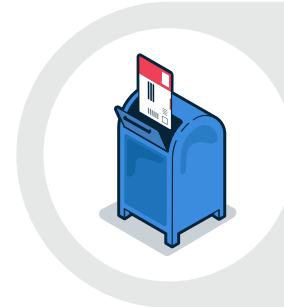
If none of the above voting options work for you, please contact our office.

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www.pdc.wa.gov
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Return your ballot by mail.

No Stamp Needed!

We strongly recommend returning your ballot as early as possible. **Mailed ballots must be postmarked by April 27.**



Return your ballot at a drop box.

Ballot drop boxes are open until 8 p.m. sharp on April 27.

Ballot Drop Boxes

Here are the drop boxes open for the April 27 Special Election:

Bothell	Bothell City Hall, 18415 101st Ave NE, 98011
Kenmore	Kenmore City Hall, 18120 68th Ave NE, 98028
Kirkland	Kingsgate Library, 12315 NE 143rd St, 98034
Lake Forest Park	Lake Forest Park City Hall, 17425 Ballinger Way NE, 98155
Renton	* King County Elections, 919 SW Grady Way, 98057
Shoreline	Shoreline Library, 345 NE 175th St, 98155 Shoreline Park & Ride, 18821 Aurora Ave N, 98133
Seattle	Broadview Library, 12755 Greenwood Ave N, 98133 Lake City Library, 12501 28th Ave NE, 98125 North Seattle College (south visitor lot access from N 95th St), 9600 College Way N, 98103 King County Administration Building, 500 4th Ave, 98104

* Drive-up ballot drop boxes

**Proposition No. 1
General Obligation Bonds for Parks and Recreation Improvements**

The City Council of the City of Shoreline adopted Ordinance No. 918 concerning neighborhood park improvements. This proposition authorizes the City to improve and/or construct city parks, including playgrounds, an accessible play area, splash-pads, multi-sports courts, walking and sensory trails, picnic shelters, off-leash dog areas, sports fields and/or other park amenities; install public art; acquire and improve new park land; issue up to \$38,500,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 20 years to finance and refinance such projects; and levy annual excess property taxes to repay such bonds, as provided in Ordinance No. 918.

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

Submitted by: Dustin McIntyre, Katie Schielke, John Ramsdell
www.shorelineparksprop1.com

What's your favorite park? There's a good chance a bond measure helped pay for what you love about it.

Shoreline has a long history of investing in great park facilities. With the existing parks bond expiring this year, now is the time to continue that legacy and vote yes on Proposition 1. There is something for everyone in this bond measure, and for only \$3 more per month for the average household, there will be improvements throughout our city's park system.

We will have new perimeter trails, playgrounds, picnic shelters, sport courts and fields in parks like Brugger's Bog, Richmond Highlands, Hillwood, Hamlin East in Briarcrest, and James Keough. We will get two new off-leash dog parks and improve Shoreview's off-leash area. We will see splash pads, more public art, and an expansion of green spaces. There will be ADA accessible trails at Kruckeberg and an all-abilities playground at Richmond Highlands Park.

This past year we have all come to appreciate and depend on public outdoor areas even more. And by voting yes for Proposition 1, you are supporting the health of our community, increasing our green spaces, and making sure everyone in our city has access to great parks.

Explanatory statement

For questions about this measure, contact:
Christina Arcidy
CMO Management Analyst
206-801-2216
carcidy@shorelinewa.gov

If approved by Shoreline voters, this proposition authorizes improvements to City parks, including the acquisition of new park land.

Significant improvements will be made at Brugger's Bog, Hillwood, Richmond Highlands, Briarcrest (Hamlin East), and James Keough Parks. These improvements, depending on the location, may include playgrounds, splash-pads, multi-sports courts, walking trails, picnic shelters, off-leash dog areas, and a fully accessible play area for people of all physical abilities.

Improvements will also be made at Ridgecrest and Shoreview Parks including creation/improvement of off-leash dog areas and improvements to play and field areas. Investments at Kruckeberg Botanic Garden include an education center and children's garden that will be accessible to persons of all physical abilities. Funding will also include installation of public art throughout the city.

Park land acquisitions and improvements will expand Paramount Open Space, Brugger's Bog, and Rotary Park, and will include additional park land acquisitions.

If approved, Proposition 1 will authorize the City to issue up to \$38,500,000 in general obligation bonds to finance and refinance these projects and set excess property taxes to repay those bonds. The bonds would mature within 20 years. Although the exact amount of property taxes per household necessary to repay the bonds will depend on interest rates and property values, the City estimates the annual property tax paid by the owner of a median valued home (\$517,000) would be approximately \$112 per year, or \$9 per month. This is an increase of approximately \$3 per month from the expiring park improvement bond.

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.

Proposition No. 1

Shall Shoreline Fire Department be re-authorized to continue voter approved benefit charges each year for ten years, not to exceed an amount equal to sixty percent of its operating budget, and be prohibited from imposing an additional property tax under RCW 52.16.160?

Yes
No

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

Statement in favor

Submitted by: Allen Alston and Brett Defenbaugh
alston12@comcast.net

The Shoreline Fire Department is arguably one of the best in the Country. It provides excellent fire prevention and response services operating one of King County's five Medic One response groups. Statistically the odds of surviving a sudden cardiac arrest in a Medic One jurisdiction is 54%! This is literally the best survival rate in the Country. Across the nation, survival rates hover at around 10%.

In 2015 voters overwhelming approved the ballot initiative that authorized the fire benefit charge (FBC) as a primary source of revenue to fund our fire department. The FBC has provided a more equitable and dependable method of funding. It is based on the inherent risk of a building, its size and use. The system is flexible, and it allows homeowners an opportunity to provide input to our elected Fire Commissioners. More detailed information can be found on the SFD website.

Over the last 5-yr, operating under the FBC, the equivalent tax rate for fire and emergency medical services for nearly all homeowners has gone down. This ballot measure re-authorizes the continuation of the FBC. As a citizen of Shoreline, we urge you to continue your support of our SFD by voting yes.

Explanatory statement

For questions about this measure, contact:
Matt Cowan
Fire Chief
206-533-6510
mcowan@shorelinefire.com

Shoreline Fire Department provides emergency medical, and fire protection service to approximately 13.5 square miles of service area in King County. The benefit charge was initially approved by voters in 2015 and has been part of the funding model since 2016. The current ballot measure is to determine if the District will continue to impose the benefit charge in 2022. A benefit charge is not a property tax. The benefit charge is a user fee designed to allocate the cost of the services provided by the District in reasonable proportion to the measurable benefit a property receives. The benefit charge will be based on a formula that takes into consideration levels of service, fire flows, the square footage of structures and the type of structures. The District Board of Commissioners has determined that a benefit charge, provides the fairest, most stable, reliable and cost effective method for financing the operations of the District and maintaining a satisfactory level of services. The proposition requests voters to re-authorize and continue the benefit charge to be collected for ten years from 2022 through 2031. If approved by the voters, the benefit charge will be established by November 30th of each year for collection the following year. Prior to establishing the benefit charge each year, the District Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing and each year property owners will have the right to appeal the amount of the benefit charge.

Statement in opposition

No statement submitted.

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