

Valley Regional Fire Authority

Special Election - Proposition No. 1

See complete resolution text at
PierceCountyElections.org

Ballot Title

Shall Valley Regional Fire Authority, serving the communities of Algona, Auburn and Pacific, be authorized to continue voter-authorized benefit charges each year for six 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 52.26.140(1)(c)?

Explanatory Statement

In 2006, voters approved the Fire Benefit Charge (FBC) by more than 60%, and renewed use in 2012 with 76% approval. The FBC has supported about 48% of the Valley Regional Fire Authority (VRFA) operating budget. Every six years, approval to continue the use of the FBC funding model is required by state law. Renewing the FBC will allow the VRFA to improve response times and service levels for fire protection, emergency medical calls, training of personnel and the purchase of necessary equipment.

The FBC is based on occupancy type and square footage of structures. It reflects the cost of providing appropriate fire protection services to a particular building. Each year the Board of Governance reviews the FBC in a public hearing to ensure fiscal responsibility of this funding for the coming year. The FBC revenue is restricted by state law to not exceed 60% of the VRFA operating budget. By approving the FBC, state law prohibits imposing an additional property tax of fifty (50) cents per thousand dollars of assessed property value for services otherwise allowed by law. The law allows discounts for senior citizens and for buildings with approved fire sprinkler systems. Property owners may appeal their assessments.

Statement For

Funding for essential services needs to be renewed. This is not a new tax or a tax increase, but simply a vote to maintain the current funding model. Valley Regional Fire Authority has managed our tax dollars very well while delivering superior fire & emergency medical services to our communities.

The Fire Benefit Charge (FBC) is about 48% of the department's operating budget. Failure to renew this funding model will result in fewer firefighters available to respond, longer response times, less training and elimination of important prevention programs.

Our VRFA firefighters respond to many different types of emergencies, from literally saving lives to helping an older citizen up from a fall. These services protect our property and improve our quality of life, providing value to our communities. Our firefighter/EMT's are always there for us, so please join us in *voting yes* in support of them and maintain this vital funding.

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Statement Against

No statement was submitted against this issue.

Sumner School District No. 320 and Valley Fire Authority

Special Election - February 13, 2018

BALLOT DROP BOXES OPEN 24/7 JAN. 26 - FEB. 13

ANDERSON ISLAND - Anderson Island Park and Ride, Yoman Rd (near Villa Beach Rd)

BONNEY LAKE - Bonney Lake (South) Park and Ride, Sky Island Dr E & 184th Ave E

BROWNS POINT/NORTHEAST TACOMA - NE Police Substation, 4731 Norpoint Way NE

BUCKLEY - Buckley Library, 123 S River Rd

DUPONT - DuPont Ross Plaza, 1500 Wilmington Dr

EATONVILLE - Barney's Corner, 40512 Meridian E

EDGEWOOD - Edgewood City Hall, 2224 104th Ave E

FIFE - Fife City Hall, 5411 23rd St E

GRAHAM - Graham Fire & Rescue Station 91, 10012 187th St E

LAKEWOOD - Lakewood City Hall, 6000 Main St SW * Lakewood (SR 512) Park and Ride, 10417 South Tacoma Way

ORTING - Orting Public Safety Building, 401 Washington Ave SE

PARKLAND/SPANAWAY - Parkland/Spanaway Library, 13718

Pacific Ave S * Roy Y Park and Ride, SR 507 & Pacific Ave S

PUYALLUP/SOUTH HILL - Puyallup Library, 324 S Meridian

* Skookum Archers, 11209 Shaw Rd E *South Hill Library, 15420 Meridian E

ROY - Roy City Hall, 216 McNaught Rd S

STEILACOOM - Steilacoom Library, 2950 Steilacoom Blvd

SUMMIT - Summit Library, 5107 112th St E

SUMNER - Sumner Library, 1116 Fryer Ave

TACOMA - 72nd Street Transit Center, 1319 E 72nd St * Central

District, 902 S L St * Community Health Care at Salishan, 1708 E

44th St * Kandle Park Police Substation (parking lot), 5140 N 26th

St * Pierce County Annex, 2401 S 35th St * Tacoma Area Coalition

of Individuals with Disabilities, 6315 S 19th St * Tacoma Dome

Park and Ride, 610 Puyallup Ave E * Wapato Park, 1501 S 72nd St

TILlicUM - Tillicum Community Center, 14916 Washington Ave SW

UNIVERSITY PLACE - West Pierce Fire & Rescue, 3631 Drexler Dr W

VOTING CENTERS OPEN FEB. 13, 7 AM - 8 PM

PIERCE COUNTY ELECTION CENTER, 2501 S 35th St, Ste C, Tacoma

PUYALLUP LIBRARY - 324 S Meridian, Puyallup

TACOMA AREA COALITION OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES

(TACID) - 6315 S 19th St, Tacoma

Services available:

- Accessible voting using a touch screen marking tool — Large font, color contrast, and audible ballot options available.
- Replacement ballots — Lost, damaged, or miss-marked ballot replacements provided.
- Ballot drop off — In addition to our ballot drop boxes, all voting centers have a secure ballot deposit box available.
- Helpful election workers to assist you.
- Provisional ballots.

Using a Drop Box?
(No stamp required)
Drop off ballot by 8 PM
Feb. 13, 2018.



Mailing your ballot?
(Stamp required)
Must be postmarked by
February 13, 2018.



We recommend mailing no later than February 10, 2018 to ensure postmark.

NEED TO REGISTER TO VOTE?

You must be:

- A citizen of the United States.
- A legal resident of Washington.
- At least 18 years old by Election Day.
- Not under the authority of the Department of Corrections.

How to register:

- Online - PierceCountyElections.org
- In person - Pierce County Election Center.
- By mail - Call to request a form.

Registration deadline:

In person deadline (new Washington voters only) is February 5, 2018.

QUESTIONS?

NEED A REPLACEMENT BALLOT?

PierceCountyElections.org
pcelections@co.pierce.wa.us
(253) 798-VOTE (8683) or (800) 446-4979



Official Local Voter's Pamphlet published by the Pierce County Auditor's Office

Sumner School District No. 320

Special Election - Proposition No. 1

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Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy

Ballot Title

The Board of Directors of Sumner School District No. 320 adopted Resolution No. 8/17-18 concerning a proposition for a replacement levy for education. If approved, Proposition No. 1 will authorize the District to meet the educational needs of its students by levying the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, for support of the District's educational programs and operation expenses not funded by the state of Washington:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2019	\$1.50	\$20,000,000
2020	\$1.50	\$24,000,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 8/17-18. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition 1 would help Sumner School District fund educational programs and operation, including, but not limited to: additional staff for instruction, supervision and safety; teacher training and development; extracurricular programs; part of student transportation (staff and fuel costs); building maintenance, materials and supplies; textbooks, classroom supplies and library materials; and other educational programs and operations expenses.

The proposed two-year levy will replace the District's current levy approved by the voters in 2014 that expires at the end of 2018. Passage of this proposition would authorize the collection of taxes to provide up to \$20,000,000 in 2019 and up to \$24,000,000 in 2020. The tax levy rates required to produce these levy amounts are estimated to be \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Based on recent changes to state law that reduce the District's educational programs and operation levy, overall tax rates for combined District levies will decrease starting in 2019.

Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. To determine if you qualify, call the Pierce County Assessor at 253.798.2169.

Statement For

Don't Leave a Student Behind

While the state legislature made significant investments in basic education, it's still a work in progress and actual costs are not fully covered. This levy bridges the funding gap where the state falls short.

Not a New Tax

This 2-year Levy renews the existing/expiring 2014-18 levy for an additional 2 years. Renewing this levy is actually a *Decrease* in school tax, estimated at a *Decrease* of \$1.81 per thousand of assessed home value per year when compared to the expiring levy.

Funds the Essentials

This levy funds 20% of the operating budget for Sumner-Bonney Lake schools. This equates to 1 in every 5 students. This levy affects everything from teachers, nurses, and counselors - to child health & safety, transportation and extracurricular activities. Don't leave a student behind! Please join us in voting yes for kids and yes for schools! Preserving *Today...preparing for Tomorrow!*

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Citizens for Education

Statement Against

No statement was submitted against this issue.

Sumner School District No. 320

Special Election - Proposition No. 2

See complete resolution text at
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Replacement Levy for Instructional Technology Improvements

Ballot Title

The Board of Directors of Sumner School District No. 320 adopted Resolution No. 9/17-18 concerning a proposition for a replacement levy for instructional technology improvements. If approved, Proposition No. 2 will authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, to acquire and install instructional technology equipment and infrastructure, upgrade computers and telecommunications, and provide related student and staff training:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2019	\$0.60	\$5,200,000
2020	\$0.60	\$5,800,000
2021	\$0.55	\$5,800,000
2022	\$0.45	\$5,200,000
2023	\$0.31	\$4,000,000
2024	\$0.28	\$4,000,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 9/17-18. Should Proposition No. 2 be approved?

Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition 2 would allow Sumner School District to continue to acquire and install instructional technology equipment and infrastructure (including maintaining one-to-one student digital device ratio); upgrade and replace computers, hardware, software and telecommunication systems; provide related staff training and support to implement such technology improvements; and make other improvements and upgrades to the District's technology systems and facilities, all to increase student access to technology.

The proposed six-year levy will replace the District's current levy approved by the voters in 2014 that expires at the end of 2018, and would authorize the collection of taxes to provide \$5,200,000 in 2019; \$5,800,000 in 2020; \$5,800,000 in 2021; \$5,200,000 in 2022; \$4,000,000 in 2023; and \$4,000,000 in 2024. The tax levy rates required to produce these amounts are estimated to be \$0.60 per \$1,000 of assessed value in 2019, decreasing to an estimated \$0.28 in 2024. Based on recent changes to state law that reduce the District's educational programs and operation levy, overall tax rates for combined District levies will decrease starting in 2019.

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Statement For

Teaching Through Technology

Technology is our future! This levy is designed to support our local Sumner-Bonney Lake schools to ensure our kids have access to the technology they need to learn, compete and succeed.

Not a New Tax - Maintain technology initiatives for Every Student in Every Classroom

This 6-year levy will help maintain Chromebook initiatives and fund a replacement cycle to support 10,000 students over the next 6 years. This levy will only add an estimated \$.17 cents per thousand of assessed home value per year.

Creating an Environment for Students to Compete and Succeed

This levy helps our kids remain competitive in a world where technology has become a core aspect of almost every industry. Don't leave a student behind! Please join us in voting yes for students learning through technology! Preserving *Today...preparing for Tomorrow!*

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Statement Against

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