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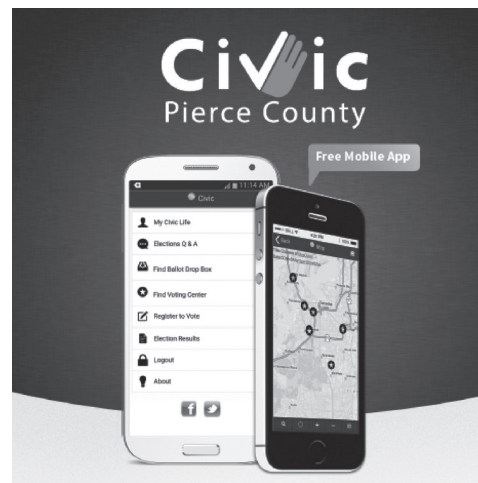
Your Ballot.  
Your Elected Officials.  
Your Election Information.

Civic Pierce County uses your voter registration to provide information tailored for you...

- Drop boxes closest to you.
  - Sample ballots for each election.
  - List of your election officials (and contact info).
  - Legislative maps.
- ...and much more.

### Mobile App or Desktop

Visit the App Store or Google Play to download the app or log in to the web based version at [PierceCountyWa.org/Civic](http://PierceCountyWa.org/Civic)



## Valley Regional 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](http://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](http://PierceCountyElections.org)  
[pcelections@co.pierce.wa.us](mailto:pcelections@co.pierce.wa.us)  
(253) 798-VOTE (8683) or (800) 446-4979



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# 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)?

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### 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.

**Committee Members:** Donna Foxley, DonnaFoxley@yahoo.com, Clint Steiger, and Troy Linnell

### Statement Against

No statement was submitted against this issue.