

Special Election - February 11, 2020

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Drop Boxes Open 24/7 — Jan. 24 - Feb. 11. Close at 8 PM Feb. 11, 2020.

ASHFORD - Ashford County Park, 29801 SR 706
BONNEY LAKE - Bonney Lake 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 * Eatonville Town Hall, 201 Center St W
EDGEWOOD - Edgewood City Hall, 2224 104th Ave E
FIFE - Fife City Hall, 5411 23rd St E
FIRCREST - Fircrest City Hall, 115 Ramsdell St
FOX ISLAND - Fox Island Fire Station 53, 906 Kamus Dr
GIG HARBOR/KEY PENINSULA - Gig Harbor Fire Station, 6711 Kimball Dr * Gig Harbor Library, 4424 Point Fosdick Dr NW * Home Park, 17220 8th Ave NW * Key Center Food Market, 9021 Key Peninsula Hwy NW * Lake Kathryn Food Market, 14220 92nd Ave NW * Purdy Fire Station, 5210 144th St NW
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
MILTON - Milton City Hall, 1000 Laurel St
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

Using a Drop Box?

(No stamp required)
 Drop off ballot by 8 PM
 February 11, 2020.



Mailing your ballot?

(No stamp required)
 Must be postmarked by
 February 11, 2020. We recommend mailing
 no later than February 7, 2020.

ROY - Roy City Hall, 216 McNaught Rd S
SOUTH PRAIRIE - South Prairie Fire Department, 350 Highway 162
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 * Puyallup Tribal Administration, 3009 Portland Ave * Tacoma Area Coalition of Individuals with Disabilities, 6315 S 19th St * Wapato Park, S 72nd St & S Ainsworth Ave * Wheelock Library, 3722 N 26th St
TILLICUM - Tillicum Community Center, 14916 Washington Ave SW
UNIVERSITY PLACE - West Pierce Fire & Rescue, 3631 Drexler Dr W
WILKESON - Wilkeson Town Hall, 540 Church St

Not registered to vote?

To register to vote, you must be:

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

Registration Deadlines:

- Online and by mail - February 3, 2020
 Register at VoteWa.gov
- In person - February 11, 2020
 Pierce County Election Center,
 2501 S 35th St, Ste C, Tacoma, WA 98409
 Monday - Friday, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM,
Election Day, 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Auburn School District No. 408

(253) 931-4930

Special Election - Proposition No. 1 Educational Program and Operations Replacement Levy

See complete resolution text at
PierceCountyElections.org

Ballot Title

The Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 1295 concerning educational funding. This proposition authorizes the District to levy the following excess taxes, to replace an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, to support the District's educational program and operations not funded or fully funded by the State:

Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000

Collection Year	Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2021	\$2.50	\$37,652,132
2022	\$2.50	\$41,187,668
2023	\$2.50	\$45,055,190
2024	\$2.50	\$49,285,872

all as provided in the Resolution subject to legal limits at the time of levy. Should this proposition be approved?

Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the levy of \$37,652,132 in property taxes within Auburn School District No. 408 for collection in 2021, the levy of \$41,187,668 for collection in 2022, the levy of \$45,055,190 for collection in 2023, and the levy of \$49,285,872 for collection in 2024. Passage would fund educational programs, including all athletics and activities, staffing for school resource officers, family engagement, school psychologists, safety officers, health techs and nurses; special education programs including staffing and specialized support for students; extended learning opportunities for students; and college and career readiness activities, which are not funded or fully funded by the State. In accordance with Resolution No. 1295 approving this proposition, these taxes would be collected over four years and used for the district educational program and operations to replace the expiring levy. If authorized by the voters, and based on projected assessed valuation information, estimated levy rates per \$1,000 of assessed value would be \$2.50 (2021 collection); \$2.50 (2022 collection); \$2.50 (2023 collection); and \$2.50 (2024 collection). The exact levy rate shall be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the property within the District at the time of the levy.

Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. To determine if you qualify, contact your county assessor.

Statement For

We urge a Yes vote for renewal of the Educational Program & Operations Replacement Levy. The levy renewal funds services and activities not paid for by the state: \$8 million for special education, All athletics and activities, career & college readiness activities, just to name a few. District voters have time and again demonstrated overwhelming support for school funding; we ask you to again invest in the instruction and programming that produced the excellent district-wide learning outcomes. Levy renewal does not increase your tax rates. School administration's prudent fiscal management, retiring debt and on-time and on-budget construction demonstrate accountability to district voters. There is no relief or plan in place from Olympia for fully funding education in the state. Auburn has always invested in education and our students' success -Please vote Yes to renew the levy and keep Auburn's schools strong. AuburnCitizens4Schools.com

Committee Members: Cari Manry, Casey Anderson, and Demi Troncoso, auburncitizens4schools@gmail.com, auburncitizens4schools.com Auburn Citizens for Schools

Statement Against

No statement was submitted against this issue.

Special Election - Proposition No. 2 Technology Replacement Capital Projects Levy

See complete resolution text at
PierceCountyElections.org

Ballot Title

The Board of Directors of Auburn School District No. 408 adopted Resolution No. 1296 concerning technology replacement levies. This proposition authorizes acquisition of technology, equipment and infrastructure supporting classrooms and educational programs, including computer science and career/technical education and security systems; provides related staff and training; and authorizes the following replacement excess levies on all taxable property within the District:

Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000

Collection Year	Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2021	\$0.42	\$5,833,000
2022	\$0.41	\$5,833,000
2023	\$0.40	\$5,833,000
2024	\$0.39	\$5,833,000
2025	\$0.38	\$5,833,000
2026	\$0.36	\$5,833,000

as provided in Resolution No. 1296. Should this proposition be approved?

Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition No. 2 would allow the levy of \$5,833,000 in property taxes within Auburn School District No. 408 for collection in 2021, the levy of \$5,833,000 for collection in 2022, the levy of \$5,833,000 for collection in 2023, the levy of \$5,833,000 for collection in 2024, the levy of \$5,833,000 for collection in 2025 and the levy of \$5,833,000 for collection in 2026, to replace an expiring levy, to provide a total of \$34,998,000 for the District's Capital Projects Fund for technology improvements and equipment. In accordance with Resolution No. 1296 approving this proposition, these taxes would pay for the maintenance and modernization of its educational facilities through the acquisition of technology, equipment, and infrastructure supporting classrooms and educational programs, including computer science and career and technical education; deployment and maintenance of security surveillance systems; and provision of support and training related to these goals. If authorized by the voters and based on current assessed valuation information, estimated levy rates per \$1,000 of assessed value would be \$0.42 (2021 collection); \$0.41 (2022 collection); \$0.40 (2023 collection); \$0.39 (2024 collection); \$0.38 (2025 collection); and \$0.36 (2026 collection). The exact levy rate shall be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the property within the District at the time of the levy.

Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. To determine if you qualify, contact your county assessor.

Statement For

The Citizen's Ad Hoc Committee looked at the technology needs of the district and decided what would best serve Auburn's schools. The resulting proposition will address essential needs: maintenance and upgrade of a wireless network throughout all schools; maintenance of the 1:1 allocation of Chromebooks for teachers and grades K-12 students, with a take-home program in secondary schools; a professional-technical staff member to lead security surveillance implementation. It will also allow for: more specialized devices to meet the communication and learning needs of students with disabilities and special project funds to support innovation across schools to serve students in new and improved ways. This levy will enhance the learning environments and equipment for our children and is vital for their success in a world dominated by technology. This will implement the recommendations from the Citizens' Ad Hoc Committee while maintaining a level tax rate. AuburnCitizens4Schools.com

Committee Members: Cari Manry, Casey Anderson, and Demi Troncoso, auburncitizens4schools@gmail.com, auburncitizens4schools.com Auburn Citizens for Schools

Statement Against

No statement was submitted against this issue.

Levy Lid Lift to Restore the Regular Property Tax Levy

Ballot Title

The Board of Governance of Valley Regional Fire Authority has adopted Resolution No. 156 concerning restoring the regular property tax levy to its original rate.

If approved, this proposition would authorize restoration of the regular property levy rate of \$1.00/\$1,000 assessed value for collection in 2021, as described in the Resolution. The increased levy would be used to sustain fire protection and emergency medical services within the Authority. The highest lawful levy permitted for collection in 2021 will be used to calculate subsequent levy limits.

Should this proposition be approved or rejected?

Explanatory Statement

The Valley Regional Fire Authority (VRFA) proposes a levy lid lift to restore its regular levy rate to \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, in order to sustain fire protection and emergency medical services (EMS) to those within VRFA's service area.

The levy lid lift would return the levy rate for collection in 2021 to the level approved by the voters when they approved forming the VRFA and would reset the levy limit under the 101% lid at the 2021 level. If this levy lid lift is approved, it would avoid the need to increase the fire benefit charge in order to continue to cover currently projected costs over the next several years.

If approved by voters, this levy would result in an increase in property taxes of \$91.00 per year (\$7.58 per month) for a \$350,000 median value home. This increase will be almost entirely offset by an expected reduction in the fire benefit charge beginning in 2021, resulting in a total net change in cost to the median homeowner for VRFA fire protection and emergency medical services of approximately \$10 per year (\$0.83 per month).

Statement For

Proposition 1 will ensure that Valley Regional Fire Authority can continue meeting community needs. We rely on VRFA for quality fire protection and emergency response services. VRFA has maintained outstanding service levels despite rapid growth in population and call volumes.

Proposition 1 will help safeguard us for less than \$1 per month for the owner of an average home. It will restore the property tax levy to \$1 per \$1,000 of assessed value, which voters approved when forming VRFA, and allow reduction of fire benefit charges in 2021.

This rebalancing will provide VRFA with flexibility to respond to our changing needs. Not doing so will limit VRFA's options, reducing its ability to make important investments that benefit us all, and eventually lead to reduced service levels.

VRFA strongly protects both our physical safety and our public dollars. We must continue supporting them to help maintain a strong and healthy community.

Committee Members: *Debbie Christian, George Frasier, and Lynn Norman,*
YesForVRFA@gmail.com
Yes for VRFA

Statement Against

No statement was submitted against this issue.

Need help?



Voting Center

Pierce County Elections

2501 S 35th St, Suite C
Tacoma, WA 98409

Hours:

Open Monday - Friday
8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Extended hours on Election Day
7:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Services available 18 days prior to Election:

- Register to vote.
- Update voter registration.
- Get a ballot and vote.
- Replacement ballots for lost, damaged, or mismatched ballots.
- Disability assistance — Large font, color contrast, and audible ballot options.

Questions?

PierceCountyElections.org
Elections@PierceCountyWa.gov
(253) 798-VOTE (8683) or (800) 446-4979

Libraries Become Points of Assistance on Election Day.

The Pierce County Library System, Tacoma Public Library, and the Puyallup Public Library have volunteered to be Points of Assistance on Election Day.



POINT OF ASSISTANCE
Pierce County Elections + Libraries
— Election Day Help —

If you are unable to reach our Voting Center on Election Day, visit a library. These libraries have volunteered to function as conduits for voter services. They'll be ready to help you with registration, replacement ballots and voting. Think of library staff as knowledgeable, friendly, election helpers.

Hours:

Libraries will be available during their regular business hours up until 8 PM to help and assist voters on February 11, 2020 only.

Questions?

(253) 798-VOTE (8683)

Services available on Election Day only:

- Register to vote.
- Update voter registration.
- Get a ballot and vote.
- Replacement ballots for lost, damaged, or mismatched ballots.
- Get a voters' pamphlet.

Disability Assistance



Center for Independence
(253) 582-1253 (voice)
(800) 724-8172

Hearing, Speech & Deafness Center
(253) 475-0782 (voice)
(253) 474-1748 (TTY)
(253) 292-2209 (videophone)

Tacoma Area Coalition of
Individuals with Disabilities
(253) 565-9000 (voice)
711 (TTY)