

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**

Sumner-Bonney Lake School District No. 320

(253) 891-6083

Special Election - Proposition No. 1 Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy

See complete resolution text at
PierceCountyElections.org

Ballot Title

The Board of Directors of Sumner-Bonney Lake School District No. 320 adopted Resolution No. 8/19-20, concerning a proposition for a replacement levy for education. If approved, Proposition No. 1 will authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, for educational programs and operation expenses not funded by the State:

Collection Year	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2021	\$2.50	\$28,000,000
2022	\$2.50	\$32,500,000
2023	\$2.50	\$38,000,000
2024	\$2.50	\$45,000,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 8/19-20 and subject to legal limits on levy rates and amounts at the time of levy. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved?

Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow Sumner-Bonney Lake School District to replace the expiring educational programs and operation levy. The taxes collected by this replacement levy will be used to pay for expenses of educational programs and operation that are not fully funded by the State. These expenses include, but are not limited to: student supervision, safety and security; special education; additional staff for instruction; extracurricular activities; building custodial and maintenance; curriculum, classroom supplies and library materials; staff training and development; and other educational programs and operation expenses.

The proposed four-year replacement levy would authorize the collection of taxes to provide up to \$28,000,000 in 2021, \$32,500,000 in 2022, \$38,000,000 in 2023 and \$45,000,000 in 2024. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$2.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The exact tax levy rate and amounts to be collected may be adjusted based upon the limitations imposed by State law at the time of the levy. 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

A Great Place to Learn

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 4-year Levy replaces the existing/expiring 2018-20 levy for an additional 4 years. Renewing this levy is a zero cost increase to current local taxes and simply replaces the expiring levy. There is no increase to your existing tax rate!

Funds the Essentials

This levy makes up for the lack of state funding at our local level and goes directly to the school district's operating budget. This levy affects everything from teachers, nurses, and counselors to child health, school safety, transportation and extracurricular activities. We simply need to fund the essentials that our kids deserve. Please join us in voting yes for kids and yes for schools!

Committee Members: Adam Chambers and Shane Gillispie,
info@citizens4ed.com, <http://citizens4ed.org/>
Citizens for Education

Statement Against

No statement was submitted against this issue.

Special Election - Proposition No. 2 General Obligation Bonds - \$205,000,000

See complete resolution text at
PierceCountyElections.org

Ballot Title

The Board of Directors of Sumner-Bonney Lake School District No. 320 adopted Resolution No. 9/19-20, concerning a proposition to finance construction and improvement of school facilities. If approved, Proposition No. 2 will authorize the District to: build out a new high school to replace Sumner High School (including a new Performing Arts Center, a new gym and a new pool); acquire land; construct a turf/lighted field on land to be acquired in the Tehaleh area; issue no more than \$205,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 21 years; and levy annual excess property taxes to repay the bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 9/19-20. Should Proposition No. 2 be approved or rejected?

Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition No. 2 would authorize Sumner-Bonney Lake School District to issue \$205,000,000 of bonds to: build out (i.e., construct) a new high school to replace Sumner High School (including a new Performing Arts Center, a new gym and a new pool); purchase land in the Tehaleh area for a future middle school; and construct a turf/lighted field on the land to be acquired in Tehaleh. The School Board determined that these projects are necessary due to enrollment demands, the need to replace aging and educationally outdated school facilities to improve educational opportunities, student safety and security needs, and the institution of new educational programs.

The bonds will be repaid from annual excess property taxes over 21 years. The District estimates a tax rate for this bond of approximately \$0.45 per \$1,000 of assessed value, or \$11.25 per month for a \$300,000 home. Exemptions from taxes may be available. To determine if you qualify, call Pierce County Assessor at 253.798.2169.

Statement For

Building Schools - Supporting Students - Bonding Communities

Please Vote Yes!

2,000+ Additional Students Within 10-Years

We are one of the fastest growing districts in Pierce County. By 2030 demographers project a nearly 15 percent growth in middle school students alone.

Local Bond Rates Among Lowest in State

This bond adds \$.45 per \$1,000 of assessed home value. That's only \$11.25 per month (\$.36 a day) for a \$300,000 home!

Plan for Growth and Replace SHS Community Facilities

The Bond purchases land for a future middle school in Tehaleh saving the district millions of dollars and benefits us now by building a lighted turf field on site. This bond funds phase 2 of the current expansion project at Sumner High School and replaces core facilities, including the performing arts center, gym and pool... facilities the community uses on a year-round, daily basis. Vote Yes and bond the Sumner-Bonney Lake School communities!

Committee Members: Adam Chambers and Shane Gillispie,
info@citizens4ed.com, <http://citizens4ed.org/>
Citizens for Education

Statement Against

No statement was submitted against this issue.

Valley Regional Fire Authority (253) 288-5800

Special Election - Proposition No. 1 Levy Lid Lift to Restore the Regular Property Tax

See complete resolution text at
PierceCountyElections.org

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 mismarked 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 mismarked 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)