

#### **Department of Elections**

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# Fact Sheet: April 22, 2014 Special Election

## Important dates

- March 24: Voter registration deadline (mail and online)
- March 21: Ballot tracker goes live on the web site.
- April 2: Ballots and voters' pamphlets mailed. All voters will receive the same voters' pamphlet. Voting begins as soon as citizens receive their ballot.
- April 14: In-person voter registration deadline
- April 22: Election day. Ballots must be returned at a ballot drop box by 8:00 p.m. on election day or be postmarked on or before April 22.
- May 6: County certification of results

## Countywide election

- Ballots will include a county-wide measure filed by the newly formed King County Transportation District. All registered voters in King County will receive a ballot.
- More information about measures is available on the KCE web site.

# Vote and return ballots as early as possible

- The earlier ballots are returned by voters, the more time there is to resolve any signature issues that may occur. This also provides for more efficient processing of ballots and more results available to report on election night.
- Voters with questions can call 206-296-VOTE (8683). The 296-VOTE line is open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The voter line will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on April 22, election day.
- Voters who haven't received a ballot should call 206-296-VOTE right away.
- Our office is at 919 S.W. Grady Way, Renton and is open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with extended hours on election day.

# By the numbers

- Nearly 1.2 million eligible voters in this election
- Turnout forecast: 38 percent for King County overall
- One county-wide measure will be going before voters
- One school district measure is also on the ballot

### Local voters' pamphlet information

- Voters' pamphlets were mailed separately to all households for this election.
  Voters' pamphlets and ballots may arrive at different times in voters' mailboxes.
- Voters can view a personalized voters' pamphlet online.
- The audio and print edition will also be available online.

#### Ways voters can return ballots

- Washington votes entirely by mail. Voters should return ballots as early as possible, but not later than election day.
- Ballots must be returned at a ballot drop box or accessible voting center by 8 p.m. on election day or be postmarked on or before April 22.
- Voters can use any of 10 <u>drop boxes</u> 24 hours/day starting April 3. Drop boxes are open until 8 p.m. on election day.
- Twelve drop-off vans will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 19 and on Monday, April 21, and from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 22.
- Voters may also return ballots to an <u>Accessible Voting Center</u> (AVC).
- The Renton AVC opens April 4 and is open 8:30 4:30 Monday Friday through April 21 and 8:30 a.m. – 8 p.m. on election day, April 22.
- An AVC will open at Bellevue City Hall and Seattle Union Station on Monday, April 21 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesday, April 22 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

## Online ballot marking program

 Any registered voter can use the online ballot marking program. If a voter's ballot is damaged or lost, voters may vote their ballot on a computer, print it out, and return it by fax, standard mail or email. Overseas and service voters may request to permanently receive their ballot using this program for each election.

#### Results

- Results will be posted ONCE on election night.
- At 8:15 p.m., we will report the results from all ballots scanned and tabulated by 8:00 p.m. on election night.
- Results will be released at 4:30 p.m. on subsequent weekdays until the election is certified on May 6. (Please note we may not post results every day.)
- Final results will be official once the election is certified on May 6.
- King County Elections produces a detailed election results report with precinct by precinct results after the certification of every election.