

# General Election November 8, 2016

"We in America do not have government by the majority; we have government by the majority who participate."

Thomas Jefferson

Pierce County  
Official Local  
Voters' Pamphlet



Look for  
your ballot  
Oct. 22 - 25.

# Message from the Auditor

Dear Voter –

The 2016 General Election will be the largest in Pierce County's history. While attention-seeking critics predict that voters are disillusioned and won't turn out, we hold a different view.

Voter registration has increased significantly in Pierce County, thanks to community campaigners and to Washington State's secure, simple online voter registration. In fact, while Pierce County's population has increased 15.8% between 2000 and 2012, we've experienced:

- A 22.9% increase in registered voters (from 360,463 to 442,985).
- A 29.0% increase in ballots cast (from 270,898 to 349,476).

Bottom line? ***Pierce County voter participation has grown much faster than the County's population.*** The 2016 election will shatter Pierce County's previous record.

## Presidential Elections

Year	Population	Registered Voters	Ballots Cast	Turnout
2000	700,820	360,463	270,898	75.15%
2004	745,411	405,023	317,002	78.27%
2008	785,639	411,103	333,824	81.20%
2012	811,681	442,985	349,476	78.89%
<b>Projected 2016</b>		<b>475,000</b>	<b>372,875</b>	<b>78.50%</b>

*It's hard work that we love.*

Here's what you can do to help:

- **Vote as early as possible.** We send your ballot 18-days in advance. Don't wait until the last minute.
- **Sign your outer envelope.** And please, sign only your envelope!
- **Call us at (253) 798-VOTE (8683).** If you misplace your ballot, make a mistake, or have a question, we're just a phone call away. We can send a replacement ballot and we love helping our voters.

I look forward to making history with you,



Julie Anderson  
(253) 798-3189

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# What's Inside

This pamphlet contains all local races and issues that are on the ballot for this election. Your ballot will contain only the races and issues that you are eligible to vote on. See page 8 to learn how to determine which district you reside in.

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Full text of each district resolution is available for public inspection at [PierceCountyElections.org](http://PierceCountyElections.org)

See the State pamphlet for Federal and State candidates.

## Video Voters' Guide

Do you wish you could meet the candidate before you vote?



Look for the QR code at the bottom of the candidate's statement. Scan the code with your smartphone giving you a face to face with the candidate!

Did you know you don't have to vote the entire ballot?

You can leave any contest or issue blank if you are uncertain or don't feel informed enough to make a decision. You are not required to vote every race or issue on your ballot. Don't worry, we'll count every vote you marked.



# Ballot Drop Boxes - No Stamp Required

Open 24-hours from Sept. 23 through Nov. 8. Closed promptly at 8 pm on Nov. 8.

## Anderson Island

Anderson Island Park and Ride  
Yoman Rd (near Villa Beach Rd)  
Anderson Island, WA 98303

## Bonney Lake

Bonney Lake (South)  
Park and Ride  
Sky Island Dr E & 184th Ave E  
Bonney Lake, WA 98391

## Browns Point/ Northeast Tacoma

NE Police Substation  
4731 Norpoint Way NE  
Tacoma, WA 98422

## DuPont

DuPont Ross Plaza  
1500 Wilmington Dr  
DuPont, WA 98327

## Eatonville

Barney's Corner  
40512 Meridian E  
Eatonville, WA 98328

## Edgewood

Edgewood City Hall  
2224 104th Ave E  
Edgewood, WA 98372

## Fife

Fife City Hall  
5411 23rd St E  
Fife, WA 98424

## Gig Harbor/Key Peninsula

Gig Harbor Fire Station  
6711 Kimball Dr  
Gig Harbor, WA 98335

Key Peninsula Fire Station #46  
8911 Key Peninsula Hwy, KPN  
Lakebay, WA 98349

Pt. Fosdick Safeway  
4811 Pt. Fosdick Dr NW  
Gig Harbor, WA 98335

Purdy Fire Station  
5210 144th St NW  
Gig Harbor, WA 98332

## Graham

Graham Fire & Rescue  
Station 91  
10012 187th St E  
Puyallup, WA 98375

## Lakewood

Lakewood City Hall  
6000 Main St SW  
Lakewood, WA 98499

Lakewood (SR 512)  
Park and Ride  
10417 South Tacoma Way  
Lakewood, WA 98499

## Orting

Orting Public Safety Building  
401 Washington Ave SE  
Orting, WA 98360

## Parkland/Spanaway

Parkland/Spanaway Library  
13718 Pacific Ave S  
Tacoma, WA 98444

Roy Y Park and Ride  
SR 507 and Pacific Ave S  
Spanaway, WA 98387

## Puyallup/South Hill

Puyallup Library  
324 South Meridian  
Puyallup, WA 98371

South Hill Library  
15420 Meridian E  
Puyallup, WA 98375

## Roy

Roy City Hall  
216 McNaught Rd S  
Roy, WA 98580

## Steilacoom

Steilacoom Library  
2950 Steilacoom Blvd  
Steilacoom, WA 98388

## Sumner

Sumner Library  
1116 Fryer Ave  
Sumner, WA 98390

## Tacoma

72nd Street Transit Center  
1319 E 72nd St  
Tacoma, WA 98404

Central District  
902 S L St  
Tacoma, WA 98405

Community Health Care  
at Salishan  
1708 E 44th St  
Tacoma, WA 98404

**New!**

Kandle Park Police Substation  
(parking lot)  
5140 N 26th St  
Tacoma, WA 98407

Pierce County Annex  
2401 S 35th St  
Tacoma, WA 98409

Tacoma Area Coalition of  
Individuals with Disabilities  
6315 S 19th St  
Tacoma, WA 98466

Tacoma Dome Park and Ride  
610 Puyallup Ave E  
Tacoma, WA 98421

## University Place

West Pierce Fire & Rescue  
3631 Drexler Dr W  
University Place, WA 98466

**Maps, directions, and photos are available online:  
[PierceCountyElections.org](http://PierceCountyElections.org)**

# Voting Centers

**Hours: Saturday, November 5, 10 am to 3 pm**  
**Monday, November 7 and Tuesday, November 8 (Election Day) 7 am - 8 pm**

## Services available:

- Accessible voting using touch screen equipment.
- Provisional ballots.
- Voting assistance from staff.
- Voter registration.
- Ballot drop off.

**Clover Park Technical College**  
Rotunda - Bldg 3  
4500 Steilacoom Blvd SW  
Lakewood, WA 98499

**Gig Harbor Civic Center**  
3510 Grandview St  
Gig Harbor, WA 98335

**Pierce County Annex**  
(East entrance)  
2401 S 35th St  
Tacoma, WA 98409

**Pierce County Maintenance Facility**  
4812 196th St E  
Spanaway, WA 98387

**Puyallup Library**  
324 South Meridian  
Puyallup, WA 98371

**Tacoma Area Coalition of Individuals with Disabilities (TACID)**  
6315 S 19th St  
Tacoma, WA 98466

**To vote on a touch screen, bring photo ID and don't return your ballot.**

## Additional 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)

# Return your ballot early!



**Drop by 8 p.m. November 8**  
**(No stamp required)**



**Mail by November 4**  
**(Stamp required)**

# 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.



## How to register:

- Online - MyVote.wa.gov
- By mail - Call us at (253) 798-VOTE and we will mail you a form.
- In person - Pierce County Election Center, 2501 S 35<sup>th</sup> St, Suite C  
Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## General Election Registration Deadlines:

- Online or mail deadline is **October 10, 2016**.
- In person deadline (new Washington voters only) is **October 31, 2016**.

## Special in-person registration dates and hours (new Washington voters only)

### Drive-thru registration

Pierce County Annex, 2401 S. 35th St., Tacoma

Saturday, October 29 – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Monday, October 31 – 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.



## Who donates to campaigns?

For a list of the people and organizations that donated to state and local candidates and ballot measure campaigns, visit [www.pdc.wa.gov](http://www.pdc.wa.gov).

Public Disclosure Commission

[www.pdc.wa.gov](http://www.pdc.wa.gov)

Toll Free (877) 601-2828



# Updating Your Address

## **I've moved.**

- Q.** I've moved from one address to another within Pierce County. How do I update my voter registration?
- A.** You can update your address online at [PierceCountyElections.org](http://PierceCountyElections.org) or call us at (253) 798-VOTE (8683). This must be done at least 29 days before an election to be able to vote on the issues at your new location.
- Q.** I've moved to Pierce County from a different county within Washington State. How do I update my voter registration?
- A.** You can register to vote online at [vote.wa.gov](http://vote.wa.gov) or call us and we can send you a registration form. You must do this at least 29 days before an election to vote in your new county.

## **I'm leaving for college.**

- Q.** What address should I use to register to vote?
- A.** The choice is yours and depends on where you choose to claim residency. The address you choose will determine what you vote on.
- Q.** If I keep my registration in my hometown, how do I vote while I'm away at college?
- A.** Call us with your new mailing address and we will send your ballot there.

## **I'm in the military.**

- Q.** I just moved here. The election is tomorrow. What can I do?
- A.** Military voters can register up to and including Election Day. Register in person at a Voting Center. See page 5.
- Q.** I am deployed and may not receive my ballot on time. What can I do?
- A.** Sign up for our E-ballot program at [PierceCountyElections.org](http://PierceCountyElections.org) and we will email you a link to vote your ballot.

## **For more information:**

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### **Federal Voting Assistance Program**

[www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov)  
[vote@fvap.gov](mailto:vote@fvap.gov)  
(800) 438-VOTE (8683)  
DSN: 425-1584

### **Pierce County Elections**

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

# What can you vote on?

## 1. Review your voter registration card to identify your voting districts

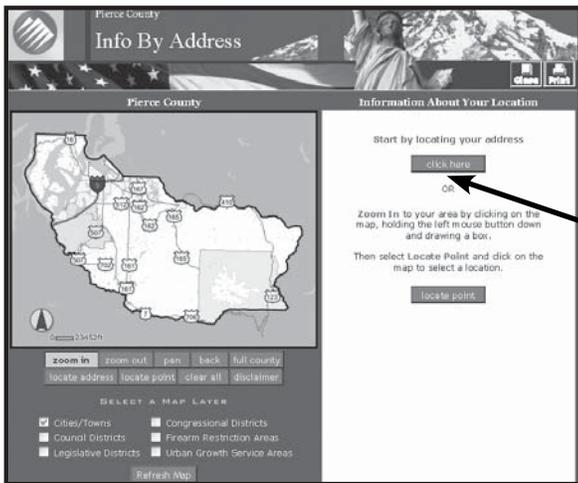
Pierce County Washington Voter Registration Card				
REG DATE : 12/11/1960		COUNTY ID : 0036		
PRECINCT NAME : 29-555		STATE ID : WA005555		
A ballot will be mailed to you each election.				
<b>CONG</b>	<b>LEG</b>	<b>CO. COUNCIL</b>	<b>CITY</b>	<b>PORT</b>
CG 10	LEG 25	CC 5	NONE	TACOMA
<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>FIRE</b>	<b>WATER</b>	<b>SEWER</b>	<b>PARK</b>
SD 402	FIRE 6	NONE	NONE	NONE
SCOTT ALAN 11023 12TH ST S TACOMA WA 98407-1199				

## 2. Download the Civic Pierce County App



- Check your registration status.
- View your sample ballot.
- Find your nearest drop box or voting center.
- Find out if we've received your ballot.

## 3. Visit our website and check Info By Address at PierceCountyElections.org



- Under Voter Resources, click **Info By Address**.
- Enter your address to find your district information, elected officials, and more.

## 4. Helpful Staff

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



# Pierce County Charter Review Commission

## Proposed Charter Amendment No. 41 - Initiative Procedures

Full resolution text at  
PierceCountyElections.org

### Ballot Title

The Pierce County Charter Review Commission proposes an amendment to Section 5.40 of the Pierce County Charter. If approved, this amendment will reduce the minimum number of signatures required to validate an initiative petition from 10% of votes cast in the last election for County Executive to 8% of votes cast. Should Proposed Charter Amendment 41 be approved?

### Explanatory Statement

Charter Section 5.40 currently provides that the minimum number of signatures required to validate an initiative petition is 10% of votes cast in the last election for County Executive. If approved, this amendment will reduce the percentage requirement to 8%, the same percentage required by the Washington constitution for statewide initiatives.

### Statement For

#### **20 of 21 Charter Review Commissioners approved this amendment after six months of debate**

Your Charter Review Commission was elected by voters countywide to review our Charter, the Constitution of Pierce County. When Commissioners learned that no initiative had qualified for election since the Charter was passed in 1980, 20 of 21 commissioners supported placing this measure on the ballot to lower the artificially high signature requirements. *Vote Yes.*

#### **This Amendment brings the Pierce County Charter in line with the Washington State Constitution**

The Commission supported fair election rules by matching signature thresholds for initiatives with our State Constitution. 20 of 21 commissioners voted for this amendment allowing voters to approve. Join them, *Vote Yes.*

#### **Signature gathering in Pierce County is difficult and costly for an ordinary citizen's grassroots effort**

There are very few places anymore to legally collect signatures for an ordinary citizen's effort. The cost of paid signature gatherers exceeds the ability of most citizens to address their grievances to government. This amendment returns the ability to petition your government back to the people it is supposed to serve. As a *matter of fairness* please *Vote Yes* for this amendment.

### Rebuttal of Statement Against

Our Pierce County Charter guarantees and protects your right to initiative, a public process with open debate not secret meetings behind closed doors. A process where we all get to vote. After six months of debate 20 of 21 Charter Review Commissioners agreed that using our State Constitution threshold of 8% was only a matter of fairness to the people of Pierce County and placed this measure on the ballot for your approval. *Vote Yes.*

**Committee Members:** *Tim Farrell, (253) 431-8081, Jerry Gibbs, and Grant Pelesky, neighborsforfairvoting@gmail.com Neighbors for Fair Voting*

### Statement Against

Our elected members of the County Council pass laws after a lengthy open debate that takes into account not only the benefits of the proposal, but also its possible negative effects on citizens and taxpayers alike.

Initiatives are written by private interests, and very often are poorly thought out. It is possible to end up with serious undesirable and unintended consequences that we can't afford, years down the line.

The 10% threshold helps ensure that any initiative has wider support, greater public scrutiny, and more involved discussion before being brought to the voters.

Ten percent is a reasonable threshold. Twice before, Charter Review Commissions have proposed reducing the number of signatures required for a ballot initiative. Both times, voters in Pierce County have said "no" by a wide margin. We urge you once again to vote no.

### Rebuttal of Statement For

County records indicate that no initiative has qualified for the ballot because none has been attempted. Signature gathering is easier within smaller jurisdictions, and with social media this is easier still. For that reason, virtually every county or city with the power of initiative sets a signature threshold higher than the state requirement. The initiative process should be kept to issues having widespread support. Keep the twice-supported 10% threshold. *Vote No.*

**Committee Members:** *Katie Baird, (253) 439-9343, ktebaird@gmail.com, Debbie Regala, and Paul Kadzik*

# Pierce County Charter Review Commission

## Proposed Charter Amendment No. 42 - Referendum Procedures

Full resolution text at  
PierceCountyElections.org

### Ballot Title

The Pierce County Charter Review Commission proposes an amendment to Section 5.70 of the Pierce County Charter. If approved, this amendment will reduce the minimum number of signatures required to validate a referendum petition from 8% of the votes cast in the last election for County Executive to 4% of votes cast. Should Proposed Charter Amendment No. 42 be approved?

### Explanatory Statement

Charter Section 5.70 currently provides that the minimum number of signatures required to validate a referendum petition is 8% of votes cast in the last election for County Executive. If approved, this amendment will reduce the percentage requirement to 4% of votes cast, the same percentage required by the Washington constitution for statewide referenda.

### Statement For

#### After six months of debate 20 of the 21 Charter Review Commissioners approved Amendment 42

*Improving the Referendum process, the process where citizens can reverse an action of their government by a vote of the people, was the number one priority for the Charter Review Commission. Your citizen elected Charter Review Commission listened to hours of citizen testimony and 20 of 21 commissioners supported placing this question on the ballot for voter approval. Vote Yes.*

#### The referendum process is our history and the foundation for the Pierce County Charter

The Charter's preamble states, "We claim the rights of initiative and referendum and encourage citizen participation in accordance with the Washington State Constitution." Vote Yes, because this amendment directly reflects the spirit of that statement.

#### This Amendment brings the Pierce County Charter in line with the Washington State Constitution

The Charter Review Commissioners decided that matching qualification thresholds for referendums with our State Constitution was a *matter of fairness*. The present level is twice the state requirement. 20 of the 21 elected commissioners decided this was unfair to the people of Pierce County and sent this amendment to voters for approval. *Vote Yes.*

### Rebuttal of Statement Against

The right to referendum allows the people of Pierce County to question the decisions made by our County Council and if approved by voters, overturn that decision. A democratic process that provides a check and balance on county government. The present qualification threshold is unfair so 20 of 21 Charter Review Commissions, as a matter of fairness, felt matching the State Constitution threshold was fair and placed this measure on the ballot. *Vote Yes.*

**Committee Members:** Tim Farrell, (253) 431-8081, Jerry Gibbs, and Grant Pelesky, [neighborsforfairvoting@gmail.com](mailto:neighborsforfairvoting@gmail.com)  
Neighbors for Fair Voting

### Statement Against

Lowering the number of signatures needed to send a referendum to the ballot will make it easier for a small number of *unelected, unaccountable special interest groups* to attempt to override legislation that was publicly debated, legally vetted and voted on by our elected councilmembers.

This has the potential to give more influence to those special interests and can actually weaken the democratic process.

Our referendum system works as it should. *It provides individual citizens a necessary check and balance and yet maintains a reasonable threshold for minimizing frivolous and expensive challenges to existing rules and regulations.* A better solution would be to ensure our elected representatives have a robust system for engaging the community and hearing their concerns on large-scale projects and issues.

Pierce County voters have rejected this proposal twice already, and we should do so again.

### Rebuttal of Statement For

Charter Review Commissioners have sent this amendment to the ballot twice, *and it was rejected by 68% of the voters both times.* Our current signature requirements are allowed by the Washington State Constitution, and they are not arbitrary - voters put them into place. *A recent attempt to send a referendum to the ballot was successful under the current rules.* Maintaining our reasonable, voter-approved signature threshold will not impact your right to referendum. *Vote No.*

**Committee Members:** Justin Camarata, (253) 235-9043, [justin@justincamarata.com](mailto:justin@justincamarata.com), Catherine Ushka, and Paul Kadzik

# Pierce County Charter Review Commission

## Proposed Charter Amendment No. 43 - Referendum Procedures

Full resolution text at  
PierceCountyElections.org

### Ballot Title

The Pierce County Charter Review Commission proposes an amendment to Section 5.70 of the Pierce County Charter. If approved, this amendment will increase to 15 business days the time period for the Prosecuting Attorney to formulate a referendum ballot title; require the Prosecuting Attorney to notify the proponent if the referendum is not legal; provide for an award of reasonable attorney fees if the proponent prevails in a legal challenge to the referendum filed by the County; and suspend the proponent's 120-day signature-gathering period for up to 45 days pending the outcome of the legal challenge. Should Proposed Charter Amendment No. 43 be approved?

### Explanatory Statement

Charter Section 5.70 currently provides that the Prosecuting Attorney must formulate a referendum ballot title within 10 calendar days after receiving the referendum proposal from the Auditor. If approved, this amendment will increase this time period to 15 business days. This amendment will also require the Prosecuting Attorney or designee, within the same 15 business day period, to notify the referendum proponent if, in the Prosecuting Attorney's opinion, the referendum is not legal.

Charter Section 5.70 does not currently contain a provision authorizing an award of attorney's fees to any party in a legal action challenging the validity of a referendum proposal. If approved, this amendment will give the court discretion to award to the referendum proponent reasonable attorney's fees incurred in defending a legal challenge to the referendum filed by the County if the court determines the referendum proponent is the prevailing party. This amendment will also suspend the referendum proponent's 120-day signature-gathering period for up to 45 days pending the outcome of the legal challenge.

### Statement For

#### The referendum process in Washington needs some refinement

We have witnessed over the years referendum proponents gather signatures and spend thousands of dollars to get a proposal passed, only to have it overturned in court due to it being unconstitutional or otherwise defective in its form. Often the referendum process goes forward with the proponents being unaware of these legal deficiencies.

#### Fair legal opinion for referendum filers and voters

This amendment to our Pierce County Charter corrects this problem in Pierce County. It provides for a legal opinion on the legality of the measure *before* signatures are gathered, *before* huge sums of money are spent, and *before* the referendum would be submitted to voters.

#### Financial protection

This amendment also protects filers from the financial burden of defending their referendum, should the County challenge the referendum, and the court decides that their referendum is proper.

This amendment is a common sense approach to improving the referendum process and protecting the People's right to use that process.

### Rebuttal of Statement Against

This amendment is not about any of the points the "No" people would have you believe. It is about helping make the referendum process more efficient and fair for all. The prosecutors opinion is not the final word on a referendum, but is an excellent barometer of legality for all to examine *beforehand*. If there is a legal challenge, the courts will still decide, but *before* time and resources are expended on an illegal referendum.

**Committee Members:** David Perry, [perrydist2pos3@gmail.com](mailto:perrydist2pos3@gmail.com), John Ladenburg, and Carolyn Merrival

### Statement Against

#### The Cause—an isolated incident doesn't warrant a change in Charter law—Vote No!

Our County's Executive filed a law suit *against a citizen* to stop his referendum, halting construction of an \$8 million+ per year commitment, for 30 years, taxpayer-paid building. That citizen spent thousands to defend the referendum for taxpayers.

#### The Confusion begins when predicting how this amendment will play out in practice—Vote No!

The Prosecutor writes an *opinion* if he determines the referendum is *not* legal. Does *no opinion* mean it *is* legal? State law's effect on this amendment was never discussed. State law says if fees (not costs, they're different) are authorized, *judgment shall be rendered*....What does that mean?

#### The Case against this amendment justifies a No Vote

A predetermined *opinion* of *not legal* can influence public perception, which can intimidate petitioners, discourage donations and unnecessarily burden the Prosecutor's office. Judges determine legality, *not* prosecutors. Compensation is at the court's *discretion* and *cannot* be guaranteed to the petitioner. Extension of the signature deadline isn't ample should the courts delay trials.

#### The Cure to prevent the passage of unnecessary laws is to Vote No!

Elect leaders who won't bully citizens with lawsuits. Vote No!

### Rebuttal of Statement For

Honorable intentions inspired this amendment, but it cannot deliver with any sense of certainty. Legal opinions from county government are no more valid than from the private sector. A referendum opined illegal can still proceed. If the petitioner is sued by the County and prevails, our unpredictable courts *may or may not* award fees. Citizens don't need more laws burdening the system. This feel-good amendment adds confusion to the process and should be rejected.

**Committee Members:** Amy Cruver, [amy.cruver@hotmail.com](mailto:amy.cruver@hotmail.com), Terry Hatton, and Julie Roulst, Committee Against Changing Our Charter for Confusing and Unnecessary Laws

# Pierce County Charter Review Commission

## Proposed Charter Amendment No. 44 - Conflict of Interest

Full resolution text at  
PierceCountyElections.org

### Ballot Title

The Pierce County Charter Review Commission proposes an amendment to Section 9.45 of the Pierce County Charter. If approved, this amendment will prohibit Councilmembers, the Executive, the Assessor-Treasurer, the Auditor, the Sheriff and the Prosecuting Attorney from holding any other elected public office during their term of office, except the elected office of political party precinct committee officer. Should Proposed Charter Amendment No. 44 be approved?

### Explanatory Statement

Charter Section 9.45 currently prohibits a county elected official from holding any other office or employment within County government or accepting any employment or compensation from any County contractor during his or her term of office. This section does not prohibit a County elected official from holding another elected public office outside of County government during his or her term of office. If approved, this amendment will prohibit Councilmembers, the Executive, the Assessor-Treasurer, the Auditor, the Sheriff and the Prosecuting Attorney from holding any other elected public office, whether inside or outside of County government, during their term of office, except the elected office of political party precinct committee officer.

### Statement For

#### County Elected Offices are Full-time Jobs

The County Executive, Prosecuting Attorney, Auditor, Assessor-Treasurer and Council Members are paid to represent over 830,000 citizens. These are full-time jobs. Holding another office means juggling multiple workloads, missed meetings and missed votes.

#### Conflicts of Interest

Holding two elected positions creates conflicts of interest. A state legislator can pass laws that increase costs to Pierce County while decreasing costs to the state. School boards may have traffic issues impacted by County Council zoning decisions. Holding dual offices compromises decision-making at both levels. Who gets to decide whose interests are represented?

#### Charter Amendment No. 44 Should be Approved

Local jurisdictions and at least 32 states already ban dual offices. The Pierce County Charter should be amended to reflect the full-time nature of elected office and to minimize conflicts of interest.

### Rebuttal of Statement Against

Charter Amendment No. 44 ensures elected officials are responsive to their Pierce County constituents. *It's about accountability.* Pierce County voters are entitled to *undivided attention and loyalty* from the high-level positions of County Executive, Prosecuting Attorney, Auditor, Assessor-Treasurer and Council Members. This amendment does not bar elected officials from private employment or participation in political party activity. *This amendment prevents conflicts caused by holding more than one elected public office.*

**Committee Members:** Martha Lantz, marthalantz.71@gmail.com, Jan Shabro, and Linda Farmer  
*Committee in Support of Charter Amendment 44: Prohibiting County Elected Officials from Holding Multiple Offices*

### Statement Against

Here is why you should vote no on this poorly crafted amendment.

#### Amendment Assumes a Problem that Doesn't Exist

This amendment doesn't solve any problem. It does nothing to stop "bad" politicians from being unethical. Conflicts of interest are already harshly restricted for these offices. Instead of actually fixing a problem this amendment only removes potential candidates from your ballot.

#### An Idea that Limits the Choices of Voters

This amendment selectively restricts hard working and community oriented people from working a second job. For example, this amendment restricts certain elected officials from holding *Any* other elected position. Even positions that are temporary and/or non-paying. If holding multiple jobs is a problem, the proposed amendment should apply equally to *all* elected positions.

#### A Sneaky Attempt to Create an Exemption

Instead of applying to all elected positions, this amendment makes one exemption, the elected position of Precinct Committee Officer. This is an elected position connected to political parties. This kind of ill-conceived *pick and choose* politics is wrong! *What you can do about this. Vote No*

### Rebuttal of Statement For

County elected officials *should* consider their county office their primary job, but shouldn't be restricted from working a second, part-time, job. If they miss meetings or there are conflicts of interest, county and state law already provides penalties for this. Should Pierce County be *more* restrictive than the rest of Washington at the expense of voter choice? We as voters should have more choices, not less, in who can be on the ballot!

**Committee Members:** Joshua Penner, (253) 987-6655, Amy Cruver, and Janis Clark  
*Committee To Preserve Voter Rights*

## Proposed Charter Amendment No. 45 - Purchasing, Contracts, Claims and Bonds

### Ballot Title

The Pierce County Council passed Ordinance No. 2016-40 proposing to amend Section 9.15 of the Pierce County Charter. Charter Section 9.15 currently provides that the County must use competitive bidding by independent contractors in all public works construction with a projected value of more than \$25,000.00. If approved, this amendment will remove the \$25,000.00 bidding threshold and will require the County to perform public works construction using competitive bidding when required to do so by state law or county ordinance. Should Proposed Charter Amendment No. 45 be approved?

### Explanatory Statement

Washington law generally requires that all state, county and municipal public works contracts be awarded following a publicly-advertised competitive bidding process involving independent contractors. These state-law requirements bind the County and the Charter cannot eliminate them. The County may, however, impose additional, more restrictive, requirements. For example, Charter Section 9.15 currently requires all public works construction to be performed following competitive bidding by independent contractors if the projected cost will exceed \$25,000.00. Since most public works projects do exceed the \$25,000.00 cost limit, the county is usually unable to engage in public works construction without publicly-advertised competitive bidding.

Since state law allows various exceptions to the public works competitive bidding requirement, such as authorizing construction of certain road projects using county employees rather than independent contractors if the project cost is below the state-imposed dollar limit, the proposed amendment to Charter Section 9.15 will allow the county to perform such projects with its own employees rather than using independent contractors. The amendment will also authorize the county to perform other public works construction without competitive bidding if permitted by state law and county ordinance.

### Statement For

#### Brings Pierce County Charter in line with State Law

Revisions to RCW 36.77.065 have been in effect since 2009 which allow the use of county forces and equipment for public works construction projects. By amending our Charter, we will be consistent with state law and most Washington State counties. Pierce County is among the minority of counties limiting themselves to less than the limits provided in the RCW.

#### Allows the use of county employees and equipment for small scale improvements.

Adopting the charter amendment would allow Pierce County to analyze repairs and; if the work proves cost effective, is within current capabilities and within the capacity of our existing plans and programs; it would allow for our county forces to complete the work and still be compliant with state law.

#### Provides more cost effective use of our county funds.

By Voting *Yes*, you allow a more cost effective use of our limited county road funds by providing savings in time and money.

### Rebuttal of Statement Against

This amendment is about efficiency in county government. The current threshold for bidding these projects was set in 1987 and is not realistic in today's economy. We have a staff of public works employees that are fully capable of doing the smaller jobs that, due to obsolete limits, now must now go to bid. Very strict state and county rules will still govern the awarding of the vast majority of future work.

**Committee Members:** Richard D. Thurston, (253) 312-3897, Rthurs666@aol.com, David Perry, and Robert Hill  
FOR on R45

### Statement Against

This amendment seeks to *impose* an exception to a certain public works competitive bidding requirement by *eliminating* the usage of independent contractors and utilizing *only* county employees. It has been said, *the people* of this state *do not yield* their *sovereignty* to the agencies that serve them.

#### Competition is healthy for a growing economy.

The provisions of statutes, charters, and ordinances requiring competitive bidding in the letting of municipal contracts are for the purpose of inviting competition; to guard against favoritism, improvidence, extravagance, fraud, and corruption; and to secure the best work or supplies at the lowest price practicable, and they are enacted for the benefit of property holders and taxpayers, and not for the benefit or enrichment of bidders, and should be so construed and administered as to accomplish such purpose fairly and reasonably with sole reference to the public interest.

Please vote *No*.

### Rebuttal of Statement For

By *eliminating* the bidding threshold; it also *eliminates your right* by State Law to a brief description of the work to be done and the county road engineer's *estimate of the cost* in one issue of a newspaper general circulation in the county. And subsequently, *eliminates your right* to a similar brief description of the *work together* with an *accurate statement of the true and complete cost* of performing such construction. Please Vote *No*.

**Committee Member:** Janis Clark, (253) 330-6489, janisclark2013@gmail.com  
Friend of Independent Contractors

# Sound Transit (A Regional Transit Authority)

Full resolution text  
on pages 27 - 30

## Special Election - Proposition No. 1 - Light-Rail, Commuter-Rail, and Bus Service Expansion

### Ballot Title

The Sound Transit Board passed Resolution No. R2016-17 concerning expansion of mass transit in King, Pierce, and Snohomish counties. This measure would expand light-rail, commuter-rail, and bus rapid transit service to connect population and growth centers, and authorize Sound Transit to levy or impose: an additional 0.5% sales and use tax; a property tax of \$0.25 or less per \$1,000 of assessed valuation; an additional 0.8% motor-vehicle excise tax; and use existing taxes to fund the local share of the \$53.8 billion estimated cost (including inflation), with continuing independent audits, as described in the Mass Transit Guide and Resolution No. R2016-17. Should this measure be approved or rejected?

### Explanatory Statement

Light rail adds 37 new stations connecting employment, growth, and population centers, with trains serving Everett via the industrial center near Paine Field, Ballard, South Lake Union, Seattle Center, West Seattle, South Kirkland, Bellevue, Issaquah, Federal Way, Fife, Tacoma, and Tacoma Community College. Commuter rail adds longer trains; new Tillicum (Joint Base Lewis-McChord) and DuPont stations; and more bus, pedestrian, bicycle, and parking facilities at stations.

Bus rapid transit runs every 15 minutes all day with new freeway stations along I-405/SR518 (Lynnwood—Bellevue—Burien) and SR522/NE 145th (UW-Bothell—Kenmore—Lake Forest Park—Shoreline light-rail station). Early investments improve bus service on certain Rapid-Ride routes in Seattle; along Pacific Avenue/SR7 to the Tacoma Dome; on routes serving Sumner and Lakewood stations; and by operating on freeway shoulders where permitted.

These improvements increase ridership, decrease travel times, improve commute reliability, and reduce carbon emissions. Includes funding for transit-oriented development, affordable housing, and an education account. In addition to existing taxes, fares, and grants, funding comes from a 0.5% sales/use tax increase; a property tax of \$0.25 or less per \$1,000 of assessed valuation; and a 0.8% motor-vehicle excise tax increase.

### Statement For

#### **Yes on Proposition 1: Our turn for light rail!**

Light rail for Tacoma and Pierce County! Light rail can carry 16,000 people per hour in each direction; one general-purpose freeway lane moves just 2,000 cars. Rail is the most efficient way to improve transportation – on time, every time.

Proposition 1 connects us with good jobs throughout the region – helps working families, students, seniors, and people with disabilities get to school and healthcare.

#### **Light rail to SeaTac Airport, More Sounder Service**

Light rail will link Tacoma to Federal Way, SeaTac, Seattle, Bellevue and Everett. Our popular Sounder service will increase and extend to JBLM and DuPont.

We are one of America's fastest growing regions. Proposition 1 lets commuters escape congestion. Fast, efficient light rail connects people with jobs, while reducing air pollution. That's why business leaders, Washington State Labor Council, Democratic Party organizations, and the Washington Environmental Council urge your support.

### Rebuttal of Statement Against

Let's fact check Tim Eyman's misrepresentations. Fact: Families today waste hundreds of hours and thousands of dollars stuck in traffic. Fact: Our region will grow by a million more people. Fact: The average cost per adult is just \$14/month. Fact: Years of independent audits and the Citizens Oversight Panel show Sound Transit is among America's most accountable and well-run transit agencies (22 consecutive clean federal audits). We can't afford to wait. Vote Yes!

**Committee Members:** Norm Dicks, Pat McCarthy, and Marilyn Strickland, [info@masstransitnow.com](mailto:info@masstransitnow.com), [www.MassTransitNow.com](http://www.MassTransitNow.com)

### Statement Against

#### **ST3 started at \$15 billion but it's exploded into a \$54 billion monstrosity – that's bigger...**

...than the budget for the entire state. There's simply no precedent for one governmental entity hogging so much tax revenue. ST3 gobbles up everything, leaving nothing for other needs. The average family will be forced to pay \$25,000 in taxes (\$1000 per year for 25 years) to Sound Transit before this Seattle-centered boondoggle ever gets built.

#### **ST3 raises sales taxes to 10%, triples your car tab taxes, and diverts property taxes...**

...away from schools. Struggling Pierce County taxpayers can only afford so much. Seniors hit hardest by these massive tax increases *will be dead* before ST3 is completed!

#### **Nothing they're promising needs to match what's delivered. Several court rulings have established that costs...**

...timelines, and projects promised during the campaign *are not binding*. The only thing certain about ST3 are its massive permanent increases to three different taxes all at once.

#### **Don't be railroaded by wealthy insiders funding a deceptive Yes campaign for their selfish gain.**

Contractors and consultants who make millions from bloated Sound Transit deals see ST3 as their personal gravy train – at your expense. ST3 only reduces congestion by 1%, and it won't be finished for decades! Just vote No.

### Rebuttal of Statement For

Sound Transit can't sell their schemes using honest facts. They falsely claim light rail carries twice as many people as an 8 lane freeway! Seriously? They absolutely refuse to call ST3 what it is – *three permanent tax increases* costing average families \$1000 per year, leaving nothing for other needs. Why should everyone be forced to pay billions of dollars for a Seattle-centered boondoggle that *will be obsolete* before it's built ([tinyurl.com/Z73FQRJ](http://tinyurl.com/Z73FQRJ))? Just vote No.

**Committee Members:** Mike Lonergan and Tim Eyman, (425) 952-7266, [www.NoST3.org](http://www.NoST3.org)

# The Sound Transit 3 Regional Transit System Plan

The area inside the Sound Transit District boundary shows the portions of Pierce, King and Snohomish counties where the proposed taxes would be collected and the projects would be built.

[soundtransit3.org](http://soundtransit3.org)

**KEY**

- Sound Transit District boundary

**PROPOSED ST3 PROJECTS**

- ▬ Link Light Rail
- ▬ Bus Rapid Transit
- ▬ Sounder Rail
- ▬ Proposed shoulder-running buses / speed and reliability improvements
- ▬ Environmental study
- ▬ Future investment study

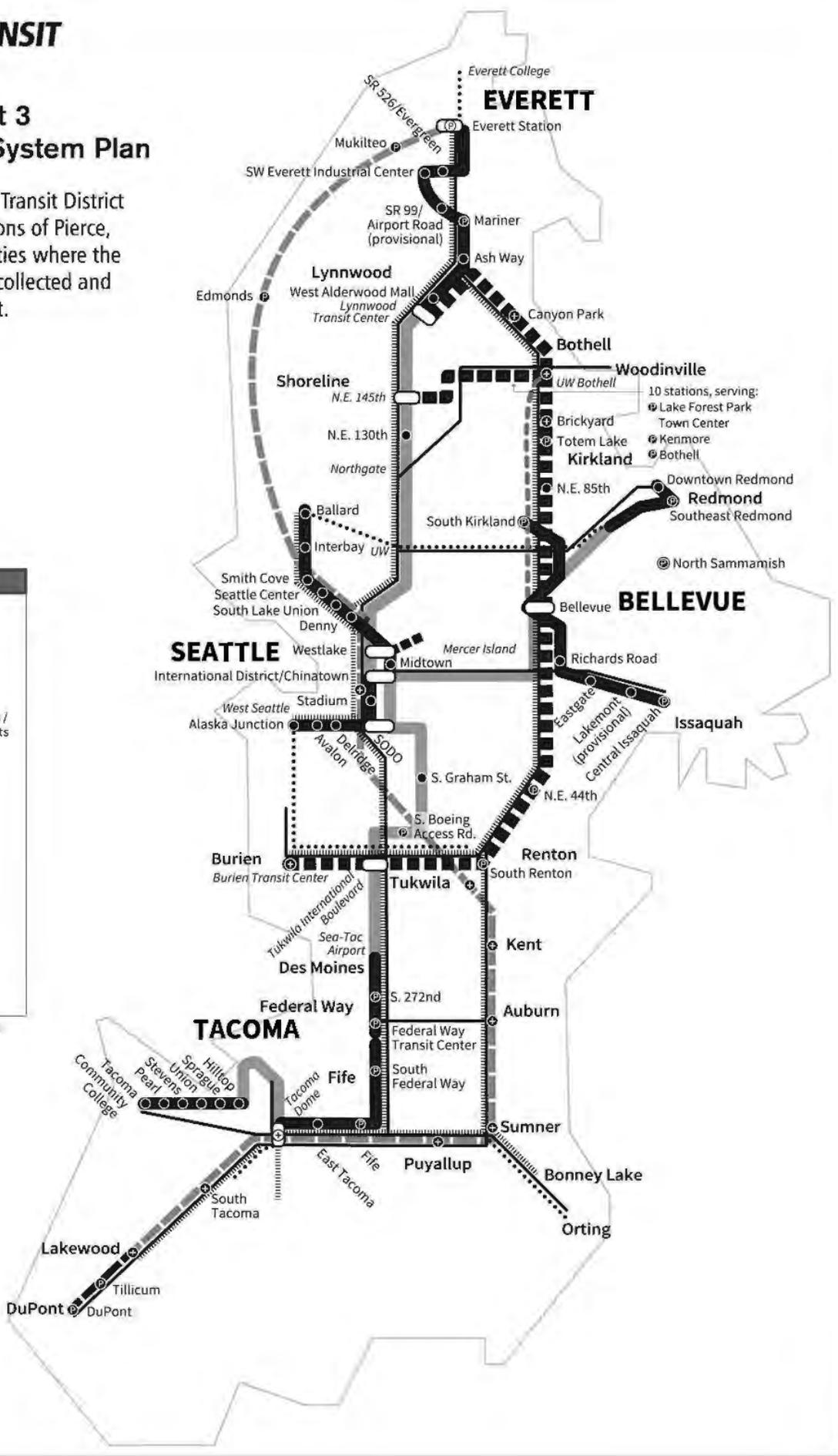
**CURRENT AND PLANNED SERVICE**

- ▬ Link Light Rail
- ▬ Sounder Rail
- ▬ ST Express Bus

**STATIONS**

- New station
- Ⓟ New station / added parking
- ⊕ Improved station
- Ⓜ Major rail transfer

NOTE: All routes and stations are representative.



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## Rick Talbert (Prefers Democratic Party)

**Elected Experience:** Current Pierce County Councilmember in his second term. Previously served eight years on the Tacoma City Council.

**Other Professional Experience:**

Past President, Small Business Incubator. Seven years as a Pierce County Performance Auditor responsible for reforming county government. Chair, Pierce Transit Board. Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health Member.

**Education:** Western Washington University, B.A. Proud Lincoln High School Graduate.

**Community Service:** Co-Founder and Board Chair for the Crystal Judson Family Justice Center, serving domestic violence victims and their children. Member of South Sound Behavioral Health Coalition. Past Communities in Schools Board Member. Past Chair of Eastside Neighborhood Council.

**Statement:** As Pierce County Executive, I will invest my time and energy on job creation, transportation, and public safety. I'm ready to solve the big challenges facing Pierce County.

We must reinvest in our roads, transit, and parks for future generations. We must make Pierce County a clean, safe, and healthy place for all families to work, live and play. I have 27 years of experience delivering results and making county government more transparent and effective. That's a record I will build on as your Pierce County Executive.

Pierce County has a homelessness crisis. Disabled veterans and children should never be forced to live out of cars or on the street. I have a plan to adequately fund our mental healthcare system and provide the substance abuse treatment options our county needs.

Olympia and Washington, D.C. are broken. Now more than ever we need a Pierce County Executive who will focus on getting the job done, no matter which political party they are working with. I've served as a counterbalance to the extreme views on the County Council, and I'd do the same as County Executive. I'll bring people together to solve our problems and get things done.

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## Bruce Dammeier (Prefers Republican Party)

**Elected Experience:** State Senator (2013 – Present); State Representative (2009 – 2013); Puyallup School Board (2001 – 2009).

**Other Professional Experience:** Eight years of military service and six years as an executive in a local manufacturing company. Current co-owner with Print NW, a small business in Pierce County.

**Education:** Curtis High School -1979. United States Naval Academy (BS, Engineering, with distinction). University of Washington (MS, Engineering).

**Community Service:** Served in leadership with Goodwill, Good Samaritan Hospital, UW-Tacoma, and Young Life. Attend Lighthouse Christian Church. Former reading tutor and coach. Married for 32 years with three sons and a daughter-in-law.

**Statement:** At the Naval Academy and in the military, I learned that leadership, integrity, and service matter. Unfortunately, too many politicians have not learned these same lessons. Here in Pierce County, many politicians count voting "no" as victory or attending more government meetings as success. Our county government needs new leadership that will deliver results for our citizens, not excuses. That's why I am running for Pierce County Executive.

We need a proven leader who will move us in the right direction. As a small business owner, I have created hundreds of local jobs. As a legislator, I took on our county's toughest challenges. To reduce traffic congestion and stimulate economic growth, I passed legislation to widen I-5 through JBLM and finally connect highway 167 to the Port of Tacoma—all while preventing an increase in tolls on the Narrows Bridge. To save blue-collar jobs, I fought for investments in new timber technologies. To prevent unnecessary tax increases, I voted six times to implement the voter-approved 2/3 requirement to raise taxes.

As your county executive, I will listen and get things done. Pierce County is a great place, but with your support, we can make it better.

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## Pierce County Assessor - Treasurer

## Pierce County Sheriff



### Mike Lonergan

**Elected Experience:** Pierce County Assessor-Treasurer, 2013-present. Tacoma Deputy Mayor and City Council, 8 years. Chair: Pierce County Regional Council, Puget Sound Growth Policy Board and Puget Sound District Association of

County Assessors. Board Member, Washington Association of County Officials.

**Other Professional Experience:** Executive Director: Tacoma Rescue Mission, Christian Brotherhood Academy and Youth Marine Foundation.

**Education:** Harvard University Government Executive Program. University of Washington BA degree (Business & History), Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa.

**Community Service:** Past President: Kiwanis, Gideons and Council of Executive Directors. Inspiration Bible Church, Salvation Army board. Married to Paula 33 years; father of 2, grandfather of 5.

**Statement:** *Four years ago, I was elected from a field of five candidates, under the campaign motto, "Let's fix this." It has been a challenge--and a great honor--to lead a team of 76 people in fairly and efficiently valuing your property and levying taxes to fund the operation of local government. Our new motto is "Better every day!"*

*While I always welcome a political debate, I take it as a "vote of confidence" that no opponent filed to challenge my election to a second term. During my first four years in office, I've introduced eighteen specific improvements and modernizations in the way we serve taxpayers. Additional positive changes are planned for the next four years.*

*I have also overseen the hiring and training of highly capable replacements for numerous "baby boomers" now retiring from the Assessor-Treasurer's office. I will continue this careful succession planning, to assure the transfer of knowledge needed to keep our standards high.*

*Above all, I pledge to maintain absolute integrity in this office, which determines the value of over 300,000 properties in Pierce County, and reaches into your pocket for about \$1.2 Billion in taxes every year, to fund needed services.*

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### Paul A. Pastor

**Elected Experience:** Elected Sheriff of Pierce County from 2009-present

**Other Professional Experience:** Over 30 years progressive experience in law enforcement agencies including executive and management positions in local agencies. Executive Board, FBI National Executive Institute; Member Major County Sheriff's Association, Development of Northwest Law Enforcement Executive Command College; Taught in several programs at FBI Academy

**Education:** B.A. - Pomona Collee 1971, M.A. and MPhil - Yale University 1975, PhD. - Yale University 1976

**Community Service:** Multi-gallon Blood Donor, YMCA Advisory Board, Marine Corps League Associate Member, St. Mary's Church, Sentencing Guidelines Commission, Special Olympics, Crime Stoppers, Charlies Dinosaur, Toys for Tots Events

**Statement:** Vision, values, experience and trust. These are qualities I bring to the Office of Sheriff.

My track record and beliefs are well known. I state them in person, post them on-line, and provide them in writing.

I have established a relationship of trust within Pierce County and I have the skills, experience and motivation to do the job.

I work with people who care about making a difference in the community. We are understaffed but we accomplish things anyway. I have worked with our people to build safer communities by reducing meth labs, targeting high rate criminals, solving serious violent crimes, reducing false alarms, working with neighborhoods to prevent crime and running a safe, secure, Constitutional jail. Finally, I have shown that I can look ahead and move things forward. In the next few years, the Sheriff's Department will be faced with difficult challenges and very important opportunities. Let's stare down the challenges and seize the opportunities. As the economy begins to recover, we need to rebuild and strengthen public safety first; we need to build public connection, grow the agency, build the leadership bench to prepare for and influence the future of law enforcement in Pierce County.

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# Pierce County Council, District No. 2



## Pam Roach (Prefers Republican Party)

**Elected Experience:** Washington State Senate representing Pierce County; Senate Law and Justice Committee, Chair; Senate Government Operations Committee, Chair (local government); Senate President Pro Tem (elected by peers).

**Other Professional Experience:** Chief of staff to King County Councilmember Kent Pullen, 14 years; Co-chair of the Joint Committee on Veterans and the National Guard; Senate Ways and Means Committee; presided over election law reform and open government laws.

**Education:** Brigham Young University, B. A. (History), teacher certified.

**Community Service:** Auburn Foodbank, board member; Auburn Youth Resources, board member; Asian Pacific Cultural Center, advisory board; Founder: School of Hope, Honduras; Save Lake Tapps, founding member.

**Statement:** Public safety is our first priority. As State Senator I get results. Homelessness, property and drug crimes, and mental health issues threaten our families and businesses. Working with others I will provide needed law enforcement and mental health services. I am proud to be endorsed by emergency responders.

Creating family wage jobs is important. I am leading the effort to keep our ports competitive despite the massive foreign efforts which now threaten our jobs and Washington's economy. (Please see [pamroach.com](http://pamroach.com) for KING5 coverage.) I am endorsed by both labor and maritime industry leaders for my bi-partisan approach to jobs.

Property taxes are too high, driving seniors from their homes and keeping young families from home ownership. I sponsored the 2/3 majority to raise taxes in the legislature. We need to prioritize spending.

Partial list of endorsements: current Councilmember Joyce McDonald; Auburn Mayor Nancy Backus; Jerry Korum, Puyallup Mayor John Knutson (ret.); Longshoreman, (IBEW); Operating Engineers; Pierce County Deputy Sheriffs Independant Guild; both Central, and East, Pierce Fire and Rescue; SEIU 1199, (Nurses); and am supported by the Puyallup and Muckleshoot tribes. Thank you. I would appreciate your vote.

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## Carolyn Edmonds (Prefers Democratic Party)

**Elected Experience:** Washington State House of Representatives; King County Councilmember; your elected representative on the 2016 Pierce County Charter Review Commission.

**Other Professional Experience:** Windermere Real Estate Broker; Guardian ad litem for vulnerable adults; Consultant on micro-business development to combat poverty; Assistant Director of a volunteer-based statewide program of advocacy for the elderly and disabled living in long-term care settings.

**Education:** Masters, Public Administration, University of Washington; Bachelor of Science, Business Administration, San Jose State University.

**Community Service:** Co-Chair, Northeast Tacoma Neighborhood Council; Board Member, Save Northeast Tacoma; Chair, 27th LD Democrats; Board Member, Pierce County Conservation Voters.

**Statement:** *The most experienced, the most qualified.* A former State Representative and Councilmember, Carolyn balanced budgets, cut waste and stood up for working families. She passed some of Washington's toughest protections for family caregivers, and fought for the interests of small towns and suburban communities. Carolyn is a fierce advocate for her constituents.

*Fighting for ethical leadership.* Carolyn is against the practice of politicians "double dipping." Her Republican opponent was once known for supporting open government and cutting waste. Now, her opponent claims she can hold two offices, costing taxpayers nearly \$200,000 per year. She won't have time to represent two offices, but will happily pocket our tax dollars.

*Carolyn Edmonds understands this community.* As a realtor, Carolyn has been an active member of Pierce County's small business community. Representing you on the Charter Review Commission, she fights for our district's priorities.

*Carolyn Edmonds has the right temperament.* We deserve a leader with a reputation for working together to get things done. Carolyn is endorsed by Democrats, Republicans, and Independents. That's because they know Carolyn will be the most effective advocate for our community. For *hard work and straight talk, vote Carolyn Edmonds* for Pierce County Council!

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## Jim McCune (Prefers Republican Party)

**Elected Experience:** State Representative, 2005-2012; Pierce County Councilman, 2013- Present; Chair, Performance Audit Committee; Past Chair, Public Safety Committee; Community Development

Committee; Economic and Infrastructure Committee, Zoo and Trek Authority Committee, Nisqually Land Trust Board.

**Other Professional Experience:** Small business owner, 45 years; Seafood distributor and marketer.

**Education:** Highline HS; private courses in constitutional law and early American History.

**Community Service:** Hatchery corporation board member (10 years); Guardian of SmallBusiness Award (NFIB); Cornerstone Award (AWB); "Friend of Farmers" (WA Farm Bureau); Member, Graham Business Assoc.; Back Country Horseman; active church member; former Assistant Scout Master, high school basketball coach, adoptive and foster parent

**Statement:** Councilman McCune fights job-killing taxes and a nightmare of regulations. He also opposed the largest spending increase in Pierce County history. Jim believes core services can be funded with existing revenues and live within our means.

Jim leads the fight for more deputies on the street, advocates to end human trafficking, keeping heroin and meth out of neighborhoods, opposes normalizing a drug culture and against early release of drug dealers and violent felons.

McCune advocates principles-over-politics and works to reduce financial burdens on individuals and businesses as they strive to bounce back during these tough economic times. He's always seeking ways to reform land use laws and return authority back to individuals. Jim passed an ordinance to stop the unconstitutional government spying program on citizen's properties.

Jim works for increased recreational opportunities, veteran's discounts in our parks, expanding our trail systems, reducing youth violence and promotes family activities, such as 4-H programs. He stopped chemical killing fish farms off Pierce County's coastal waters to keep our environment clean and also worked to have old culverts changed out for safe fish passages to their spawning habitat. *I'm asking for your vote to continue fighting for you!*

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## Dennis Townsend (Prefers Democratic Party)

**Elected Experience:** Bethel School Board, 1991-2006, chair four times. Burns, OR School Board, 2009-2011, chair.

**Other Professional Experience:** Retired after 42 years as a telecom industry technician, supervisor and engineer. Part-time radio broadcaster (KMO/Tacoma, KZZR/Burns, OR, KRNN/Juneau, AK).

**Education:** Franklin Pierce High School, graduated with honors. Numerous technical and industry-related courses in the telecom industry. Associate member, IEEE.

**Community Service:** Current member, Bethel Educational Scholarship Team. Formerly: Pierce County Planning Commission, Washington State Electrical Board, Washington State Community Economic Revitalization Board, Mountain Highway Safety Corridor, Pierce Transit Citizens Advisory Group. Coach, Bethel Recreation Association for 20 years.

**Statement:** I was born and raised in Pierce County (Midland), and spent most of my years working and raising kids here. My wife Dona and I live in Spanaway. I've seen this area grow, and am concerned, like you, with preserving our quality of life here.

Service is the key word of my life. With my experience on the School Board, Planning Commission, and many other community projects, I'm ready to serve you on the County Council. I've worked as a telephone technician in South Pierce County for most of my career, and I know it's layout and history.

The Council position is a no-nonsense job and should stick with the basics. Our Sheriff took cuts during the recession that should be restored. Motorists still crowd onto "farm-to-market" roads, even after thousands of homes have been built. Blight, graffiti and litter contribute to degraded neighborhoods, and we must fight it. Kids face hazards walking to school without sidewalks. Homelessness and opiate dependence are threatening families. I will address these issues aggressively and thoughtfully, making sure your tax dollars are used efficiently - on the basics - instead of ideological pursuits.

Thank you for your vote. Let's get to work!

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# Pierce County Council, District No. 4



## Connie Ladenburg (Prefers Democratic Party)

**Elected Experience:** Connie is finishing her first term on the County Council, served 8 years on the Tacoma City Council and one term as 29th District State Representative.

**Other Professional Experience:** Connie worked for Safe Streets Campaign as a Youth Programs Manager and for Faith Homes as a case manager for pregnant or parenting homeless girls.

**Education:** Bachelors of Arts from PLU and Masters in Social Work from UW.

**Community Service:** Founder and Board Chair of Community in Schools; Advisory Board Member for Community Youth Services; Board Member, Broadway Center for the Performing Arts. Married to John, has five children and eleven grandchildren.

**Statement:** Vote for Connie Ladenburg. She listens to her residents, responds to their needs and gets results.

A brief summary of why you should vote for Connie: Connie received Council support and funding for an analysis of the Mental Health system to determine gaps in services; established a pre-trial services program in Superior Court; continued funding for our successful drug court and family court; established a property crimes unit; established a Superior Court Mental Health Court; and supported services in District Court for mental health offenders. She supported the facilitation and implementation of US Open, a national golf tournament that resulted in over \$130 million dollars in economic benefit to our region; worked on securing an inter-local agreement with Pierce County, University Place, and Lakewood to develop a plan for a trail system through Chambers Creek canyon; worked with Governor Gregoire to secure funding for Chambers Bay's north dock pier extension and floating moorage project - restoring shoreline and constructing a new dock; worked on a plan to reduce pollutant run-off water into our streams, rivers, and bays; and started sidewalk installation and other pedestrian improvements in school zones.

We need Connie to continue to work for us!

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## Kit Burns (Prefers Independent Party)

**Elected Experience:** As an Architect I have developed public and private projects, mostly school projects resulting from successful bond issue elections.

**Other Professional Experience:** Working with development agencies, both city and county, I have designed and managed the construction of four high schools, two middle schools, and other local projects, public and private, involving public approvals.

**Education:** Washington State University, Bachelor of Architectural Engineering; American Institute of Architects; Construction Specifications Institute.

**Community Service:** Big Brothers; Eagle Scout; Past President of Construction Specifications, local Chapter; Specifications Instructor, part time, Bates Technical Institute; Meaningful Movies – Tacoma.

**Statement:** *Thank you to all voters who put my name in as a write-in candidate.* The number who made that effort shows that District 4 wants change, smart change. We need to have fresh new perspectives for better results.

Our need for safety in our neighborhoods, behavioral health solutions, and improvements for transportation must be openly discussed, not met with secrecy, as in the past. My Architectural experience working on public and private projects is an ideal asset.

My opponent supported an administration building where project costs started at \$67 million and grew to over \$230 million. It was done without meaningful public input and transparency. We can't re-elect officials that supported this, *regardless of party affiliation*. Stale ideas from the same people year after year does not bring change. My 40 years of experience working with multiple counties on major projects will provide beneficial knowledge.

*Understanding rules are an intricate part of being an Architect.* Making well informed decisions and working transparently with public input creates strong solutions. As an Independent, I will not be subject to party line votes. I will bring citizen involvement, transparency, and council accountability – I'll be your watchdog on the council.

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# Pierce County Council, District No. 6



## Doug Richardson (Prefers Republican Party)

**Elected Experience:** Pierce County Councilmember (Current), Lakewood City Council (1995-2012). Served as the Mayor of Lakewood for 7 years.

**Other Professional Experience:** Former Army Ranger; Brigadier General, USA (Retired), 32 years active and reserve service; Over 25 years of management experience at Northrop Grumman Corporation.

**Education:** B.A., The Citadel; Masters, Strategic Studies, US Army War College

**Community Service:** South Sound Military and Communities Partnership, Cofounder; Rally Point 6 Veterans' Services Organization, Charter Board Member; St John Bosco; Former youth baseball and soccer coach; Past Clover Park School District Bond Committee Chair; Chamber of Commerce; Mary Bridge Festival of Trees Sponsor; Behavioral Health Coalition, Member

**Statement:** On the County Council, Doug Richardson has worked hard to achieve real results for us. With your support, Doug will continue his efforts to make our community a better place to live, work, and raise a family. Throughout his tenure as the Mayor of Lakewood and now as the Chair of the County Council, Doug has earned an excellent reputation for his willingness to put aside partisanship and work together with others. Because of the partnership between the public and the private sector, we now have a transportation plan in place to deal with the traffic bottleneck along JBLM. We can count on Doug Richardson for continued responsible fiscal management and support for economic development.

*Public safety remains the top priority.* Now, there are more Sheriff Deputies on the streets protecting our community. Doug is working with law enforcement and the Legislature to ensure we have the resources and training we need to make our neighborhoods safer.

Pierce County faces many regional challenges requiring leadership and cooperation. *We need an experienced, steady hand on the Council.* Please vote to re-elect Councilmember Doug Richardson.

Thank you.

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## Linda Farmer (Prefers Democratic Party)

**Elected Experience:** Pierce County Charter Review Commissioner (2016)

**Other Professional Experience:** Communications Director, Pierce County Library System. Former: Community Relations Officer, City of Tacoma; Communications and Government Affairs Manager, City of Federal Way; Communications Director, Washington State Puget Sound Action Team; Communications Director, Association of Washington School Principals; News and Information Director, Pacific Lutheran University; newspaper reporter

**Education:** Master of Science, Communications Management, Syracuse University; Bachelor of Arts, Communications and Political Science, University of Washington

**Community Service:** Active volunteer with SAVE KPLU campaign. KPLU 88.5 Community Advisory Board Member. Former Board Member: Public Relations Society of America, City Club of Tacoma, Citizens for a Healthy Bay

**Statement:** *I'd be honored to be your voice on the Pierce County Council.* I serve as the Communications Director for the Pierce County Library System. My role is to help residents discover the world of information that still exists at the library (yes, there is a world outside of Google!).

*It's clear we need a better Pierce County Council.* As a former newspaper reporter, I understand government shouldn't get a free pass. This council majority has sat on its hands for too long, waiting for our traffic, mental healthcare, and public safety challenges to solve themselves.

*We need new leaders who will step up, bring people together, and take action.* I will. I know we can put a stop to our homelessness and substance abuse crises, relieve I-5 traffic congestion, protect our water, and always remember the sacrifices our veterans have made.

My husband and I have called Pierce County home for over two decades, and our daughter Dylan attends public schools in Lakewood. *I want to make this county a better place for her to grow up in.* I would be honored to put my energy and experience to use as your voice on the Pierce County Council.

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# Franklin Pierce School District No. 402

## Special Election - Proposition No. 1

### General Obligation Bonds - \$157,000,000

Full resolution text at  
PierceCountyElections.org

#### Ballot Title

The Board of Directors of Franklin Pierce School District No. 402 adopted Resolution No. 16-R-01 concerning a proposition to finance construction and improvement of school facilities. If approved, this proposition will authorize the District to construct five replacement elementary schools at Brookdale, Central Avenue, Collins, Harvard and James Sales; renovate high school STEM labs; make District-wide security upgrades; construct a performing arts center at Franklin Pierce High School; make health, safety, educational, athletic and infrastructure improvements; issue no more than \$157,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 20 years; and levy annual excess property taxes to repay the bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 16-R-01. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved or rejected?

#### Explanatory Statement

Passage of this proposition would authorize Franklin Pierce School District to issue no more than \$157,000,000 of bonds to: construct five replacement elementary schools at Brookdale, Central Avenue, Collins, Harvard and James Sales; renovate Christensen Elementary School; expand and renovate STEM labs at Franklin Pierce High School and Washington High School; make District-wide security upgrades; replace gymnasium at Ford Middle School; construct performing arts center at Franklin Pierce High School; and make health, safety, educational, athletic and infrastructure improvements.

The bonds will be repaid from annual excess property tax levies over 20 years. The District anticipates a tax rate of \$2.82 per \$1,000 of assessed value. This anticipated tax rate is expected to be at or below what taxpayers have paid each year since 2013 because the District's 1998 bonds will be paid off in 2017 and the 2012 capital projects levy will also expire in 2017. Consequently, the District anticipates no additional tax rate increase with passage of this new bond proposition.

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

##### Yes! The Tax Rate Won't Exceed What Taxpayers Pay Now.

This bond will result in the *same or less* school facility tax rate that property owners have paid in any year since 2013. The 1998 bond and the 2012 levy will be paid off by the time this bond will take effect. Plus, the longer we wait, the more deterioration and higher costs in the future. This bond addresses facility needs for *years to come*.

##### Yes! District-wide Safety, Security & Health For Students And Teachers.

Prop. 1 addresses *life safety and health for all* students and teachers, including access controls, surveillance expansion, 911 emergency communications, alarm/fire/sprinkler systems, structural repairs, and more. A committee of citizens helped the district identify the bond projects.

##### Yes! There Are 8,000 Reasons To Vote Yes!

Our children are our community's *most precious asset*. Each of this community's 8,000 children deserves an opportunity to achieve his or her full potential, and an optimal environment for learning.

**Yes! Endorsements:** Civic, Business, Labor, Student Leaders, Emergency Responders, and School Employees. Please visit our website for full list.

#### Rebuttal of Statement Against

While we respect those who may disagree, the information provided in the *No* statement is simply inaccurate. A *committee of over 100 community members and educators* studied the needs for months and collaboratively created a list of important projects. These were then proposed to the Board, who sought to balance the most urgent facility needs while keeping tax rates the same. Our children are our most precious asset and deserve safe and healthy learning environments.

**Committee Members:** Mark Mulder, Shanna Brault, and Lee Warnaca, [fpcitizens4schools@gmail.com](mailto:fpcitizens4schools@gmail.com), (253) 579-6594, [www.yes4fps.org](http://www.yes4fps.org), Franklin Pierce Citizens for Schools

#### Statement Against

Vote 'No' on this proposal.

School districts, such as this one, don't spend a lot of money informing the residents of their area when the Board will be voting to adopt multi-million dollar bond measures. They also don't spend a lot of money advertising the existence of the "pro" & "con" voter-pamphlet committees. There should be a state law *requiring* a district to spend one-hundredth-of-one-percent of what they are asking for on these processes. (It only costs 5¢ to do a robocall!) What's also frustrating is that they try to get as much money as they can, at one time, in one measure, when it doesn't cost more to split up a proposal into separate, smaller parts...one for each school renovation. The superintendent refused to answer any of my questions.

Read the full text of the board resolution here: ---  
<http://www.CO.PIERCE.WA.US/DocumentCenter/View/42453>

Also see:  
---[http://FPSCHOOLS.ORG/about\\_us/2016\\_bond\\_info\\_](http://FPSCHOOLS.ORG/about_us/2016_bond_info_)

#### Rebuttal of Statement For

Before you approve this measure, ask Dr. Frank Hewins (Superintendent, 298-3010) for the proposed building plans and cost for each facility. Nowhere in Resolution#16-R-01 is this referenced. *How can each school cost thirty-one million dollars??* Also, consider the advantages of building apartments on the 2nd and 3rd floors, for teachers and/or staff to live. This would be available to employees who desire such a benefit, to reduce commute time and maximize building use.

**Committee Member:** Robert Hill, (253) 752-2400

# Auburn School District No. 408

## Special Election - Proposition No. 1

### School Construction and Replacement General Obligation Bonds - \$456,056,000

Full resolution text at  
PierceCountyElections.org

#### Ballot Title

The Board of Directors of Auburn School District No. 408 approved a proposition for bonds. This proposition would authorize the District to construct and equip two new elementary schools; rebuild Olympic Middle School and Chinook, Dick Scobee, Lea Hill, Pioneer, and Terminal Park Elementary schools, increasing enrollment capacity and accommodating class size reduction; to issue \$456,056,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum term of 20 years, and to levy excess property taxes annually to repay the bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 1220. Should this proposition be approved or rejected?

#### Explanatory Statement

The Board of Directors of the Auburn School District No. 408 adopted Resolution No. 1220 concerning a proposition to reduce overcrowding, modernize learning environments, and improve safety. This proposition will authorize the District to construct and equip two new elementary schools; rebuild and equip Chinook Elementary, Dick Scobee Elementary, Lea Hill Elementary, Pioneer Elementary, Terminal Park Elementary schools and Olympic Middle School. The funds may also be used to acquire sites as needed to accomplish these capital projects. The proposition authorizes the District to issue \$456,056,000 of general obligation bonds and to levy property taxes annually to repay the bonds over a period of 20 years.

#### Statement For

##### Bonds are for Building

We urge Auburn District voters to vote *Yes* by November 8, approving a vital construction bond rebuilding 6 schools (Terminal Park, Dick Scobee, Olympic, Pioneer, Chinook, Lea Hill) and constructing 2 new elementary schools (north & south). The \$456 million dollar bond requires a super majority of 60% to pass – every vote counts! Prudent fiscal leadership allows construction for only \$1.03 increase in district residents' property taxes. The project would bring \$79 million in state matching funds.

##### Vote Yes by November 8

Replacement of aging buildings with an average age of 58 years is long overdue. Improved construction and planning provide longer building life and modernization for world-class instruction. The district's student population is expanding significantly – by 2021 nearly 1:5 of the district students will have arrived in the past 10 years! Planning for growth, safety, modern infrastructure and improved facilities will benefit students for generations. *Our students are worth it* – please vote *Yes*.

#### Statement Against

Vote 'No' on this proposal.

School districts, such as this one, don't spend a lot of money informing the residents of their area when the Board will be voting to adopt multi-million dollar bond measures. They also don't spend a lot of money advertising the existence of the "pro" & "con" voter-pamphlet committees. There should be a state law *requiring* a district to spend one-hundredth-of-one-percent of what they are asking for on these processes. (It only costs 5¢ to do a robocall!) What's also frustrating is that they try to get as much money as they can, at one time, in one measure, when it doesn't cost more to split up a proposal into separate, smaller parts...one for each school renovation. The superintendent refused to answer any of my questions.

Read the full text of the board resolution here: ---<http://www.CO.PIERCE.WA.US/DocumentCenter/View/42635>

Also see: ---<http://AuburnSD.Schoolwires.net/site/default.aspx?PageType=3&DomainID=4&ModuleInstanceID=406&ViewID=047E6BE3-6D87-4130-8424-D8E4E9ED6C2A&RenderLoc=0&FlexDataID=35791&PageID=1>

#### Rebuttal of Statement Against

Opposition statement is factually and substantively inaccurate. School board meetings are open, public meetings. News stories, press releases and mailings have been published on the resolution. Single school financing is *impractical, unprecedented, and significantly more costly*. District personnel replied to Mr. Hill promptly the same day. Public outreach has proactively shared information about the bond. *Wishing for laws that don't exist does not make ASD or committee actions any less transparent or community-centered.*

**Committee Members:** Kelly M. McDonald, [acs.treasurer.mcdonald@gmail.com](mailto:acs.treasurer.mcdonald@gmail.com), Cari Manry and Alexis Rosario, [auburncitizens4schools.com](mailto:auburncitizens4schools.com)  
Auburn Citizens for Schools

#### Rebuttal of Statement For

Before you approve this measure, ask Dr. Alan Spicciati (Superintendent, 931-4914) for the proposed building plans and cost for each facility. Nowhere in Resolution#1220 is this referenced. *How can each school cost sixty-seven million dollars??* Also, consider the advantages of building apartments on the 2nd and 3rd floors, for teachers and/or staff to live. This would be available to employees who desire such a benefit, to reduce commute time and maximize building use.

**Committee Member:** Robert Hill, (253) 752-2400

# Fire Protection District No. 5 (Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One)

## Special Election - Proposition No. 1

### Six-Year Levy Lid Lift

Full resolution text at  
PierceCountyElections.org

#### Ballot Title

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 5 (Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One) adopted Resolution No. 2016-11 concerning an increase in the District's regular property tax levy. If approved, Proposition No. 1 will restore the District's regular property tax levy for emergency medical services to fifty cents (\$0.50) per thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) of assessed valuation in 2016, set the limit factor at one hundred six percent (106%) for each of the five (5) succeeding years, and use the 2021 levy dollar amount for computing the limitation for subsequent levies. Should Proposition No. 1 be approved or rejected?

#### Explanatory Statement

Gig Harbor Fire and Medic One responded to the community's requests for emergency medical care, fire suppression, rescue, and service 5586 times last year. This is a 25% increase in calls since 2011. However, while firefighters are responding to more calls, the voter approved 50 cent EMS levy has been reduced to 46 cents due to 1% limitations. This measure would restore the EMS levy to 50 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value.

Revenue raised by this measure provides funding for emergency medical services, including paramedics, EMT's, emergency medical training, supplies, equipment, facilities, and emergency transport capability. It will help the Department keep up with increased service demand and continue to provide a high level of service to the community.

If approved, this measure authorizes Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One to restore the levy to 50 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value as approved by voters in 2012. It would also allow the rate to remain at 50 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value for six years if property values increase at a rate at or below 6% per year. If property values increase at a rate higher than 6% per year, a lower rate would be applied.

#### Statement For

***This is not a request for a new tax.***

In 2012, voters approved an EMS levy at \$0.50 per \$1000 assessed valuation. State law has caused this levy rate to drop by nearly 10%, reducing funding used to provide critical emergency medical services.

Your yes vote is needed to help continue providing high quality EMS to the Gig Harbor Peninsula. The demand for service continues to rise, with Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One responding to more calls than ever before. The cost to provide emergency medical services also continues to rise, with vendors increasing prices for equipment and services.

A yes vote will restore the EMS levy to the rate previously authorized by voters and allow Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One to provide the highest possible level of care to the community. We ask you to continue your support of the fire district and appreciate your vote.

**Committee Members:** Nick Langlow, Bryce Nelson, and Zachary Smith, [yesforgigharborfire@gmail.com](mailto:yesforgigharborfire@gmail.com)  
YesForGigHarborFire Committee

#### Statement Against

No statement was submitted against this issue.

# Fire Protection District No. 21 (Graham Fire & Rescue)

## Special Election - Proposition No. 1

### Increasing the Number of Commissioners

Full resolution text at  
PierceCountyElections.org

#### Ballot Title

Shall the Board of Commissioners of Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 21 be increased from three members to five members?

#### Explanatory Statement

Washington State Law, at RCW 52.14.015, allows a five-member board of commissioners of a fire protection district, with voter approval. For approval, the proposition requires a simple majority of the resident electors casting ballots.

The Board of Fire Commissioners for Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 21 has passed a resolution determining that it would be in the best interest of the district and its citizens to increase the number of fire commissioners from three to five. The fire district was formed in 1963 when the greater Graham area was much more rural. The population has increased substantially since the district was formed. Authorizing a five-member Board would increase representation from the community and restore an appropriate level of representation.

Population growth and the increasing number of 911 responses continue to make the provision of fire and emergency services more complex. A larger Board of elected officials will help to deal with the increasing complexity added by more federal and state regulations. This change would also allow the Commissioners to appoint committees of the Board to study issues for presentation to the full Board.

#### Statement For

It is time to make a correction that is long overdue.

Our three fire commissioners have unanimously passed a resolution to increase their numbers to five. The District has been represented by the three commissioners since 1963. Fifty three years ago three may have been an adequate number. However, with the advent of 911 and the vast increase in population in the District, five commissioners will give the citizens the representation they now need and deserve.

The Federal and State regulatory changes that have come about demand more support for and by our District. Just the increase in 911 calls is nearly overwhelming. We need to give our "first responders" as much support as we possibly can. Please support and encourage this increase to a five member commission.

**Committee Members:** Gina Leigh, Bob Benum, and Dennis Kirstein, [yesgrahamfire@yahoo.com](mailto:yesgrahamfire@yahoo.com)  
Graham Fire & Rescue Citizen Group

#### Statement Against

No statement was submitted against this issue.

**Sound Transit (A Regional Transit Authority)  
Light-Rail, Commuter-Rail, and Bus Service Expansion  
Proposition No 1**

**Complete text of Sound Transit Resolution No. R2016-17**

A RESOLUTION of the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority calling an election to approve certain local taxes to implement Sound Transit 3: The Regional Transit System Plan for Central Puget Sound; describing the proposed high-capacity transportation system improvements; setting forth the ballot title and confirming and fixing the Authority's boundaries for said election.

WHEREAS, the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority (Sound Transit) is the duly-organized regional transit authority for Pierce, King, and Snohomish counties pursuant to Chapters 81.104 and 81.112 RCW, and is authorized to plan, construct, and permanently operate a regional high-capacity system of transportation infrastructure and services; and

WHEREAS, in general elections held on November 5, 1996 and November 4, 2008, voters approved local funding to implement plans for a regional high-capacity transportation (HCT) system serving the central Puget Sound region. The 1996 system plan is commonly known as *Sound Move*, and the 2008 system plan is commonly known as Sound Transit 2 (or ST2); and

WHEREAS, the local funding approved to implement the *Sound Move* and ST2 regional transportation plans has been used to plan, build, and operate Link light rail, Tacoma Link light rail, Sounder commuter rail, ST Express buses, and high occupancy vehicle (HOV) access lanes in King, Pierce, and Snohomish counties; and

WHEREAS, as a result of *Sound Move* and ST2, Link light rail now serves 15 stations (from University of Washington/Husky Stadium to SeaTac Airport), with a new station scheduled to open at South 200th Street (Angle Lake Station) in Fall 2016.

The Tacoma Link light rail line connects 6 stations from the Tacoma Dome to downtown Tacoma.

Sounder commuter rail runs 28 trains each weekday, with a south line serving Lakewood, South Tacoma, Tacoma, Puyallup, Sumner, Auburn, Kent, Tukwila, and Seattle; and a north line serving Everett, Mukilteo, Edmonds, and Seattle.

ST Express operates 28 regional bus routes serving 27 cities, including Everett, Lynnwood, Bothell, Mountlake Terrace, Lake Forest Park, Kenmore, Woodinville, Seattle, Kirkland, Redmond, Sammamish, Bellevue, Issaquah, Mercer Island, Renton, SeaTac, Burien, Kent, Des Moines, Auburn, Federal Way, Sumner, Puyallup, Bonney Lake, Tacoma, Lakewood, and DuPont.

*Sound Move* and ST2 also funded two-way HOV lanes between Seattle and Bellevue on Interstate 90; HOV direct access ramps between HOV lanes and transit facilities in Lynnwood, Federal Way, Totem Lake, Bellevue, Eastgate, and Mercer Island; transit centers in 28 cities, including Auburn, Bellevue, Bothell, Burien, Des Moines, DuPont, Edmonds, Everett, Federal Way, Issaquah, Kenmore, Kent, Kirkland, Lakewood, Lynnwood, Mercer Island, Mountlake Terrace, Mukilteo, Newcastle, Puyallup, Redmond, Sammamish, SeaTac, Seattle, Shoreline, Sumner, Tacoma, and Tukwila; freeway bus stations in Bothell, Mountlake Terrace, Totem Lake, and Eastgate; and other transit-supportive services and facilities; and

WHEREAS, although *Sound Move* and ST2 address

current and future regional mobility needs by implementing effective transportation alternatives, local planning agencies predict continued significant population and employment growth for the central Puget Sound region in the next several decades; and

WHEREAS, after conducting a comprehensive outreach effort to obtain input from the region's residents about their transportation needs, the Sound Transit Board passed Resolution No. R2016-16 (June 23, 2016) adopting Sound Transit 3: The Regional Transit System Plan for Central Puget Sound (Sound Transit 3 Plan or Plan). The Plan responds to the region's predicted growth by offering expanded transportation projects and services to be implemented over an estimated 25-year time frame, along with revised financial and other policies to guide Plan implementation; and

WHEREAS, the Puget Sound Regional Council will review the Sound Transit 3 Plan for conformity with regional transportation and development plans, including Vision 2040 and Transportation 2040, and an independent Expert Review Panel has provided and will continue to provide comments on the plan consistent with RCW 81.104.110; and

WHEREAS, funding the Sound Transit 3 Plan will provide the improved light rail, commuter rail, bus rapid transit, and express bus services necessary for the continued mobility of the residents of Pierce, King, and Snohomish counties, and for the maintenance of both the environment and the economy.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority as follows:

**Section 1.** The Board hereby finds and declares that the best interests and welfare of the residents within the Sound Transit district require Sound Transit to implement the Sound Transit 3 Plan as described in the document entitled "Sound Transit 3: The Regional Transit System Plan for Central Puget Sound" adopted by Resolution No. R2016-16, and as described below. Pursuant to the Plan, Sound Transit will continue to develop regional HCT corridors and services by expanding Link light rail, Sounder commuter rail, and bus rapid transit, and by continuing interim ST Express bus service to connect the region's population, employment, and growth centers, as generally described in the Plan and as follows:

a) **Light Rail.** Sound Transit will plan, develop, and provide for the operation of an expanded regional light rail system, including new rail lines and extensions to existing rail lines. This expansion will necessitate the acquisition or construction of rail lines and rolling stock, rail stations, system access improvements, and other appurtenant facilities, as well as the acquisition of necessary rights-of-way and real property interests.

b) **Sounder Commuter Rail.** Sound Transit will plan, develop, and provide for the operation of an expanded regional commuter rail system. This expanded service is deemed a reasonable alternative transit mode, and will require the acquisition or construction of rail lines and rolling stock, rail stations, system access improvements, and other appurtenant facilities, as well as the acquisition of necessary rights-of-way and real property interests.

c) **ST Express Bus Service.** Sound Transit will plan, develop, and provide for the continued operation of a coordinated and efficient interim regional express bus

system. To implement this system, Sound Transit will acquire or construct rolling stock, transit capital infrastructure, system access improvements, and other appurtenant facilities, and will acquire necessary rights-of-way and real property interests.

d) Bus Rapid Transit (BRT). Sound Transit will plan, develop, and provide for the operation of a coordinated and efficient BRT system. To implement this system, Sound Transit will acquire or construct rolling stock, transit centers, parking facilities, system access improvements, and other appurtenant facilities, and will acquire necessary rights-of-way and real property interests.

The Sound Transit 3 Plan also provides funding to support the development of affordable housing opportunities, as well as a strategy to implement regional equitable transit-oriented development (TOD) for diverse, vibrant, mixed-use and mixed-income communities consistent with TOD plans developed with community input. In addition, the Plan will fund HCT planning and other studies to identify potential candidates for future HCT investments and other expansion options.

Sound Transit will determine the exact extent, specifications, and procurement methods for all such expansion and improvements. The cost of all necessary property acquisition and any associated relocation; construction, architectural, design, engineering, permitting, legal, planning, and other related consulting services; inspection and testing; administrative expenses; taxes and fees, including the sales and use tax offset fee; equipment, operations and maintenance, and capital replacement; debt service; and other costs incurred in connection with the implementation of the Sound Transit 3 Plan improvements is hereby deemed a part of the costs of such improvements.

The Board will determine the application of available monies as between the various projects set forth above, consistent with the financial policies adopted as part of the Sound Transit 3 Plan. The Board will provide legislative direction as may be necessary to respond to changed conditions and circumstances so as to accomplish, as nearly as may be, all improvements described or provided for in this section and in the Sound Transit 3 Plan.

In accordance with the Sound Transit 3 Plan, Sound Transit may from time to time issue bonds, receive loans, incur other financial obligations, including, without limitation, either tax-backed or non-tax-backed financial and other arrangements with public or private entities, to fund and carry out the Plan, and subject to such terms and conditions as are determined by the Board consistent with Chapter 81.112 RCW. The Board may use the proceeds of the voter-approved taxes as described herein to pay principal and interest on said bonds, loans, or obligations for which Sound Transit voter-approved taxes are pledged.

The Board finds and declares that the approximate estimated cost of the Sound Transit 3 Plan during the estimated twenty-five-year implementation period, including costs incident thereto, is, as near as may be estimated, the sum of \$53.8 billion (year-of-expenditure dollars) (including capital, operating, and maintenance costs, as well as accounting for inflation).

Section 2. In the event the funds legally available to implement the Sound Transit 3 Plan, including, without limitation, local taxes, fares, other revenue, bonds, loans, federal grants, and other contributions from any source, exceed the amount required to fully implement the Plan

(including unfunded provisional projects identified in the Plan), Sound Transit will use such excess funds as the Board may determine to be in the best interests of the region. Such uses may include, but would not be limited to, the application of funds to existing or new fund accounts; *Sound Move* or ST2 plan improvements; right-of-way preservation; expanded transit services and associated capital and operating and maintenance costs; capital replacement costs; reserve fund accounts for future operating and capital costs; reducing debt service costs, or reducing the total level of bonded or other indebtedness, or reducing tax levies; and/or authorizing new improvements affordable within the financial plan, as the Board deems appropriate, consistent with Resolution No. R2016-16.

In the event that funds legally available to implement the Sound Transit 3 Plan, including, without limitation, local taxes, other revenue, fares, bond proceeds, loan proceeds, federal grants, and other contributions from any source, are determined by the Board to be sufficient to implement the Plan, Sound Transit will acquire, construct, equip, operate, maintain, replace, or make such improvements to existing or new facilities and equipment to implement and achieve the objectives of the Plan, all as the Board finds necessary. Such improvements may include ST2 and *Sound Move* improvements.

In the event the Sound Transit 3 Plan improvements, or some portion thereof, are for any reason determined to be unaffordable due to increased cost or insufficiency of legally available funds, or are deemed impracticable or infeasible due to changed or unforeseen conditions or *force majeure* occurrence or event, or otherwise impracticable or infeasible for any other reason, Sound Transit will use the available funds to pay for the cost of those improvements, or portions thereof, contained in the Plan, or in ST2 or *Sound Move*, that the Board deems, in its discretion, to be most necessary and in the best interests of Sound Transit after consideration of the Plan and the financial policies adopted as part of the Plan. The Board may amend the Plan accordingly to reflect such adjustments to the Plan as the Board, in its discretion, deems appropriate under the circumstances, and as permitted by law or as provided by this Resolution. In addition, or alternatively, the Board may, in its discretion, implement the steps authorized in the "Adjustments to Subarea Projects and Services" section of the Financial Policies adopted in Resolution No. R2016-16 (Appendix B), and use the resulting available funds (1) to pay for such portions of the capital and/or service improvements identified in the Sound Transit 3 Plan, or in ST2 or in *Sound Move*, or such other capital and/or service improvements, that are affordable, practical, and feasible, and that the Board in its discretion determines best achieve the stated goals of the Plan; and/or (2) to pay principal or interest on bonds, loans, or other obligations; all as the Board in its discretion determines to be most necessary and in the best interests of Sound Transit after consideration of the Plan and the financial policies adopted as part of the Plan, or otherwise appropriate or necessary in accordance with law and Board policies.

Section 3. Voter approval of this Resolution and the Sound Transit 3 Plan incorporated herein by reference authorizes the imposition, levy, and collection of taxes to fund the planning, design, construction, and ongoing operations and maintenance of the transportation

projects and services that are part of the Sound Transit 3 Plan, ST2, or *Sound Move*. The construction of any future capital phase improvements program not authorized in the Sound Transit 3 Plan, ST2, or *Sound Move*, or in this resolution, will require additional voter approval.

Section 4. For the sole purpose of providing funds for the planning, development, construction and permanent operation and maintenance of an HCT system as provided in Chapters 81.104 and 81.112 RCW, and as described in the Sound Transit 3 Plan adopted in Resolution No. R2016-16 (and fully incorporated herein by reference), and as described in Resolution No. 73 (May 31, 1996) and in Resolution No. R2008-10 (July 24, 2008), and if approved by the voters, Sound Transit will do the following:

(1) after first allocating sufficient funds to pay the ongoing monetary obligations incurred to implement *Sound Move* and ST2 as such obligations come due, Sound Transit will use revenue generated by the taxes approved by voters to fund *Sound Move* and ST2 to pay a portion of the cost to implement the Sound Transit 3 Plan. These voter-approved taxes include the existing nine-tenths of one percent (0.9%) sales and use tax and the existing three-tenths of one percent (0.3%) motor-vehicle excise tax (which motor-vehicle excise tax will not be imposed after 2028). The tax revenue estimated to be available from these existing voter-approved taxes to fund the Sound Transit 3 Plan is \$8.488 billion (year-of-expenditure dollars); and

(2) in addition to the existing taxes described in subsection 4(1) above, Sound Transit will fix, levy, or impose, and collect the following:

(a) as provided in RCW 81.104.170, an additional sales and use tax of up to five-tenths of one percent (0.5%);

(b) as provided in RCW 81.104.175, a property tax of twenty-five cents (\$0.25) or less per \$1,000 of assessed valuation commencing in 2017, and thereafter in annual amounts that include the statutorily permitted annual increases to the aggregate amount of the property tax collected as required to comply with Chapter 84.55 RCW. But in no case will the rate applied to determine the levy amount exceed twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per \$1,000 of assessed valuation of the property; and

(c) as provided in RCW 81.104.160, an additional motor-vehicle excise tax of up to eight-tenths of one percent (0.8%).

One or more of the taxes described in this Section 4 will be levied and imposed for the period of time required to pay the cost to plan, design, construct, and permanently operate, maintain, and replace the transit improvements, facilities, and services comprising the Sound Transit HCT system described in the Sound Transit 3 Plan adopted in Resolution No. R2016-16, and in Resolution No. 73, and in Resolution No. R2008-10, including the period of time required to repay bonds or other financial obligations. After completing the capital projects in the *Sound Move*, ST2, and the Sound Transit 3 Plan, the sales and use tax and/or the property tax and/or the motor-vehicle excise tax will collectively or individually be either terminated or reduced to the level required to operate, maintain, and/or replace the improvements, transit facilities, and services. The Sound Transit Board will determine, in its discretion, whether the sales and use tax, property tax, or motor-vehicle excise tax, or some combination thereof, should be terminated or reduced, and the amount of any reduction.

Sound Transit may levy or impose and collect these existing and additional taxes for the purposes described herein if the voters within Sound Transit's district approve such taxes at the election called by this Resolution No. R2016-17 pursuant to RCW 81.112.030, subject to Section 7 herein. Notwithstanding any other provision of this resolution, Sound Transit may apply any proceeds from any sales and use taxes, property taxes, and/or motor-vehicle excise taxes imposed by Sound Transit to the repayment of bonds issued to finance the Sound Transit 3 Plan, or ST2 or *Sound Move*, in accordance with covenants made by Sound Transit in connection with the issuance of those bonds.

Section 5. The additional voter-approved taxes will be levied or imposed at such rates and collected as of such dates as may be determined by the Board pursuant to law. Subject to voter approval in accordance with this Resolution No. R2016-17, the Board hereby fixes, levies, and imposes on November 29, 2016, for collection commencing January 1, 2017, the additional five-tenths of one percent (0.5%) sales and use tax, and the additional eight-tenths of one percent (0.8%) motor-vehicle excise tax. The Board intends to fix, levy, or impose the property tax in November 2016 after receiving the assessed property valuation for 2017.

If this Resolution No. R2016-17 is approved by voters, the voter-approved taxes fixed, levied, imposed, and collected by Sound Transit will be as follows: the motor-vehicle excise tax rate will be up to one and one-tenth of one percent (1.1%) until 2028, and up to eight-tenths of one percent (0.8%) thereafter; the property tax will be twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per \$1,000 of assessed valuation commencing in 2017, and thereafter at the rate (not to exceed twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per \$1,000 of assessed valuation) and at the amount required to comply with Chapter 84.55 RCW; and the sales and use tax rate will be up to one and four-tenths of one percent (1.4%).

Section 6. An exemption from that portion, if any, of the additional five-tenths of one percent (0.5%) sales and use tax fixed, levied, and imposed by this Resolution No. R2016-17 is hereby provided for those sales of lodging for which, but for the exemption, the total sales tax rate imposed on sales of lodging as of the date of the taxable event would exceed the maximum total sales tax rate allowed by RCW 82.14.410. The exemption is limited to that portion of the additional sales tax imposed by this Resolution No. R2016-17 equal to the amount, if any, by which the total sales tax rate imposed on sales of lodging as of the date of the taxable event would otherwise exceed the maximum total sales tax rate authorized by RCW 82.14.410. For purposes of this resolution, "sale of lodging" and "total sales tax rate" are defined as provided in RCW 82.14.410.

Section 7. Notwithstanding the outcome of the election called herein, Sound Transit will continue to levy or impose the existing voter-approved nine-tenths of one percent (0.9%) sales and use tax and the existing three-tenths of one percent (0.3%) motor-vehicle excise tax for the purposes set forth in Resolution Nos. 75 and R2008-11, and as provided in *Sane Transit v. Sound Transit*, 151 Wn.2d 60, 85 P.3d 346 (2004), and *Pierce County v. State*, 159 Wn.2d 16, 148 P.3d 1002 (2006).

Section 8. To ensure that implementation of the Sound Transit 3 Plan occurs within the framework and intent of

the financial policies adopted by Resolution No. R2016-16, Sound Transit's financial statements will be subjected to a financial audit each year by an independent auditing firm. In addition, Sound Transit will appoint and maintain an advisory citizen oversight panel to perform annual reviews of Sound Transit's performance and financial plans throughout the construction period. The oversight panel will provide reports and recommendations to the Board.

**Section 9.** Each of the Sound Transit 3 Plan's HCT projects and services have independent utility and should be completed notwithstanding any inability to complete or implement other Plan projects and services for any reason, including the invalidity of any provision in Resolution No. R2016-16, this Resolution No. R2016-17, or in the Sound Transit 3 Plan. If any provision in either of these resolutions or in the Plan, or their application in any particular circumstance, is held invalid for any reason, the remaining provisions, and the application of such invalid provision to other circumstances, are not affected. Notwithstanding the invalidity of one or more provisions in the resolutions or in the Plan, the remaining provisions in each resolution and in the Plan will remain valid in all respects to fund and implement the continued planning, development, construction and permanent operation and maintenance of each transit project and service identified in the Sound Transit 3 Plan, ST2, and *Sound Move*.

**Section 10.** The Sound Transit Board finds and declares that this Resolution No. R2016-17 is the proposition to be submitted to the voters to be voted upon at the general election to be held within Sound Transit's boundaries on November 8, 2016. The Board requests that the Pierce County Auditor, the King County Elections Director, and the Snohomish County Auditor assume jurisdiction over and call and conduct such election, and submit this Resolution No. R2016-17 as the Sound Transit proposition to the voters, and use regular polling places or other authorized voting ballot procedures as provided in Chapters 81.104 and 81.112 RCW and other applicable law.

The Board directs the chief executive officer to request these county elections officials to print a complete and accurate copy of this Resolution No. R2016-17 in the local voters' pamphlet, and to coordinate the production and distribution of the voters' pamphlet, pursuant to such arrangements as the county elections officials deem appropriate and necessary, all as required by RCW 81.104.140(9) and Chapter 29A.32 RCW.

**Section 11.** The chief executive officer is authorized and directed to certify to the Pierce County Auditor, the King County Elections Director, the Snohomish County Auditor, and such other appropriate officials, within the time required by law, a copy of this Resolution No. R2016-17 as the proposition to be submitted and voted upon at said election.

**Section 12.** The chief executive officer is further authorized and directed to certify to the Pierce County Auditor, the King County Elections Director, the Snohomish County Auditor, and such other appropriate officials, within the time required by law, a copy of the ballot title for this Resolution No. R2016-17. The ballot title will be in substantially the following form:

**Sound Transit (A Regional Transit Authority)  
Light-Rail, Commuter-Rail, and Bus Service Expansion  
Proposition No. \_\_\_**

The Sound Transit Board passed Resolution No. R2016-17 concerning expansion of mass transit in King, Pierce, and Snohomish counties. This measure would expand light-rail, commuter-rail, and bus rapid transit service to connect population, employment and growth centers, and authorize Sound Transit to levy or impose: an additional 0.5% sales and use tax; a property tax of \$0.25 or less per \$1,000 of assessed valuation; an additional 0.8% motor-vehicle excise tax; and continue existing taxes to fund the local share of the \$53.8 billion estimated cost (including inflation), with independent audits, as described in the Mass Transit Guide and Resolution No. R2016-17. Should this measure be:

Approved.....

Rejected.....

**Section 13.** At least 20 days before the election called herein, Sound Transit will mail a description of the Sound Transit 3 Plan entitled "Mass Transit Guide" to each registered voter in the Sound Transit district.

**Section 14.** The Sound Transit Board finds and declares that the boundaries provided in Exhibit A-1 to this Resolution No. R2016-17 are hereby fixed as the final election boundaries for the Authority's election to be held on November 8, 2016. The Board directs and authorizes the chief executive officer to deliver these final election boundaries to the Pierce County Auditor, the King County Elections Director, and the Snohomish County Auditor within the time required by law.

**Section 15.** The Board hereby authorizes the chief executive officer to pay Sound Transit's proportionate share of the costs of the election and to take any other and further actions deemed necessary to implement the policies and determinations of the Board pursuant to this Resolution No. R2016-17.

**Section 16.** Any action taken consistent with the authority granted by, but before the effective date of this Resolution No. R2016-17, is ratified, approved, and confirmed.

ADOPTED by the Board of the Central Puget Sound Regional Transit Authority by not less than a two-thirds affirmative vote of the entire membership of the Board at a regular meeting thereof held on June 23, 2016.

Note: Exhibit A-1 is available at [PierceCountyElections.org](http://PierceCountyElections.org)

# Felons and Voting Rights

If you're not under the authority of the Department of Corrections (DOC) for a felony conviction, you can vote.

Not sure? Call (800) 430-9674 to check your status.

## Restoring your right to vote

If you were convicted of a felony in another state or in federal court, your right to vote is restored as long as you are not currently incarcerated for that felony.

Once your right to vote is restored, you must re-register in order to receive a ballot. You can re-register online: [PierceCountyElections.org](http://PierceCountyElections.org)

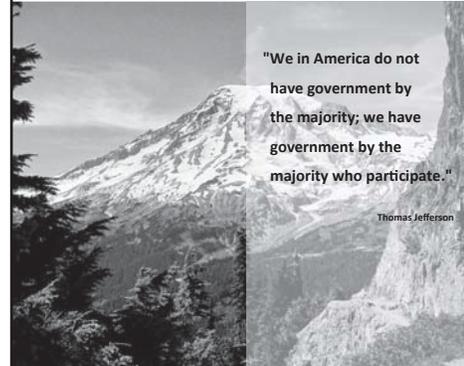
You **do not** lose the right to vote for a misdemeanor conviction or a conviction in juvenile court.

## Felony Screening

Three times a year, the Secretary of State uses information provided by DOC and the state court system to screen the list of registered voters for ineligible felons.

This pamphlet contains information about local Pierce County candidates and issues.

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### **Ballots will be mailed by October 21.**

If you do not receive your ballot by Friday, October 28, contact us to request a replacement ballot.

### **Return your ballot early!**

Mail your ballot by November 4, 2016 so it's postmarked by November 8, 2016. Or, use a postage-free drop box. (See page 4)

Ballot drop boxes close at 8:00 p.m. on November 8, 2016.

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