

Official Local Voters' Pamphlet - General Information

In 1989, the voters of the state signed an initiative to the Legislature requiring the state to hold a Presidential Primary every four years. This year's Presidential Primary will be held on February 29, 2000.

Pierce County President of the United States Vote for One	
Democratic	Republican
Bill Bradley	Gary Bauer
Al Gore	George W. Bush
Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.	Steve Forbes
	Orrin Hatch
	Alan Keyes
	John McCain

If you are an absentee voter, you will receive one consolidated ballot which will contain the candidates for each party, and an unaffiliated portion that will contain all candidates. The first section of the ballot will ask you to select your party preference.

The next step will be to vote the section that matches your party choice.

Vote that section only!

When complete make sure that you read and check the oath that corresponds to your choice on the ballot.

Then sign, date and return.

I declare that I consider myself to be a DEMOCRAT and I will not participate in the nominating process of any other political party for the 2000 presidential election.
I declare that I am a member of the REPUBLICAN party and I have not participated and will not participate in the 2000 precinct caucuses or convention system of any other party.
I do not want to sign a party declaration. I understand that party rules may not allow my vote to be used to select delegates to the nominating conventions.

If you vote at the polls... If you are a poll voter, the boardworkers will ask you when you sign in if you wish to vote a Democratic, Republican or Unaffiliated ballot. You will then read the Party Declaration and circle either the D, R or U in the poll book. The "Democratic" ballot will only contain Democratic candidates and the "Republican" ballot will only contain Republican candidates. The "Unaffiliated" ballot will contain **all** candidates from **both** parties.

Party Caucus Information...

Both the Democratic and Republican parties will hold precinct caucuses on March 7, 2000.

For information on the caucuses, call your party directly or click on the link below.

Pierce County Democratic Party 3049 South 36th St. Tacoma, WA 98409 (253) 473-6812	Pierce County Republican Party 739 St. Helens Ave. Tacoma, WA 98402 (253) 383-1795
Democratic State Central Committee PO Box 4027 Seattle, WA 98104 (206) 583-0664	Republican State Committee 16400 S. Center Pkwy #200 Seattle, WA 98188 (206) 575-2900

Proposition No. 1
Submitted by The City of University Place
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS - \$10,350,000

Official Ballot Title:

To develop and improve park lands at Cirque/Bridgeport Park, Homestead Park, Curran Orchard Park, and Colegate Park to provide playfields, playground equipment, and walking trails, and to acquire land for open space and parks, shall the City of University Place issue general obligation bonds in the principal amount of \$10,350,000, maturing within 20 years, and payable out of annual property tax levies in excess of regular property tax levies, as provided in Ordinance 253?

Explanatory Statement:

The Parks 2000 program for \$10,350,000 represents the next major step toward developing a comprehensive parks system for a wide range of ages and interests. In public meetings and community surveys since City incorporation in 1995, University Place residents identified lack of parks and loss of open space as major concerns. Compared to cities of similar size, University Place lags far behind in park land and improvements. In 1997, the City completed a Comprehensive Plan for Parks, Recreation and Open Space and purchased several sites for future parks. Projects to be completed within five years include: \$6 million to develop Cirque-Bridgeport Park with trails, three sports fields, skateboard park, picnic shelter and children's play structures; \$1.5 million for trails, water feature and picnic areas in Homestead Park; \$500,000 for irrigation system, events stage, and play areas at Curran Orchard; \$300,000 to improve sports fields with matching funds from the U.P. School District; \$50,000 for a children's playground at Colegate Park; \$500,000 for trail improvements and conservation easements; and \$1,500,000 for land and greenbelt acquisitions, grant match and contingency. Improvements and land acquisition will be funded through voter approved bonds; current City revenues will support maintenance and operations.

Statement For:

Parks are an investment for all of us. Parks enhance our quality of life, improve our health by promoting physical fitness, and add beauty. They provide safe places to play and help reduce crime by offering recreational opportunities for everyone, regardless of age or ability.

Our City has improved roads, installed sidewalks and streetlights, increased police protection, and purchased park lands. Now it's time to make our parks plan a reality. Bond passage is essential for any major park improvements to occur. Passage of the bond will allow current park funds to be used for maintenance. This is the next step toward developing a comprehensive parks system for our community.

During the past two years, citizens have contributed numerous ideas through public hearings, committee meetings, and surveys. This park bond is **affordable**. It offers a well-balanced approach toward providing activities for all ages and interests to enjoy. Now is the time to make our dreams a reality. The bond includes playfields, playgrounds, walking trails, a skateboard park, covered picnic shelters and open space in parks throughout the City.

Passage of this bond will give us the opportunity to enjoy life in a relaxed and healthy environment. Finally, we can have the parks we've all waited for! Invest in our community for today and for the future.....Say Yes to Parks on February 29.

Statement prepared by : Ron Williams, Beverly McConaghy and Linda L. McCallum

Statement Against:

Fellow Citizens of University Place:

Parks and Recreation is an essential part of our community. We need park lands, fields, a community center and other amenities to make our community whole. However, the parks plan as laid out and modified by the city council is not an acceptable plan. There is no community center being built and no funding for operations or maintenance. After four years of planning, the city council cut the community center and maintenance in the final hours. Our current parks are not being maintained to an acceptable level. Recreation programs have been cut. Why

pay more taxes for less service? Make our government/city council responsible for all of our needs. Under the current plan the taxpayer is being asked for \$125 per year. (Based on a \$150,000 home). This is for a passive parks plan with no community center or maintenance. We will be asked a number of times, under the current plan, to approve other bonds for building a community center and maintenance. Each election will cost between \$20-30,000. The city council needs a comprehensive plan that will fulfill the needs of our community far into the 21st century. This plan does not achieve those goals. Join us....Vote No to Parks.

Statement prepared by : Former Park District Commissioners, Michael Adams and Brian Halquist

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Proposition No. 1
Submitted by Fife School District No. 417
GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS – \$35,000,000

Official Ballot Title:

For acquiring, constructing and equipping a new junior high school and a new elementary school, due to increased student enrollment, and making other capital improvements, shall Fife School District No. 417 issue \$35,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum term of 20 years from date of issue and shall annual tax levies in excess of regular property tax levies be authorized to repay such bonds, all as provided in District Resolution No. 99-6?

Explanatory Statement:

On September 27, 1999 the School Board authorized a school construction bond for a new elementary and junior high school. This bond is an integral part of the district's long-range capital facility plan as approved by citizens, students, and staff, and will help meet the facility needs of our growing student population. Currently, students occupy 19 portables, the equivalent of an elementary school. Student enrollment increased 6.5% over the past two years, and is expected to keep growing. Many new housing projects are currently in the planning/construction phase. Our ability to keep class size at a reasonable number as desired by the community is becoming more difficult due to lack of space. Under the proposed \$35,000,000 bond, taxpayers would pay an increase of approximately \$1.24 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. To keep rates down, the district entered into a partnership with the City of Fife to acquire land and jointly share facilities for athletics, library, and parks. Additionally, the district is using prototype plans from other previously constructed schools. Interest earned during the course of construction will fund the district's instructional technology needs, thus eliminating the need for a technology levy.

Statement For:

Great educational opportunities attract more students.

The Fife-Milton School District has established itself as a district where families want their children to be educated. The resulting growth has filled all current school buildings as well as enough portable classrooms to fill another school. There are currently over 500 houses planned to be built within the district. It is anticipated that this growth will bring more than 600 new students into our schools.

Community based long range planning.

In 1996, 40 community members met for six months and developed this long-range plan for housing these students. Their plan is to build another elementary school for 600 students and junior high school for 750 students.

Partnership formed as a cost efficient measure to save you money.

We applaud the efforts of the School Board and the Fife City Council to form a partnership for the benefit of the entire community. Building the junior high on city owned property will save an estimated 3 to 5 million dollars in land costs. The school district will use existing building plans resulting in another 1.5 million dollars of savings in design fees. In addition, moving from a middle school concept to a junior high alignment will result in matching funds from the state in excess of \$600,000.

Additional benefits for you and the community.

When completed, we will enjoy two new schools, a city-school district partnership with several new sports fields and family oriented recreational opportunities. Additionally, the School Board has indicated that all interest earned from this bond will be dedicated to keeping our schools current with technology advancements.

Please support this bond.

Statement prepared by : Jackie Kenyon, Steve Manske and Craig Taylor

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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Proposition No. 1
Submitted by
Yelm Community Schools District No. 2

Official Ballot Title:

Upon the expiration of the current maintenance and operation levy, shall the following taxes for purposes of operation and maintenance be levied in excess of all regular property tax levies, upon all taxable property within Yelm Community Schools, District No. 2 for the district's general fund:

Levy Year	Collection Year of Assessed Value	Approximate Levy Rate per \$1,000	Levy Amount
2000	2001	\$3.10	\$3,467,000
2001	2002	\$3.10	\$3,675,000
2002	2003	\$3.10	\$3,894,000
2003	2004	\$3.10	\$4,129,000

as specified in resolution No. 11-09-99-27?

Explanatory Statement:

Yelm Community Schools No. 2 provides educational services to children of the community in grades K-12. Passage of this proposition would allow for the replacement of the existing maintenance and operations levy that is expiring. The proposed four-year levy would be paid into the District's General Fund during school years 2000-2001, 2001-2002, 2002-2003, and 2003-2004. The taxes collected under this proposition would mean \$3.10 per \$1,000 assessed value in 2001, \$3.10 per \$1,000 assessed value in 2002, \$3.10 per \$1,000 assessed value in 2003, and \$3.10 per \$1,000 assessed value in 2004.

The funds collected by this levy will be applied to the general operating funds of the District for purposes of maintenance and operation of the District's educational services, supplementing state funds for such purposes. Staffing, supplies and materials, transportation services, extracurricular programs, roof repair, and staff inservice training are examples of costs supported by levy dollars.

Statement For:

Yelm Schools deserves your support on February 29th for the maintenance and operations **replacement** levy. The levy rate (\$3.10 per \$1000) is the **lowest** of any district in our surrounding area. The four-year duration will provide for financial stability and maintain our low tax rates through 2004. **It will also save the district approximately \$50,000 in election costs over the four-year period.**

Our district is doing a great job educating our kids. Test scores are rising, attendance rates are up, high school dropouts are down, and our effort to align our curriculum and teaching strategies with the new state standards is well underway. School safety and student discipline continue to be high priorities for our district. And we accomplish all of this with lower tax rates than our neighbors.

Keep our schools strong by voting "**yes**" for Yelm Schools on February 29th.

Statement prepared by : Glenn Blando and Glen Cunningham

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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