



Submitted by the City of Fife

Proposition No. 1

Official Ballot Title: Should the City of Fife abandon its current Mayor-Council form of government and adopt a Council-Manager form of government?

Explanatory Statement: The City of Fife currently operates under the Council-Mayor form of government. The Mayor is elected by the citizens and is the Chief Administrative and Chief Executive Officer for the City. A "no" vote will result in the form of government remaining the same. A "yes" vote will result in the City changing its form of government to a Council-Manager form of government. Under the Council-Manager form of Government there is no separation between the executive branch and the legislative branch of government. The City Manager is the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Administrative Officer. The City Manager is appointed by the City Council, and can be removed from office by the City Council.

Statement For:

The current mayor and all living past mayors signed the petition supporting this change.

They have experienced the ever-growing complexities of running a city with an 18 million-dollar budget. The requirements for the current administrator are: masters in public administration; bachelors in finance; five years of management experience. ***We will not likely meet these requirements with an elected official.***

All citizens of Fife will receive uniform and fair representation.

The council-manager form of government will spread the policy making among 7 people. *A continuity of experience will bring harmony and progress* . At least 3 experienced council members remain after each election. They serve 4 year staggered terms.

We are already paying for a manager .

Per the Mayor's request a city administrator was hired. We will save over \$32,000 a year by eliminating the now unnecessary mayor's position.

Most new and large cities select the council-manager form of government.

Fife is a small city with a Big city budget. We need a professional, trained manager. Opposition arises from council members fearing the loss of their positions and from those who wish to be mayor. The skills required to be elected the mayor are not the same as those needed to run our City. ***Who do you prefer to handle your money, a politician or a trained professional?*** Please join us in supporting this progressive move to modernize government. ***Your Your Yes vote for proposition #1 will bring peace, harmony, and efficiency to our City government. It is time for a change.***

Statement prepared by :

*Walt Fietz, Mike Kelley and Joe Rozenski
People Encouraging Good Good Government*

Statement Against:

Do you want to lose your community center, pool and truck routes?

A Mayor/Council form of government provides for the will of the people thru the elected council members and the mayor, as all are elected by the people. This is the only system that provides for a check on the balance of power. It is this check

that provides for the equity in our system of government. One of the checks to insure that the will of the people rules, is the power of the "veto". The veto allows the mayor to "check" the actions of the council in the event that they are swayed too far to one side or the other. The mayor serves at the will of the people. This power of veto is key to all the legislative bodies of our government, federal, state and local.

Under a City Manager/Council form of government the system of checks and balances is distorted. The City Manager serves at will of the council, not the people. The point to remember is that the City Manager serves at the will of the Council and can easily be removed by a majority of the council.

The Mayor/Council form of government best serves the often diverse interests of the individual, the corporation, the minority and the majority!

Statement prepared by :

Barry Johnson and Garrett Spies

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Proposition No. 2 — Advisory Ballot

Official Ballot Title: Should the City Council for the City of Fife pass a Resolution to annex the City of Fife into the Pierce County Library District if the Pierce County Library District agrees to locate a regional library in the City of Fife?

Explanatory Statement: The City of Fife currently does not have a library, and is not part of the Pierce County Library District. This is an advisory vote only. A yes or no vote will have no legal significance. However, it will advise the Fife City Council on the issue of library services within the City of Fife. A "yes" vote will advise the City Council that you wish to have the City join the Pierce County Library District if a regional library is located in the City of Fife. A "no" vote will advise the City Council that you do not want the Council to pass a resolution annexing the City of Fife into the Pierce County Library District.

Statement For:

No statement was submitted for this issue.

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Statement Against:

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**Proposition No.1
Submitted by Puyallup School District No. 3**

**REPLACEMENT CAPITAL LEVY FOR EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY AND FOR
AN ENHANCED 911 COMMUNICATION SYSTEM**

Official Ballot Title:

To acquire an enhanced 911 communication system and educational technology improvements to the District's facilities, shall Puyallup School District No. 3 levy the following excess taxes upon all taxable property within the District

<u>Levy Year</u>	<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Approximate Levy Rate Per \$1,000 Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
1999	2000	\$0.22	\$1,116,667
2000	2001	0.21	1,116,667
2001	2002	0.20	1,116,667
2002	2003	0.19	1,116,667
2003	2004	0.18	1,116,667
2004	2005	0.17	1,116,667

As described in Resolution No. 67-1998/99?

Explanatory Statement:

Puyallup School District No. 3 (the "District") seeks voter approval of a replacement capital levy for technology improvements in the aggregate amount of \$6,700,000, which will be collected over six years, commencing in 2000. The replacement capital levy will pay the cost of acquiring, constructing and installing certain capital technology improvements to the District's existing education facilities, including, but not limited to, computer learning systems, communications and information systems, and safety enhancements, 911 communication system improvements and a contingency for future technology expansion. These capital technology improvements will be part of an integrated technology system for instruction and research. The replacement capital levy to provide for technology improvements is a six-year levy that will impose an excess property tax levy upon all taxable property with the District as follows:

<u>Levy Year</u>	<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>*Levy Rate</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
1999	2000	\$0.22	\$1,116,667
2000	2001	0.21	1,116,667
2001	2002	0.20	1,116,667
2002	2003	0.19	1,116,667
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(*Approximate levy rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation)

The District will use replacement capital levy proceeds during the 1999-2000 through 2004-2005 school years. The replacement capital technology levy will replace the District's current capital technology levy that expired in the year 1998.

**Statement For:
Student Safety**

Currently, when Puyallup schools call 911 for emergency medical aid and law enforcement assistance the response time is delayed several critical minutes.

Outdated communications systems do not automatically display correct address information to the emergency agency when a 911 call is made from a school. The funds provided by this levy will create an updated 911 telephone system that will provide the same emergency service we all have in our homes. **Vote "Yes" Today for Student Safety** .

Career Opportunities

Puyallup students are entitled to learn skills in computer technology so they can compete for jobs, college admissions, and advanced vocational training. Voters need to recognize that classroom computers must keep pace with the rapid changes in the workplace and future employers' expectations for well-trained workers. Computer knowledge is serious business in our schools and is one of several priorities in our **student learning improvement plan** . Please support this investment in technology. **Vote "Yes" Today for Our Children's Future** .

Statement prepared by :

Doug Westmark and Sally Knab, Citizens Committee for Education

Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

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Proposition No. 1
Submitted by Bethel School District No. 403

SCHOOL PROGRAM MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION LEVY

Official Ballot Title:

To replace an expired school levy and meet the educational needs of students in Bethel School District 403, shall the district levy the following taxes upon all taxable property within the district for the purpose of supporting educational programs and providing school operating and maintenance funds for three years:

<u>Collection Year</u>	<u>Approximate Levy Rate per \$1,000 Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2000	\$3.53	\$13,300,000
2001	\$3.52	\$13,900,000
2002	\$3.50	\$14,600,000

all as specified in District Resolution 2 (98-99)?

Explanatory Statement:

Approval of the 2000, 2001 and 2002 levy request will restore funding over a three year period in a number of programs that were cut back or eliminated following the 1998 levy loss. Areas where levy funds will be targeted include those identified by parents and community as vitally important such as:

Student textbooks, school safety and security, school buses and transportation costs, programs for higher academic standards, classroom computers, preventive building maintenance, special programs such as music and gifted and student extracurricular activities.

This levy replaces the levy that was approved in 1996 and expired in 1998 (\$3.48 per \$1,000). A three-year levy will provide stable funding with a decreasing tax rate and a reduction in costs related to holding elections less frequently.

When voting on levies, we are voting on the total amount of money, not the tax rate. The rate is an estimate. If the assessed value increases, the tax rate goes down because the amount to be collected is fixed. The tax rate expires each year and is replaced by the next.

Statement For:

Vote Yes for safe schools. Vote Yes for safe buses. Vote Yes for textbooks. Support the Levy!

Bethel community schools deserve your support with a yes vote on February 2. Bethel's outstanding school board and staff are committed to providing the best possible education at the best price.

But our children need your help. Washington does not fully fund your schools. Only about 85% of what it takes to maintain a quality education system comes from the state, we voters must make up the rest.

This year the levy expired. No levy funds will be collected in 1999. The expired levy was passed by you in 1996 for \$3.48 per thousand, but it needs to be renewed just like a magazine subscription.

The schools have struggled to try to provide needed programs and services with drastic cuts. These cuts will double if the levy does not pass this year.

Voting Yes means safe schools. Voting Yes means safe buses. Voting Yes means Textbooks to learn from.

Voting Yes means your share will go down every year. That's right, your share will decrease each year, from \$3.53 per thousand dollars of assessed value in 2000 to \$3.52 in 2001 to \$3.50 in 2002. It's only 5 cents more than 1998.

Is a child's safety and education worth 5 cents? Please Vote Yes on February 2.

Statement prepared by :

Meg Bushnell, Mark Banta and Chris Brayton, The Bethel Citizens' Committee for School Support

Statement Against:

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