

Pierce County Official Local

# Voters' Pamphlet

**Special Election - April 27, 2010**



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# Message from The Auditor

**Dear Pierce County Voter:**

## **Polls Closed**

Polls will not be open for this April Special Election. This decision was not made by the Auditor's Office. Unlike the Primary and General Elections, State law allows the voting districts (i.e., school districts, fire districts, etc.) to decide whether or not to open polls for voting in their special elections (February, April, and May). No one chose to keep their polls open.

However, polls will definitely be open in August and November, 2010. Over 50 polling locations will be available for those Primary and General Elections.

## **Feedback**

In my previous message to voters, I asked for feedback. I received a handful of calls and letters. One voter asked us to do a better job of highlighting the deadline for Vote-By-Mail ballots by making the date and time more visible. This impacts many of you since over 80% of our voters use the mail. My thanks to that voter! We've highlighted the postmark requirement in this Voter's guide.

## **Run for Office!**

Have you considered serving your community as an elected official? Attend our candidate workshop on Thursday, April 22, 2010 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. You will hear presentations from Elections staff, the Public Disclosure Commission, and a variety of vendors about everything from how to file for office to how to get your campaign message to voters. Please e-mail [pcelections@co.pierce.wa.us](mailto:pcelections@co.pierce.wa.us) or call Brad at 253-798-2629.

## **New Online Candidate Filing System**

Innovation and efficiency are key characteristics of the Auditor's Office. We will launch a new online filing system for candidates, which will allow direct upload of forms and voter pamphlet statements, as well as online credit card payment. This process will put more responsibility in the hands of the candidates and reduce our overtime pay during this busy time.

## **Faster Election Returns**

Pierce County posted its initial release of February 9th election results at 8:07 p.m., about 45 minutes earlier than in November 2009. Faster election returns are the new standard in Pierce County. With a few minor procedural changes, we are able to shave 30 minutes or more off the average time that it has historically taken to release election results. I'm proud that our team found ways to speed up election results. I want voters to know as soon as possible that their participation made a difference.

## **Need Help?**

We can answer your elections questions! Call us at 253-798-8683 (798-VOTE).



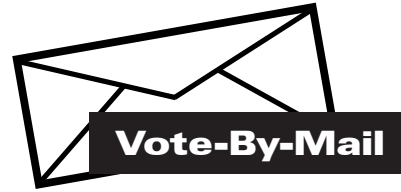
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Your ballot will contain only the issue(s) that you are eligible to vote on. See page 4 to determine which district you reside in.

At each District's request, an all Vote-By-Mail Election is being conducted.



No polling places will be open.

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## Don't wait until the last minute!



**Your ballot must be postmarked by April 27, 2010 to be counted. If you mail your ballot on Election Day, check the pick-up time to ensure it will be post-marked properly.**

**You can drop off your ballot (see page 6) or mail your ballot at anytime as soon as you are done voting it.**

# What can you vote on?

## 1. Check your Voter ID card - This card lists the districts you live in.

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

REG DATE: 9/10/1992      COUNTY ID: 244111  
PRECINCT NAME: 25-132      STATE ID: WA0005555  
POLLING PLACE: Per your request an absentee ballot will be mailed to you.

CONG CG 9	LEG LEG 25	CO. COUNCIL CC1	<b>CITY EDG</b>	PORT TACOMA
SCHOOL SD 3	<b>FIRE FIRE 8</b>	WATER NONE	SEWER NONE	<b>PARK NONE</b>

JENNIFER FROSTE  
1500 S MADISON ST  
EDGEWOOD, WA 98371

## 2. Use Info By Address

Pierce County  
Info By Address

Pierce County      Information About Your Location

Start by locating your address

OR

Zoom In to your area by clicking on the map, holding the left mouse button down and drawing a box.

Then select Locate Point and click on the map to select a location.

zoom in   zoom out   pan   back   full county  
locate address   locate point   clear all   disclaimer

SELECT A MAP LAYER

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cities/Towns	<input type="checkbox"/> Congressional Districts
<input type="checkbox"/> Council Districts	<input type="checkbox"/> Firearm Restriction Areas
<input type="checkbox"/> Legislative Districts	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Growth Service Areas

- ▶ Visit [piercecountywaw.org/elections](http://piercecountywaw.org/elections)
- ▶ Under Voter Services, click **Info By Address**
- ▶ Enter your address to find your district information, elected officials, maps, and more

## 3. Call or email the Pierce County Elections Division

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

# Not registered to vote?

## To register to vote in the state of Washington, 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 - 24 hours a day by visiting the Secretary of State's web site: [vote.wa.gov](http://vote.wa.gov)
- In person - Pierce County Elections Division, 2501 S 35th St, Suite C, Tacoma, WA 98409
- By mail - Call the Elections Division (253-798-VOTE) and we will mail you a form

## Registration deadlines:

- Online or mail - March 29, 2010
- In person (New Washington voters only) - April 19, 2010

# Would you like to Vote-By-Mail?

## There are two ways to do it!

1. Visit our website at [piercecountywawa.org/elections](http://piercecountywawa.org/elections) and submit a request online
2. Fill out this form and send it in

Pierce County Vote-By-Mail Request Form		
<input type="checkbox"/> Permanent Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Special Election Only	<b>Send to:</b> Pierce County Election Center 2501 S 35th St, Suite C Tacoma, WA 98409
Print Name As Registered		
Print Address Where You Live		City or Town      Zip Code
Date of Birth	Contact Phone Number	
Year Round Mailing Address		
Print Mailing Address		
City or Town		State      Zip Code
<b>X</b>		
Signature of Applicant		Date

# Want to drop off your ballot?

Open now through April 27, 2010

**Pierce County Annex**  
2401 S 35th St  
Tacoma

**Pierce County Election Center**  
2501 S 35th St, Suite C  
Tacoma

**Sound View Medical Plaza**  
3611 South D St  
Tacoma

**Tacoma Area Coalition of  
Individuals with Disabilities**  
6315 S 19th St  
Tacoma

**County-City Building**  
930 Tacoma Avenue South  
2nd Floor Lobby  
Tacoma  
Open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Monday - Friday



**Open 24 Hours**

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Open April 23 through April 27, 2010, 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**Bonney Lake**  
Fred Meyer  
20901 Hwy 410

**Browns Point**  
Town Center at Browns Point  
1000 Town Center

**Edgewood/Milton**  
Surprise Lake Shopping Center  
900 Meridian E

**Sumner**  
Sumner Fred Meyer  
1201 Valley Avenue

**Tacoma**  
Rite Aid  
1912 North Pearl Street

Oasis of Hope  
1937 South G Street



**Staffed -  
Limited Hours**

**All drop sites close at 8:00 p.m. on April 27, 2010.**

Maps and photos of all locations are available online: [piercecountywa.org/elections](http://piercecountywa.org/elections)



## Pierce County Election Center

2501 S 35th St, Suite C  
Tacoma, WA 98409

253-798-8683 (voice)  
800-446-4979 (voice)  
711 (TTY)

Open April 7 through April 26, 2010, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
April 27, 2010, 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.



## Tacoma Area Coalition of Individuals with Disabilities (TACID)

6315 S 19th St  
Tacoma, WA 98466

253-565-9000 (voice)  
253-565-3486 (TTY)

Open April 27, 2010, 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Be sure to bring your identification. If you want to vote using the accessible voting equipment, do not return your Vote-By-Mail ballot.

For more information on accessible voting in Pierce County, call or visit our website:  
[piercecountywaw.org/elections](http://piercecountywaw.org/elections)

Deaf and hard of hearing can contact the Hearing, Speech & Deafness Center - South Sound or use the relay to reach the Election Center directly to get answers to your questions.



253-474-1748 (TTY)  
253-292-2209 (videophone)  
253-475-0782 (voice)  
[tacoma@hsdc.org](mailto:tacoma@hsdc.org)

# Sample Ballot

## City of Buckley

### Proposition No. 1

#### Fire Station Construction Bonds

The City Council of the City of Buckley adopted Ordinance No. 06-10 concerning a proposition for financing a new fire station. If approved, this proposition would authorize the City to issue bonds for the construction of a new fire station, including all furnishings and equipment, in order to enhance fire and medical aid response. It would authorize issuance of not more than \$5,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within 30 years or less, and authorize the annual levy of excess property taxes to pay and retire such bonds, all as provided in Ordinance No. 06-10. Should this proposition be approved?

Yes ←

No ←

## City of Edgewood

### Referendum No. 1

#### Gross Receipts Utility Tax

The City Council of the City of Edgewood passed Ordinance No. 09-0331 concerning imposition of a gross receipts utility tax and the qualified electors of the City have filed a sufficient referendum petition on this ordinance. If approved, this ordinance would impose a 3.5% utility tax on the gross receipts of providers of telephone service, cable television, natural gas, electricity, sanitary sewer, storm water and solid waste collection. This ordinance also provides that the 3.5% gross receipts utility tax will automatically expire 36 months after the effective date. Should this ordinance be:

Approved ←

Rejected ←

## City of Orting

### Proposition No. 1

#### Annexation of the City of Orting to Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 18

Shall the City of Orting be annexed to and be a part of Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 18?

Yes ←

No ←

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Yes ←

No ←

### Proposition No. 2

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Yes ←

No ←

## Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma

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#### Explanatory Statement:

If approved by voters, Proposition No.1 would authorize the City of Buckley to levy excess property taxes sufficient to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000, maturing within 30 years or less of the date of issue, for the purpose of funding a project to construct a new fire station to replace its 60 year old fire station that is deficient in meeting the fire and emergency service needs of the community. The project will be located at 611 South Division Street. The project includes necessary equipment, appurtenances, and services to complete the project. The levy rate of a 30 year bond measure is estimated to be 71 cents per thousand of assessed valuation, costing the homeowner of a \$250,000 home \$15 per month. If property values increase, the estimated levy rate per thousand of assessed valuation will decrease. If property values decrease, the estimated levy rate per thousand of assessed valuation would increase. The assessed value of new construction from development will decrease the estimated levy rate per thousand of assessed valuation.

Exemptions may apply for homeowners age 61 years or older, the disabled, and those who meet income requirements set by state law.

#### Statement For:

##### **Our community needs a new fire station.**

Our existing fire station was built in 1951 when we had 22 firefighters who responded to less than 50 emergencies a year. Since then our population has tripled, and our fire department now has over 45 firefighters responding to more than 1,100 emergencies each year.

##### **We have grown.**

Our existing fire station wasn't planned for the number of firefighters, the size of today's fire engines and ambulances, the life saving equipment we use, or the increasing calls for service. This couldn't have been imagined when our existing fire station was designed 60 years ago.

##### **Why build now?**

The cost to expand our current fire station would be more expensive than the cost of building a new station. Construction costs and bond rates are lower now than they've been in years. Now is our opportunity to make a wise investment for our safety and our community.

Vote **Yes** for your safety and **Vote Yes for Proposition #1.**

**Committee Members:** Ken Whitmore, Ann Trullinger, and Dave Wytko, Citizens for a Safer Buckley, [cfasbuckley@gmail.com](mailto:cfasbuckley@gmail.com)

#### Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.



# City of Edgewood

## Referendum No. 1

### Gross Receipts Utility Tax

#### Ballot Title:

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#### Explanatory Statement:

Ensuring funding to maintain adequate levels of service to the local community, particularly law enforcement coverage, is an important budget priority for the Edgewood City Council. Recent revenue shortfalls have forced the City Council to make numerous budget reductions in 2009. These reductions have involved the elimination of six staff positions, including three in law enforcement. Referendum 1, if approved, would provide additional revenues to help offset the City's anticipated budget deficit.

State law authorizes cities to impose a tax on the gross receipts of those engaged in providing utility services. Edgewood is one of two cities in Pierce County that does not currently impose a utility tax.

If approved, Referendum 1 would establish a 3.5% utility tax on the gross receipts of providers of telephone service, cable television, natural gas, electricity, sanitary sewer, storm water and solid waste collection. The utility tax would expire automatically 36 months after taking effect. If the City Council elects to extend the tax, it would again be subject to referendum. The anticipated cost of the utility tax to an average household with monthly utility expenses of \$400 would be \$14.00 per month.

#### Statement For:

Edgewood is facing a crisis. The economic downturn has yielded revenue shortfalls of several hundred thousand dollars. In response, the city council has made substantial cuts, eliminating three staff and three police, imposing a wage freeze and adding employee contributions for benefits. Despite these efforts, the City remains in the red. If the City spends down its reserves, it will be bankrupt within three years.

The council is reluctantly asking the citizens of Edgewood to support a 3.5% utility tax, which will expire after three years. Without this revenue, the city will be forced to eliminate additional staff and police positions. Further reductions will leave the City unable to effectively manage the Meridian Corridor project, which should bring added revenue in the future. Further reductions in police will leave citizens without 24 hour protection.

The council continues to look for cuts, but Edgewood cannot survive without your help. **Vote Yes!**

**Committee Members:** Frank Hagel, [frankhagel@comcast.net](mailto:frankhagel@comcast.net), JoAnn Overfield, and Bill O'Ravez, *Save Our Services*, [sos-edgewood.org](http://sos-edgewood.org)

#### Rebuttal of Statement Against:

The current council did not vote for the 2005 utility tax or City Hall. In this economic downturn they have cut expenses, reduced staffing and as a last resort, proposed this temporary tax. Without this revenue, services will be cut further. This temporary tax is the cost of two coffees or sodas per week for the average household. Surface water fees are governed by federal mandates over which this council has no control. **Vote Yes!**

**Committee Members:** Frank Hagel, [frankhagel@comcast.net](mailto:frankhagel@comcast.net), JoAnn Overfield, and Bill O'Ravez, *Save Our Services*, [sos-edgewood.org](http://sos-edgewood.org)

#### Statement Against:

Five years ago the City of Edgewood was so desperate to impose a Utility tax that they took citizens to court to prevent our right to vote and lost. Then the City appealed to a higher court and lost again. Citizens were allowed to vote and voted it down by 85%. The City made it sound like their doors would shut without this extra tax... it didn't! Today, Edgewood has 2 million in reserves. The City's annual portion of property tax is \$3 million. **No Utility Tax In Edgewood Is Necessary.** Commercial surface water tax has *quadrupled*. Residential surface water tax *doubled*. They *threaten to cut police*. In reality they will cut other places. The City just sold \$200,000 of frontage for the road expansion. Ask your Council where this money went! 7.5 Million Was spent for City Hall, and yet, no ribbon-cutting?? **No Utility Tax In Edgewood!**

**Committee Members:** Eric Docken, 253-686-9692, Joe Clemons, and Norm Hann

#### Rebuttal of Statement For:

Total 2008/2009 shortfall was only \$278,000, which is almost completely met with the City Hall rental and road property sale.

The Meridian project is self-funding. Edgewood has **total** income of \$3,000,000 and multiple commercial lots they can sell, one appraised over \$1,000,000!

If this tax was good for all you would have been given a vote in the first place. If you allow it, this tax will never go away - just get bigger! **Vote No!**

**Committee Members:** Eric Docken, 253-686-9692, Joe Clemons, and Norm Hann



# City of Orting

## Proposition No. 1

### Annexation of the City of Orting to Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 18

#### Ballot Title:

Shall the City of Orting be annexed to and be a part of Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 18?

#### Explanatory Statement:

The City Council of Orting has passed an ordinance calling for annexation of the City into Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 18, for fire protection and emergency medical services. The Fire Commissioners of Pierce County Fire District No. 18 have passed Resolution No. 2010-001, which is similar to the resolution passed by the City, stating their agreement with the annexation, and authorizing the same ballot measure within District 18.

For several years, the City Fire Department has been consolidated with Fire District No. 18. The two agencies have operated by contract, as if there were one single department. The department is already referred to as "Orting Valley Fire and Rescue."

The consolidation has been successful. Now the two municipal entities wish to complete the process of unifying fire and rescue services in the Orting Valley area. If annexation is approved, the City would no longer have a city fire department, but a regional fire department. There will be no change in the delivery of fire and rescue services, but administration will be centralized. There will be no new taxes in the District resulting from this unification. The City estimates an increase of approximately \$56 annually on a \$200,000 home.

#### Statement For:

If you support more efficient local government and continued improvement in emergency services, please vote **Yes** on Proposition 1.

This is the final step in unifying Fire and Emergency Medical Services in the Orting Valley. In 2007, firefighters from Pierce County Fire District #18 and the City of Orting started working out of the same fire station, combining operational resources. In 2008, the City of Orting contracted all of its Fire and Emergency Medical Services to Pierce County Fire District #18, combining administration costs. Today, we are asking you to finalize the annexation of the City of Orting into Pierce County Fire District #18 to ensure that this more efficient form of local government will continue.

**Committee Members:** Jonathan Burgos, 253-861-5106, Jake Weigley, and Jesse Mitchell

#### Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.



# Fire Protection District No. 18

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**Committee Members:** Jonathan Burgos, 253-861-5106,  
Jake Weigley, and Jesse Mitchell

#### Statement Against:

No statement was submitted  
against this issue.



# Fire Protection District No. 18

## Proposition No. 2

### Increasing the Number of Commissioners - Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 18

#### Ballot Title:

Shall the Board of Commissioners of Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 18 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. 18 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 the 1950's when the population of the greater Orting Valley area was much smaller. 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 this increasing complexity. This change would also allow the Commissioners to appoint committees of the Board to study issues for presentation to the full Board.

#### Statement For:

Vote for increasing citizen representation with your fire department! Increasing from 3 to 5 members on the Board of Fire Commissioners allows for more diversity of thought and allows the Board to operate more effectively. Three member Boards many times find themselves limited in their ability to conduct business. If one member is away, tie votes can stymie the organizations ability to make timely decisions. Two additional members will allow more input, and differing opinions to be heard. Two additional members will increase the contact the Board has with the community.

Further, if the City of Orting annexes to the District, this will give City residents a direct say to the Board of Fire Commissioners. Even if the City does not annex, more representation is healthy - Vote "yes" for the 5-member Board!

**Committee Members:** Jonathan Burgos, 253-861-5106, Jesse Mitchell, and Paul Webb

#### Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.



# Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma

## Proposition No. 1

### Park and Recreation Maintenance and Operations Levy

#### Ballot Title:

The Board of Park Commissioners of the Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma, Washington adopted Resolution No. RR9-10 concerning ongoing parks and recreation maintenance, operations and security. If approved, this proposition would fund basic safety and maintain neighborhood parks and restrooms, children's playgrounds, playfields and family community centers; preserve waterfront access, trails, greenspaces, lakes and Point Defiance Park/Zoo; and continue sports and recreation programs for children and families. This proposition increases the District's property tax levy rate to \$0.75 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for collection in 2011, as allowed by RCW 84.55. This levy rate shall be used to calculate subsequent levy limits. Should this proposition be approved or rejected?

#### Explanatory Statement:

Passage of Proposition 1 of the Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma would continue basic safety, maintenance and operations of all neighborhood parks, trails, lakes, creeks, recreation facilities, community centers, and preserve recreational and sports programs for children and families. Proposition 1 continues basic safety and security measures; maintenance of playgrounds, playfields and equipment to meet safety requirements; regular lawn mowing at parks, watering, weed control and pick up of trash; recreation, sports and afterschool programs; and keeps restrooms and picnic areas open and clean. Proposition 1 also addresses the backlog of maintenance projects such as repairing roofs and electrical systems at recreation facilities and community centers and continues maintenance of Point Defiance Park and Zoo, Fort Nisqually and Seymour Conservatory. Levy funds account for fifty percent of the budget for parks operations and maintenance. The average Tacoma homeowner would pay \$4.80 more per month in 2011. Proposition 1 would increase the District's property tax rate to \$.75/\$1,000 of assessed valuation for collection in 2011, as allowed by RCW 84.55. This levy amount would be used to calculate subsequent levy limits. The measure would raise \$5.5 million annually for safety, parks maintenance, recreational programs and day-to-day operations.

#### Statement For:

**Renew our commitment - Preserve and protect neighborhood parks for our kids and grandchildren:** Safe, well-maintained and accessible neighborhood parks are essential to a healthy community. Park use is at an all-time high. We need to preserve and protect our parks so they're here for *everyone* to enjoy – now and for generations to come.

**Taking care of the basics - Needs are urgent & growing:** It's been 20 years since Tacoma voted for *basic maintenance* of our parks. Prop. 1 is for basic safety and security, maintenance and day-to-day operations of all parks, playgrounds/playfields, trails, restrooms, Point Defiance Zoo, and community centers/recreation facilities. Deferred maintenance only increases costs in the future.

**Keep recreation and sports programs for all children and families:** Prop. 1 maintains recreation, sports and after school programs for *all children* – to keep our youth active and healthy. It keeps recreation opportunities accessible and affordable for *all* Tacoma families.

**Parks Yes! Clean, green & safe for everyone:**

Please join supporters including: *Boys and Girls Clubs, League of Women Voters, Soundview Little League, Nortac Soccer, Black Collective, Tahoma Audubon, Pierce County Democrats, Zoo Society, Pierce County Labor, Tacoma Sports Commission.*

**Committee Members:** *Victoria Woodards, Dave Seago, and Kathleen Olson, Neighbors for Parks, 253-229-9373, ParksYes@gmail.com, www.neighborsforparks.org*

#### Statement Against:

No statement was submitted against this issue.

# Questions about the propositions?

1. Contact the district directly.
2. Contact the committee members.

<b>Cities</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Website</b>
City of Buckley (page 9)	360-829-1921	<a href="http://www.cityofbuckley.com">www.cityofbuckley.com</a>
City of Edgewood (page 10)	253-952-3299	<a href="http://www.cityofedgewood.org">www.cityofedgewood.org</a>
City of Orting (page 11)	360-893-2219, ext. 111	<a href="http://www.cityoforting.org">www.cityoforting.org</a>
<b>Fire District</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Website</b>
Fire Protection District No. 18 (pages 12 and 13)	360-893-2221	<a href="http://www.ovfr.org">www.ovfr.org</a>
<b>Park District</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Website</b>
Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma (page 14)	253-305-1092	<a href="http://www.metroparkstacoma.org">www.metroparkstacoma.org</a>

The Pierce County Elections Division cannot provide information about the propositions. Please contact the district or committee members.

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## Important facts to know before you mail your ballot...

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