

**Major Levies and Bonds
2010 to present**

August 2012

King County

✓ Approved by 55.42%

<p>Children and Family Services Center Capital Levy</p>	<p>If approved by voters, Proposition 1 would authorize King County to levy an additional regular property tax to fund the capital costs of replacing and expanding the Children and Family Justice Center located at 12th Avenue and East Alder Street in Seattle. The levy would be authorized for a nine-year period with collection beginning in 2013. In the first year, the levy rate would be equal to or less than seven cents (\$0.07) per one thousand dollars (\$1,000) of assessed valuation on all taxable property within King County. Annual increases for collection years 2014 through 2021 would be governed by chapter 84.55 RCW, which limits the growth of the levy amount to 1% per year.</p> <p>The Children and Family Justice Center Replacement Project includes a series of capital projects to design, remodel, construct, and equip facilities for juvenile justice and family law services. Capital projects include replacement of the Alder wing, Alder tower, detention facilities, and associated parking facilities. Levy funds may be used only for capital costs and incidental costs, including those related to the sale, issuance and delivery of bonds. Levy funds may not be used for the costs of maintenance and operations of the facilities.</p>
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City of Seattle

✓ Approved by 64.17%

<p>Regular Tax Levy Including Seattle Public Libraries</p>	<p>The City of Seattle’s Proposition 1 concerns supporting, maintaining and improving core Library Services.</p> <p>This proposition would increase library collections, support library hours and services, update technology and maintain library facilities, as provided in Ordinance No. 123851. It authorizes regular property taxes above RCW 84.55 limits, allowing additional 2013 collection of up to \$17,000,000 (approximately \$0.15/\$1,000 assessed value) and up to \$122,630,099 over seven years. In 2013, total City taxes collected would not exceed \$3.60 per \$1,000 of assessed value.</p>
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November 2011

City of Seattle

✓ Approved by 63.94%

<p>Regular Tax Levy Including Families and Education</p>	<p>This proposition would fund City services, including school readiness, academic achievement in elementary, middle and high school, college/career preparation, and student health and community partnerships as provided in Ordinance 123567. It authorizes regular property taxes above RCW 84.55 limits, allowing additional 2012 collection of up to \$32,101,000 (approximately \$0.27/\$1000 assessed value) and up to \$231,562,000 over seven years. In 2012, total City taxes collected would not exceed \$3.60 per \$1,000 of assessed value.</p>
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August 2011

King County

✓ Approved by 69%

<p>Veterans and Human Services Levy</p>	<p>If approved by voters, Proposition 1 would authorize King County to levy an additional regular property tax at the rate of five cents (\$0.05) or less per one thousand dollars (\$1,000) of assessed valuation on all taxable property within King County to fund</p>
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	<p>regional health and human services for veterans and military personnel, their families, and other needy residents. The levy would be authorized for a six-year period with collection beginning in 2012 and would replace a levy expiring this year that voters approved in 2005. In years two through six of the levy, annual increases would be authorized up to the greater of 1% or the percentage increase in the consumer price index, up to a maximum of 3%.</p> <p>Services specific to the needs of veterans and military personnel and their families funded by the levy would include treatment for posttraumatic stress disorder, specialized employment assistance, and services that increase self-sufficiency. Services that would also be available to other residents in need would include mental health counseling, substance abuse prevention and treatment, employment assistance, housing assistance, homelessness prevention, and services that reduce involvement in the criminal justice system and reduce emergency medical costs. Levy proceeds would also be used to fund capital facilities for these services. Half of the levy proceeds would fund services for veterans and military personnel and their families. The other half would fund services for a wide range of citizens in need.</p> <p>If Proposition 1 passes, a citizen oversight board created in 2005 would continue to review the expenditure of levy proceeds and make policy recommendations to the King County executive and the King County council on levy expenditures.</p>
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November 2010

King County

✘ Rejected by 54.9%

<p>Sales and Use Tax for Criminal Justice, Fire Protection and Other Gov't Purposes</p>	<p>If approved by voters, Proposition No. 1 would authorize King County to impose an additional sales and use tax of two-tenths of one percent (0.2%). Sixty percent (60%) of the tax proceeds would be distributed to the county and 40% would be distributed to cities in King County on a per capita basis.</p> <p>RCW 82.14.450 requires that one-third of the tax proceeds be spent for criminal justice purposes, fire protection purposes or both. All of the county tax proceeds would be used for criminal justice purposes, defined to be activities that substantially assist the criminal justice system (RCW 82.14.340), and for replacement of capital facilities, including the Alder Wing and Tower of the King County Youth Services Center. City tax proceeds would be used for criminal justice purposes, fire protection purposes, or other general city purposes, as authorized by RCW 82.14.450 and as determined by each city. A report detailing the cities' use of the tax proceeds would be submitted by the county auditor to the county council no later than July 1, 2013.</p> <p>As a condition for imposition of the tax in the first three years (2011, 2012, and 2013), at least \$9,500,000 must be diverted from the county road fund and appropriated for police protection in the unincorporated area of King County. If this condition is not met, the entire tax will expire on March 31 following the year in which the condition is not met. Unless the tax has expired earlier, one half of the tax (one-tenth of one percent or 0.1%) will expire on April 1, 2014 and the remainder will expire on April 1, 2031.</p>
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Seattle School District

✔ Approved by 67.24%

<p>Supplementary Operations Levy</p>	<p>The Board of Directors of Seattle School District No. 1 passed Resolution No. 2009/10-15 concerning this proposition for supplemental educational program funding. To partially replace reduced State funding and to improve education throughout Seattle</p>
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Public Schools this proposition authorizes the District to levy the following supplemental taxes on all taxable property within the District, to help the District meet the educational needs of its approximately 45,507 students:

<u>Collection Years</u>	<u>Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value</u>	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2011	\$0.11	\$14,500,000
2012	\$0.12	\$16,000,000
2013	\$0.12	\$17,700,000

**Local Parks and Recreation Levies and Bonds
2008 to present**
(does not include local parks districts)

November 2010

City of Shoreline

✓ Approved by 56.5%

<p>Basic Public Safety, Parks & Recreation, and Community Services Maintenance and Operations Levy</p>	<p>The City of Shoreline has taken aggressive steps to reduce costs and assure efficiency, including more than one million dollars in budget cuts, staff reductions and elimination of cost-of-living pay raises. Since 2001, Shoreline’s property tax levy increase has been limited to 1% a year, while inflation has gone up nearly 3 times as fast, and as a result funding has not kept pace for basic City services.</p> <p>If approved, Proposition 1 would maintain current levels of police and emergency services including neighborhood safety patrols, traffic enforcement in school zones and neighborhoods, east and west-side police store-front programs, school safety officer in Shorewood and Shorecrest high schools, enforcement of drug and vice laws, and community crime prevention programs. Proposition 1 would preserve safe, well-maintained and accessible parks and trails; playgrounds and play equipment that meet safety standards, playfields, restrooms and the Shoreline pool; and preserve recreation programs for youth, families and seniors. Proposition 1 would continue funding for community services including the Shoreline senior center and youth programs.</p> <p>If approved, any increase in the annual levy would not exceed inflation (Seattle region CPI-U) for 2012-2016. Proposition 1 would set the City’s property tax rate below the legal limit of \$1.60 at \$1.48/\$1,000 assessed valuation for collection in 2011 and will use the 2016 levy amount to calculate subsequent levy limits. The typical homeowner would pay an additional average of \$9.25 per month to maintain police and emergency protection, parks and recreation, and community services.</p>
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April 2010

Metro Parks Tacoma

✓ Approved by 68%

<p>Park and Recreation Maintenance and Operations Levy</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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</p>
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November 2008

City of Bellevue

✓ Approved by 67%

<p>Parks and Natural Areas</p>	<p>The City of Bellevue is asking voters to decide whether to increase property taxes by a levy rate not to exceed 12 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value to provide funding for Bellevue’s park system. The measure includes both a 20-year increase in the levy (10 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value) for park acquisition and development, and an ongoing increase (2 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value) to maintain park improvements consistent with Bellevue Parks standards.</p> <p>Levy funds will be used to acquire properties to preserve natural areas throughout the city; protect water quality in Bellevue’s lakes and streams; enhance existing parks such as Downtown Park, Surrey Downs, Crossroads Park, Lewis Creek, Bellevue Botanical Garden, and an Eastgate area park; improve trails, sportsfields, and neighborhood parks; and maintain park improvements consistent with Bellevue Parks standards.</p> <p>If approved, the City estimates that additional property taxes for a home with a current assessed valuation of \$580,000 will be \$71 per year. The proceeds from this measure are to replace a previous levy associated with the 1988 Bellevue Park Bond which had an average property tax levy rate of 17 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value.</p>
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City of Carnation

X Rejected by 52%

<p>Lid Levy Lift for Public Safety and Parks</p>	<p>Ensuring sufficient funding for public safety and the maintenance and operation of local parks are important budget priorities of the Carnation City Council. Proposition 1, if approved, would provide additional monies that would be specifically earmarked for these purposes. The City intends to designate approximately 85 percent of these additional funds to maintain existing law enforcement operations (including replacement of police vehicles and equipment), prosecution services, victim advocacy, jail expenses and other public safety functions. The remaining funds would be used for upkeep of City parks and recreational facilities, including repairing and maintaining play equipment, purchasing necessary equipment and supplies, and maintaining landscaping and facility lighting.</p> <p>State law allows cities to “lift” the cap on regular property tax levy increases by obtaining voter approval of the proposed increase. The City’s regular property tax rate is currently \$1.14 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. If Proposition 1 is approved, the City’s tax rate for collection in 2009 would increase to \$1.40. The levy amount for years 2010 through 2014 would also automatically increase by the percentage change in the local Consumer Price Index, which would help to ensure that the additional public safety and parks funding authorized by Proposition 1 will keep pace with the future rate of inflation.</p> <p>For properties valued at \$400,000, landowners currently pay approximately \$456.00 per year in City of Carnation property taxes. Under Proposition 1, this amount would increase to \$560.00 for collection in 2009, with automatic CPI increases for each of the succeeding five years.</p>
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City of Mercer Island

✓ Approved by 54% (needed 60%, so did not go into effect)

<p>General Obligation Parks and Open Space Bonds</p>	<p>If approved by voters, the proposition would authorize the City of Mercer Island to incur indebtedness up to \$12,000,000 in general obligation bonds to finance park improvements. This includes shoreline restoration, waterfront improvements, trail development, playground replacement and other improvements at Luther Burbank Park; ballfield improvements at South Mercer Playfields and Island Crest Park; trail development at Engstrom Open Space and other areas; development of a small dog off-leash area; swim beach improvements; and Mary Wayte Pool upgrades. Projects would be phased in over the next nine years beginning in 2009. To support the increase in operations and maintenance costs that will result from implementing some of the projects, an additional operations and maintenance measure will also be on the November 2008 ballot.</p> <p>The project list was developed using a citizen-driven process. In 2007, the Mercer Island City Council appointed a Citizens Stakeholder Committee to develop a list of park projects that could be funded through a levy lid lift and/or bond levy. In addition, the Committee relied on park master plans, studies, staff expertise, and a citizen survey of 700 residents.</p> <p>The bonds would mature within 20 years and be repaid by annual property tax levies in excess of regular property tax levies at an estimated average of 9.4 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value. For the owner of an average valued Mercer Island home of \$1 million, the estimated annual tax for the Bond is \$94.44.</p>
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✓ Approved by 53%

<p>Levy for Park Operations and Maintenance</p>	<p>If approved by voters, this proposition would increase the City's regular property tax levy to pay for open space and forest restoration at Pioneer Park and other areas and school-related park and recreation activities. An additional measure on the November 2008 ballot is a Parks Bond. If the Parks Bond is approved by voters, the Parks Operations & Maintenance Levy would provide funding for maintenance costs associated with Parks Bond projects. The Parks Operations & Maintenance Levy would also replace the current levy which pays for operations and maintenance of Luther Burbank Park. Mercer Island City Council agreed to accept transfer of Luther Burbank from King County in 2003 and later that year voters approved a six-year maintenance and operations levy for the park which expires in 2009.</p> <p>The City's regular property tax levy would increase by up to 10.2 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation (to a total rate not to exceed \$1.25 per \$1,000 assessed valuation) for collection in 2009 and increase the levy as allowed by chapter 84.55 RCW. For the owner of an average valued Mercer Island home of \$1 million, the estimated annual cost is \$113.68 for the Operations & Maintenance Levy. The property tax increase would be in effect for 15 years.</p>
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City of Sammamish

✓ Approved by 54.6% (needed 60%, so did not go into effect)

<p>Park, Recreation and Athletic Facilities Bonds</p>	<p>Proposition 1 authorizes the City of Sammamish to issue up to \$19,000,000 of general obligation bonds for the acquisition, development, construction and improvement of park, recreation and athletic facilities. The proposed projects are described in more detail in Ordinance O2008-234, and include, for example: Pine Lake Middle School athletic fields (including synthetic turf), Sammamish Landing Phase I (Lake Sammamish waterfront park), East Sammamish Park Phase I, Beaver Lake Vicinity Trail, northeast</p>
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	<p>Sammamish park land acquisition, and the acquisition and development of a recreation center, which is currently proposed to be developed in the existing King County Library building in partnership with the Boys and Girls Club. Bonds would not be authorized until a ballot measure to support programs and operations in connection with the improvements is approved.</p> <p>If this proposition is approved, no more than \$19,000,000 of bonds will be issued. The annual excess property taxes per household necessary to repay the bonds will depend on interest rates, the timing and amount of the bonds issued, and changes in property values. The City estimates that the annual property tax rate will not exceed 14¢ per \$1,000 of assessed value over the twenty year life of the bonds. Thus for example, additional property taxes on a \$600,000 home in Sammamish would not exceed \$84 per year. Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners who are 61 or older, or disabled, and who meet certain income requirements.</p>
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✓ Approved by 54.6%

<p>Levy Lid Lift for Park Programs and Operations</p>	<p>Proposition 2 authorizes the City to raise funds for programs and operations of the park, recreation and athletic facilities, including those authorized by Proposition 1. This funding will be used to provide recreation programming and to operate and maintain the new parks facilities funded by the bond levy.</p> <p>The levy lid lift proposition authorizes an increase of 4¢ per \$1,000 of assessed value over the maximum regular property tax levy otherwise allowed under the 1% levy lid (chapter 84.55 RCW) for collection in 2009. The City estimates that this will mean a levy rate of approximately \$2.04 per \$1,000 in 2009. The 2009 levy amount will be used to calculate subsequent levy limits, and the increased revenues going forward will be used to fund operations and maintenance of park, recreation and athletic facilities, including those authorized by Proposition 1. If voters do not approve Proposition 1 (or a similar bond levy) before December 31, 2009, this levy lid lift will expire.</p>
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City of Seattle

✓ Approved by 58.9%

<p>Parks Levy</p>	<p>Ballot title: The City of Seattle's Proposition 2 concerns increased property taxes for six years for parks purposes. If approved, this proposition would fund acquiring, developing and restoring parks, recreation facilities, cultural facilities, green spaces, playfields, trails, community gardens, and shoreline areas; all as provided in Ordinance 122749. It would authorize regular property taxes higher than RCW 84.55 limits, allowing collection of up to \$24,250,000 in additional taxes in 2009 (up to \$145,500,000 over six years). Taxes collected in 2009 would be limited to \$2.60 per \$1,000 of assessed value, including approximately \$0.19 of additional taxes.</p> <p>Explanatory Statement: Proposition number 2 would approve a six-year property tax increase. If approved, the measure would raise up to \$145.5 million in additional property taxes. This is a new tax for parks. The current parks tax expires at the end of 2008.</p> <p>The City Council has passed and the Mayor has signed a law that provides for how this money is to be spent. To change the spending plan, the Mayor and three quarters of the city council would have to agree. The money would be divided into four very general categories, which are: (1) Buying land for new parks or open space; (2) Improving or fixing existing parks; (3) Preserving the environment and promoting</p>
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	<p>community gardens; and (4) Providing money for buying land or improving existing parks as identified by neighborhood or community groups. The general spending plan is described below. The specific projects are listed in an attachment to Ordinance 122749, which is included in this voters' pamphlet.</p>
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City of Snoqualmie

✓ Approved by 54.6% (needed 60%, so did not go into effect)

<p>Recreation Facilities Bond</p>	<p>If approved, this proposition would authorize the City to issue not more than \$10,000,000 of general obligation bonds (maturing within 20 years or less) to construct and equip a community center with a gymnasium, fitness center, multi-purpose room and an indoor pool, and to annually levy excess property taxes to pay and retire those bonds.</p> <p>This proposition is only for the construction of the community center facility. The City anticipates entering into an agreement with the YMCA to operate and maintain the community center.</p> <p>The bonds will be repaid from annual property tax levies in excess of regular property tax levies over a period of 20 years. The exact amount of such annual levies will depend on interest rates and property values at the time the bonds are sold. The City anticipates a tax rate increase (over the existing rate) of approximately \$0.30 per \$1,000 of assessed value for the life of the bonds, or \$150 per year (or \$12.50 per month) for a home with an assessed value of \$500,000.</p> <p>Exemptions from taxes may be available to homeowners who are 61 or older or disabled, and who meet certain income requirements.</p>
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