

Sample Ballot

Whatcom County, Washington

Special Election - February 13, 2024

Instructions

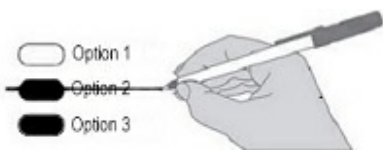
How to vote



Use a pen to fill in the circle next to your choice.

Vote for one. If you choose more than one without making a correction, no vote will be counted for that question.

How to correct a vote



If you make a mistake, draw a line through the entire incorrect choice. You may then make another choice.

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Bellingham School District 501

Proposition 2024-12 **Replacement Educational Support and Operations Levy**

The Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 29-23 concerning a replacement levy for educational funding. This proposition authorizes the district to replace an expired levy and to levy the following excess taxes on all taxable property within the district, to support the district's educational operations which are not funded or not fully funded by the State:

Collection Years	Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2025	\$1.20	\$37,000,000
2026	\$1.22	\$39,000,000
2027	\$1.25	\$41,000,000
2028	\$1.27	\$43,000,000

all as provided in District Resolution No. 29-23.

Should this proposition be approved?

- Yes
 No

Proposition 2024-13 **Replacement Technology Capital Projects Levy**

The Board of Directors adopted Resolution No. 30-23 concerning a replacement technology levy. This proposition authorizes acquisition, installation and management of computer technology systems; enhanced infrastructure; staffing and training; licensing software; projects and infrastructure updates for school safety; maintenance improvement purchases, and other capital projects, and authorizes the following excess levies for such purposes on all taxable property within the district:

Collection Years	Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2025	\$0.61	\$19,000,000
2026	\$0.63	\$20,000,000
2027	\$0.64	\$21,000,000
2028	\$0.65	\$22,000,000

all as provided in District Resolution No. 30-23.

Should this proposition be approved?

- Yes
 No

Ferndale School District 502

Proposition 2024-11
School Programs and Operations Replacement Levy

The Board of Directors of Ferndale School District 502 adopted Resolution No. 15-23 concerning educational funding. This proposition authorizes the District to levy the following excess taxes, to replace an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, to maintain and support the District's educational programs and operations, which are not funded or not fully funded by the State:

Collection Years	Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2025	\$1.45	\$14,000,000
2026	\$1.48	\$15,000,000
2027	\$1.50	\$16,000,000
2028	\$1.52	\$17,000,000

all as provided in the Resolution.

Should this proposition be approved?

- Yes
- No

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Blaine School District 503

**Proposition 2024-07
Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy**

The Board of Directors of Blaine School District 503 adopted Resolution No. 2324-01 concerning a replacement levy for educational funding. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following taxes to fund vital educational programs and operations that are not funded by the state and to replace an expired levy on taxable property within the District:

Collection Years	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2025	\$0.98	\$7,500,000
2026	\$1.00	\$7,850,000
2027	\$1.03	\$8,250,000
2028	\$1.04	\$8,500,000

subject to legal limits on levy amounts and rates at the time of the levy.

Should this proposition be approved?

- Yes
- No

**Proposition 2024-08
General Obligations Bond - \$70,000,000**

The Board of Directors of Blaine School District 503 adopted Resolution No. 2324-02 approving a proposition for bonds. This proposition authorizes the District to make improvements and additions to Blaine Middle School, Pipeline Athletic Complex, Point Roberts Primary School, Birch Bay site, and other capital improvements; to issue \$70,000,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum of 25 years, and to collect excess property taxes annually to repay the bonds, as provided in Resolution No. 2324-02.

Should this proposition be:

- Approved
- Rejected

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Lynden School District 504

Proposition 2024-01 Renewal of Educational Programs and Operations Levy

The Board of Directors of Lynden School District 504 adopted Resolution No. 12-23 concerning a renewal levy for educational funding. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following taxes to fund vital educational programs and operations that are not funded by the state and to replace an expired levy on taxable property within the District:

Collection Years	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2025	\$1.84	\$10,150,000
2026	\$1.84	\$10,750,000
2027	\$1.84	\$11,400,000
2028	\$1.84	\$12,075,000

subject to legal limits on levy amounts and rates at the time of the levy.

Should this proposition be approved?

- Yes
 No

Proposition 2024-02 General Obligations Bond - \$157,500,000

The Board of Directors of Lynden School District 504 adopted Resolution No. 10-23 approving a proposition for bonds. This proposition authorizes the District to construct and equip a new Lynden High School, add classrooms and shared spaces, and upgrade heating and ventilation systems at Isom and Vossbeck Schools add HVAC on upper floors of Fisher School and Lynden Middle School, to issue \$157,500,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum of 22 years, and to collect excess property taxes annually to repay the bonds, as provided in Resolution #10-23.

Should this proposition be:

- Approved
 Rejected

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Meridian School District 505

**Proposition 2024-09
Educational Programs and Operations Replacement Levy**

The Board of Directors of Meridian School District 505 adopted Resolution No. 08-23 concerning educational funding. This proposition authorizes the District to levy the following excess taxes, to replace an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, to maintain and support the District's educational programs and operations, including teachers, staff, materials, athletics, safety, special education, facilities maintenance, which are not funded or not fully funded by the State:

Collection Years	Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2025	\$2.10	\$6,000,000
2026	\$2.10	\$6,300,000
2027	\$2.10	\$6,600,000
2028	\$2.10	\$6,900,000

Should this proposition be approved?

- Yes
- No

**Proposition 2024-10
Replacement Technology Capital Projects Levy**

The Board of Directors adopted Resolution #09-23 concerning a technology levy to replace an expiring technology levy. This proposition authorizes acquisition, installation and management of computer technology systems; enhanced infrastructure; staffing and training; licensing software; and authorizes the district to replace an expired levy and to levy the following excess levies for such purposes on all taxable property within the district:

Collection Years	Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2025	\$0.38	\$1,070,000
2026	\$0.38	\$1,135,000
2027	\$0.38	\$1,200,000
2028	\$0.38	\$1,265,000

all as provided in District Resolution #09-23.

Should this proposition be approved?

- Yes
- No

Nooksack Valley School District 506

**Proposition 2024-04
Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy**

The Board of Directors of Nooksack Valley School District 506 adopted Resolution No. 5 concerning educational funding. This proposition authorizes the District to levy the following excess taxes, to replace an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, to maintain current educational program funding levels and support the District's educational programs, student services and operations not funded or fully funded by the State:

Collection Years	Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2025	\$1.69	\$3,500,000
2026	\$1.74	\$3,700,000
2027	\$1.79	\$3,900,000
2028	\$1.82	\$4,100,000

all as provided in the Resolution.

Should this proposition be approved?

- Yes
- No

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Mount Baker School District 507

**Proposition 2024-05
Educational Programs and Operations Replacement Levy**

The Board of Directors of Mount Baker School District 507 adopted Resolution No. 23/24:7 concerning educational funding. This proposition authorizes the District to levy the following excess taxes, to replace an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, to maintain and support the District's educational programs and operations, including teachers, staff, materials, athletics, arts, special education, facilities maintenance, which are not funded or not fully funded by the State:

Collection Years	Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2025	\$1.53	\$5,125,133
2026	\$1.46	\$5,264,076
2027	\$1.31	\$5,331,844
2028	\$1.23	\$5,420,910

Should this proposition be approved?

- Yes
- No

**Proposition 2024-06
Renewal Capital Projects Levy**

The Board of Directors adopted Resolution #23/24:8 concerning a capital projects levy for safety and capital needs. This proposition authorizes projects for school safety, security, facilities access, HVAC, technology, electrical improvements, and capital replacements, authorizes renewal of an expired levy and the levy of the following excess levies for such purposes on all taxable property within the district:

Collection Years	Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2025	\$0.57	\$2,000,000
2026	\$0.52	\$2,000,000
2027	\$0.45	\$2,000,000
2028	\$0.41	\$2,000,000
2029	\$0.37	\$2,000,000
2030	\$0.35	\$2,000,000

all as provided in District Resolution #23/24:8.

Should this proposition be approved?

- Yes
- No

Concrete School District No. 11

Proposition No. 1 Replacement of Expiring Levy for Educational Programs and Operations

The Board of Directors of Concrete School District No. 11 adopted Resolution No. 1457 concerning a proposition to finance educational programs and operations expenses. This proposition would replace the expiring levy by authorizing the following excess taxes upon all taxable property in the District as an enrichment levy for the District's General Fund to support educational programs and operations not funded by the State:

Collection Years	Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2025	\$1.65	\$1,749,709
2026	\$1.69	\$1,838,771

Should this proposition be approved?

- Yes
 No

Proposition No. 2 Capital Levy for Safety, Security and Accessibility Improvements

The Board of Directors of Concrete School District No. 11 adopted Resolution No. 1456, concerning a proposition to finance capital improvements to school facilities. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, on all taxable property within the District, to make safety, security and accessibility improvements (replacing elementary and high school fire alarm systems and main exterior doors; upgrading interior door locks; installing emergency communications systems in school offices; installing ADA compliant electronic door systems):

Collection Years	Estimated Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2025	\$1.88	\$2,000,000
2026	\$1.83	\$2,000,000

All as provided in Resolution No. 1456.

Should this proposition be approved?

- Yes
 No

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Fire Protection District 8

Proposition 2024-14 Tax Levy for Maintenance, Facilities and Operations

The Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire Protection District 8 adopted Resolution No. 2023-11 concerning a proposition to finance maintenance and operation expenses. This proposition would authorize the District to levy an excess property tax on all taxable property within the District for four years to be used for maintenance and operations, improving and repairing fire district facilities, and to maintain the current level of fire and emergency medical services. The levy amount shall be as follows:

Collection Years	Approximate Levy Rate/\$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2025	\$0.93	\$1,450,000
2026	\$0.93	\$1,550,000
2027	\$0.93	\$1,660,000
2028	\$0.93	\$1,775,000

Should this proposition be approved?

- Yes
 No

Blaine-Birch Bay Park & Recreation District 2

Proposition 2024-03 Authorizing Continuing Property Tax Levy

At their September 12, 2023 meeting, the Board of Commissioners of Blaine-Birch Bay Park and Recreation District 2 adopted Resolution No. 2023-10 authorizing the District to maintain a regular property tax levy of \$0.10 per \$1,000.00 of assessed valuation for a six (6) year period (2025-2030). Shall the Blaine-Birch Bay Park and Recreation District 2 continue a property tax levy to fund community program support, operations, staffing, maintenance, and capital improvements?

- Yes
 No

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