

# King County Local Voters' Pamphlet packet

## Information for pro and con committees

2018 election cycle

### Who can participate?

Committees formally appointed by a jurisdiction proposing a ballot measure and participating in the local voters' pamphlet. There is a limit of three members per committee but committees may seek advice of any person or persons.

If the jurisdiction fails to make committee appointments by the deadline, King County Elections has the authority to make such appointments.

If you would like to serve on a committee, contact the jurisdiction proposing the measure.

### Pro and con committee statements

Arguments in favor of or in opposition to any ballot measure, prepared by a committee designated in accordance with state law, shall be filed with King County Elections no later than 4:30 p.m. on the day of the deadline.

### Length and other specifications

Limitations on the length of committee arguments are based upon the space available within the pamphlet.

- Pro/con statements must not exceed 200 words.
- Rebuttal statements must not exceed 75 words.
- Tables, lists and bullet points are not allowed; formatting that creates empty space may reduce the allowable text length proportionally.
- Bold text, underlined text and text written in all caps will not be accepted.

In the event of any question regarding length, the King County Elections Director's decision shall be final.

### Rebuttal statements

The day after the deadline to submit pro and con statements, King County Elections will email the opposing committee's statement to the designated spokesperson.

Rebuttal statements are not required, however, it gives each committee an opportunity to write a few more

words supporting their point of view. Rebuttals must not exceed 75 words in length.

### Committee contact information

Only the names of the committee members (as submitted by the jurisdiction) are included in the pamphlet. Additionally, a phone number, email or website (as submitted by the committee) can be included. This information is in addition to the statement word limits. Committee members' titles will not be included.

### Submission of material

King County Elections prefers to receive statements submitted by email with a Word document attached. The submission of the initial statement must include a statement submission form. Statements can be submitted one of the following ways:

*Email*                      [election.services@kingcounty.gov](mailto:election.services@kingcounty.gov)

*In-person  
or Mail*                      King County Elections  
919 SW Grady Way  
Renton, WA 98057

*Fax*                              206-296-0108

### Review of statements

Prior to publication of the pro/con statements and rebuttal statements, King County Elections will email each committee a proof of their statements. Once they receive the proof, they can ensure there are no discrepancies between the proof copy and the information they submitted.

No changes to the originally submitted statements will be accepted and no new material will be accepted. The only changes that will be accepted are updates to the contact information section.

### Need more information?

For more detailed information please contact Election Services at 206-296-1565 or [election.services@kingcounty.gov](mailto:election.services@kingcounty.gov).



### Statement review deadlines

	Special elections		Primary and general elections	
Election date	Feb. 13	Apr. 24	Aug. 7	Nov. 6
Pro/con statements due	12/19/17	2/27/18	5/22/18	8/14/18
Rebuttal statements due	12/21/17	3/1/18	5/24/18	8/16/18
Proof emailed to committee	12/27/2017	3/9/18	6/15/18	9/7/18
Response from committee due	12/29/2017	3/12/18	6/18/18	9/10/18

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## Pro and con statement submission form

This form must be included with each committees' initial statement when it is submitted to King County Elections. If you have any questions on how to complete this form please contact Election Services at 206-296-1565.

Statements and submission forms can be submitted in the following ways:

<b>Email</b> election.services@kingcounty.gov	<b>Mail or in-person</b> King County Elections 919 SW Grady Way Renton, WA 98057	<b>Fax</b> 206-296-0108
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<b>ballot measure information</b>	<hr/> name of jurisdiction/district  <hr/> name of ballot measure (e.g., Proposition No. 1 or Levy Lid Lift)
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<b>committee contact information for publication</b>	<p>This information will be published in the local voters' pamphlet and on our website at <a href="http://www.kingcounty.gov/elections">www.kingcounty.gov/elections</a>. Committee members names, as submitted by the jurisdiction, will be listed following their statements. Committee members' titles will not be included. In addition, each committee may include <b>one</b> of the following so voters may contact them with any further questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• an email address <i>or</i></li> <li>• a website <i>or</i></li> <li>• a phone number</li> </ul> <p>This listing of committee members and contact information is not included in the statement word counts.</p> <hr/> committee contact information (any <b>one</b> of the following: email address, website or phone number)
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<b>statement submission</b>	<p>If you are submitting your statement separately from this submission form please identify the ballot measure and committee on the statement. Statements must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on the day of the deadline. No late submissions will be accepted.</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;">           Which committee do you represent?              <input type="checkbox"/> Pro committee  <input type="checkbox"/> Con committee         </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;">           If you are submitting your statement separately from this form, how will you be submitting your statement?              <input type="checkbox"/> Email  <input type="checkbox"/> In-person  <input type="checkbox"/> Mail  <input type="checkbox"/> Fax         </td> </tr> </table> <hr/> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <span>name of person submitting this form</span> <span>phone number</span> </div>	Which committee do you represent?  <input type="checkbox"/> Pro committee <input type="checkbox"/> Con committee	If you are submitting your statement separately from this form, how will you be submitting your statement?  <input type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> In-person <input type="checkbox"/> Mail <input type="checkbox"/> Fax
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## Pro and con statement submission form

### 1. Ballot title

The language of the measure that will appear on the ballot.

This information is submitted by the jurisdiction and approved by the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

### 2. Explanatory statement

A statement prepared or approved by the jurisdiction's legal council.

The explanatory statement describes the effect of the measure if passed into law.

### 3. Statement in favor

An argument advocating voters' approval of the measure.

This statement is submitted by the committee favoring the measure (pro committee).

### 4. Statement in opposition

An argument advocating voters' rejection of the measure.

This statement is submitted by the committee opposing the measure (con committee).

### 5. Rebuttal of statement in opposition

A response to the statement in opposition.

This statement is submitted by the committee favoring the measure (pro committee) after having the opportunity to review the statement in opposition.

### 6. Rebuttal of statement in favor

A response to the statement in favor.

This statement is submitted by

12	King County	King County Elections is not authorized to edit statements, nor is it responsible for the contents therein.
1	<b>Charter Amendment No. 1</b> <b>Nonpartisan Prosecuting Attorney</b>  Shall the King County Charter be amended to make the elected office of King County prosecuting attorney nonpartisan?  Yes  No	2
		<b>Explanatory statement</b>  As provided in King County Ordinance No. 18308, if this proposed charter amendment is approved, the office of county prosecuting attorney would be elected according to general law governing nonpartisan elections with the first nonpartisan election occurring at the next regularly scheduled election for prosecuting attorney in 2018. Nonpartisan elections for the office would be held every four years thereafter. Vacancies would be filled pursuant to general law governing vacancies for nonpartisan county elective offices with interim and acting officials appointed as provided in section 681.10 of the charter.  <i>For questions about this measure, contact:                  Nick Wagner, Principal Legislative Analyst, 206-477-0894                  nick.wagner@kingcounty.gov</i>
<i>The complete text of this measure is available beginning on page 37.</i>		
3	<b>Statement in favor</b>  In 2008, voters made all elected positions in King County non-partisan except for Prosecuting Attorney. It makes no sense that the only office in King County that remains partisan is the Prosecuting Attorney. The prosecutor is a position concerned with justice and is not a place for partisan politics. This is an important criminal justice reform.  Help strengthen the fairness, independence and integrity of our judicial system. Our judicial system is the heart of our democracy. It is the ultimate check on governmental power, and the place where law, fairness and justice must rule. Key to the criminal justice system is the prosecutor, who decides whether to charge individuals with a crime, seek prison time and even the death penalty.  These life and death decisions must not only be fair, people must believe they are fair. King County has a proud history of prosecuting attorneys who acted for justice, and not for political reasons. But this should be the law.  Since three of us are not in the same political party, it is rare that we can agree on something. But we all strongly believe that the King County Prosecutor position should be non-partisan. Improve the system. Vote Yes.	4
		<b>Statement in opposition</b>  Party labels provide vital information to voters about candidates' values and positions. Charter Amendment 1 takes that information away. We urge you to protect informed voting by voting No on this measure.  We all dislike highly partisan politics. Representatives of both parties must work together to solve problems and serve our common interest. The gridlock in Congress and state legislatures across our great nation is a disservice to all of us.  We also believe that informed voters are the foundation of a strong democracy. Voters cannot make informed choices unless they know what candidates stand for.  Knowing a candidate's political party shines a spotlight on the values and beliefs guiding their decisions. It helps voters understand the differences between candidates.  Taking away party labels forces many voters to choose between candidates they know almost nothing about. More troubling are studies that show voters in this situation consistently turn (consciously or subconsciously) to whatever other cues are available, such as the ethnicity of a candidate's last name or a candidate's gender.  It's crucial that we protect informed voting and continue to know which party our candidates for King County Prosecutor belong to. We strongly urge you to vote No.
5	<b>Rebuttal of statement against</b>  It is time to remove party labels from the job of County prosecutor. As opponents acknowledge, partisan politics is hurting our democracy. This is why party affiliations have no place in criminal investigations or prosecutions. A prosecutor is qualified not by the political party that appears on a campaign sign, but by experience, integrity and a commitment to justice. We trust that informed voters don't need party labels to judge the merits of individual candidates.	6
		<b>Rebuttal of statement in favor</b>  In an ideal world, party labels wouldn't be needed. But in a time when politics on the national level dominates media coverage, these labels easily tell voters the fundamental beliefs and values of those they are entrusting with the public's well-being. Voters deserve to know if the person making life and death decisions sides with Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump.
7	<b>Submitted by</b>  Submitted by: Jenny Durkan, Mike McKay, Christopher T. Bayley jennydurkan@quinnemanuel.com	

the committee opposing the measure (con committee) after having the opportunity to review the statement in favor.

### 7. Submitted by

This area lists the names of all committee members as submitted by the jurisdiction (maximum of three). Additionally, committees can

include one of the following: email address, website or phone number. This section is not included in the allowable word limits for statements.

**Note:** King County is not responsible for the validity or accuracy of statements, arguments or rebuttals. Statements do not represent the position of the county on any ballot measure. Submissions will not be proofed for any errors in spelling, punctuation or syntax.