

Proposition No. 1

Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy

The King County Council passed Ordinance 19604 concerning replacement of an expiring veterans, seniors and human services levy. If approved, this proposition would fund capital facilities and services for veterans, servicemembers, and their families; seniors and caregivers; and resilient communities susceptible to reduced health, housing, financial, or social stability outcomes. It would authorize an additional six-year property tax levy for collection beginning in 2024 at \$0.10 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, with the 2024 levy amount being the base for calculating annual increases by 3.5% in 2025-2029; and exempt eligible seniors, veterans and disabled persons under RCW 84.36.381.

Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

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You will be voting to
Approve or Reject
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Requirement passage: simple majority (RCW 84.55.050)

Explanatory statement

Proposition 1 would authorize renewal of an additional property tax levy to fund regional health and human services and capital facilities for veterans and military servicemembers and their families; seniors and their caregivers; and resilient communities. Funding would promote veterans', seniors', and resilient communities' housing stability, healthy living, financial stability, social engagement, and health and human services system improvements and system access. The levy defines resilient communities as persons or communities susceptible to reduced health, housing, financial, or social stability outcomes due to systemic and historical exposure to trauma, violence, poverty, isolation, bias, racism, stigma, discrimination, disability, or chronic illness.

The levy would have a duration of six years beginning in 2024. The rate in the first year would be limited at \$0.10 per one thousand dollars (\$1,000) of the prior year's assessed valuation. The dollar amount of the levy collected in the first year would be the base for calculating annual increases of up to 3.5% in years 2025 – 2029 and would be limited by chapter 84.55 RCW. Qualifying seniors, veterans, and disabled persons would be eligible for exemption from the levy under RCW 84.36.381.

Proposition 1 would require an implementation plan and an advisory board.

For questions about this measure, contact:

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