## February 13, 2024 Special Election

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## February 13, 2024 Special Election

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\* February 13, 2024 is Election Day. Ballots must be returned or postmarked no later than February 13.

## 2024 Deadlines

Ballots mailed to voters by:	January 24
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Registration deadline (in person only):	February 13
Special Election:	February 13, 8:00 p.m.

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## **Elections Department Contact Information**

Voter registration, ballot requests, ballot processing, and accessible voting:

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**Contact:** Phone: (509) 725-4971

Email: elections@co.lincoln.wa.us

Website: www.co.lincoln.wa.us/elections

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No stamp required. Drop off your ballot by 8pm, February 13, 2024

#### Mailing your ballot?

Postage is prepaid. Must be postmarked by February 13, 2024



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## Reardan-Edwall School District No. 9

## Proposition No. 1 Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy

The Board of Directors of Reardan-Edwall School District No. 9 adopted Resolution No. 02-2023/24, concerning a proposition to finance educational programs and operation expenses. This proposition would authorize the District to meet the educational needs of its students by levying the following excess taxes, in place of an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, for support of the District's educational programs and operation expenses not funded by the State of Washington:

	Estimated Levy	
	Rate/\$1,000	
Collection Year	Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2025	\$2.00	\$1,918,071
2026	\$2.00	\$2,013,974
2027	\$2.00	\$2,114,673

all as provided in Resolution No. 02-2023/24. Should this proposition be approved?

[] LEVY...YES

### **Explanatory Statement**

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow Reardan-Edwall School District to replace an existing educational programs and operation levy that expires at the end of calendar year 2024. The taxes collected by this replacement levy will be used to pay for expenses of educational programs and operation that are not fully funded by the State of Washington. These expenses include, but are not limited to: security, safety, athletics, extracurriculars, electives teachers, career and technical education, field trips, support staff, counselors, curriculum/technology, energy costs, custodial, maintenance, repairs and supplies. Further information is available at the District's website https://www.reardan.net/en-US.

The proposed three-year replacement levy would authorize the collection of taxes to provide up to \$1,918,071 in 2025, \$2,013,974 in 2026 and \$2,114,673 in 2027. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$2.00 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The exact tax levy rate and amount to be collected may be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the taxable property within the District and the limitations imposed by State law at the time of levy.

Exemptions from taxes may be available, call your county assessor for more information.

#### Statement in Favor

As longtime residents and supporters of Reardan we would like to ask you to vote "yes" to renew the Educational Programs and Operations (EP&O) Levy for Reardan-Edwall School District. This EP&O Levy will replace the expiring levy and will continue day-to-day programs valued by our students and community that are already in place and could not exist without local financial support.

Now more than ever, after the pandemic, we need to continue the excellent programs and services that have been developed to support the increasing needs of our students and families. These services include: school security, athletics, extra assistance for academics, performing arts K-12, technology support, behavioral health resources, and a full-time nurse. Our primary goal has always been to provide everyone involved in our schools the support needed to succeed and thrive in a safe environment.

The expiring levy was run at an estimated \$2.00 per \$1,000 of assessed value. This replacement levy is estimated at the same \$2.00 rate. With the recent growth within the District, we anticipate the levy rate will stay the same or even decrease in the future. This levy makes up roughly 15% of the District's operating budget and will continue to fund programs and staff not fully funded by the State.

Our schools are doing well and improving, thanks to your support. Let's make sure they continue to have the resources needed to keep kids safe and learning, by voting "yes".

Jack and Karen Soliday, "Vote Yes for Reardan Schools" Committee 509-981-9770

#### **Statement in Opposition**

### Almira School District No. 17

#### **Proposition No. 1**

**Replacement Educational Programs and Operational Levy** 

The Board of Directors of Almira School District No. 17 adopted Resolution No. 2023-11-01, concerning a proposition to finance educational programs and operation expenses. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, on all taxable property within the District, for support of the District's educational programs and operation expenses not funded by the State of Washington:

	Estimated Levy	
	Rate / \$1000	
Collection Year	Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2025	\$2.40	\$205,000
2026	\$2.40	\$205,000
2027	\$2.40	\$205,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 2023-11-01. Should this proposition be approved?

[] LEVY...YES

[] LEVY...NO

#### **Explanatory Statement**

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow Almira School District to levy taxes for a threeyear period to pay for expenses of educational programs and operation that are not fully funded by the State of Washington. These expenses include, but are not limited to: materials, supplies and operating costs (MSOC); extracurricular activities; transportation; insurance; food service; and building maintenance and operation. Further information is available on the District's website at https://www.almirasd.org/.

The proposed three-year levy would authorize the collection of taxes to provide up to \$205,000 each year from 2025 through and including 2027. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$2.40 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The exact tax levy rate and amount to be collected may be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the taxable property within the District and the limitations imposed by State law at the time of levy. Exemptions from taxes may be available, call your county assessor for more information.

#### Statement in Favor

No Statement submitted.

#### Statement in Opposition

No Statement submitted.

### Creston School District No. 73

#### **Proposition No. 1**

**Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy** 

The Board of Directors of Creston School District No. 73 adopted Resolution No. 01-23/24, concerning a proposition to finance educational programs and operation expenses. This proposition would authorize the District to meet the educational needs of its students by levying the following excess taxes, in place of an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, for support of the District's educational programs and operation expenses not funded by the State of Washington:

	Estimated Levy	
	Rate/\$1,000	
Collection Year	Assessed Value	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2025	\$0.72	\$250,000
2026	\$.072	\$250,000
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all as provided in Resolution No. 01-23/24. Should this proposition be approved?

[] LEVY...YES

[] LEVY...NO

#### **Explanatory Statement**

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the Creston School District to replace an existing educational programs and operation levy that will expire at the end of calendar year 2024. The taxes collected by this replacement levy will be used to pay expenses of educational programs and operation not fully funded by the State of Washington, including but not limited to, teachers, nurses, special education, athletics, advanced courses, extracurricular activities, transportation, food service, and building maintenance. Further information is available at https://wcsd.wednet.edu/.

The proposed 2-year replacement levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide up to \$250,000 in 2025 and \$250,000 in 2026. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$0.72 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The exact tax levy rate and amount to be collected may be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the taxable property within the District and the limitations imposed by State law at the time of levy. Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. To determine if you qualify, call the Lincoln County Assessor at (509)596-1454.

#### Statement in Favor

No Statement submitted.

#### **Statement in Opposition**

## Odessa School District No. 105-157-166J

#### **Proposition No. 1**

#### **Replacement Educational Programs and Operational Levy**

The Board of Directors of Odessa School District No. 105-157-166J adopted Resolution No. 2-2023-24, concerning a proposition to finance educational programs and operation expenses. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, in the place of the expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, for the District's educational programs and operation expenses not funded by the State of Washington:

Estimated Levy Rate \$1000

Collection YearAssessed ValueLevy Amount2025\$1.89\$625,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 2-2023-24 and subject to legal limits on levy rates and amounts at the time of levy. Should this proposition be approved?

[] LEVY YES

[] LEVY NO

#### **Explanatory Statement**

This proposition authorizes Odessa School District to replace an existing educational programs and operation levy that will expire at the end of 2024. The proposed replacement levy will continue funding educational programs and operation expenses that are not fully funded by the State, including teachers, support staff, athletics, extracurricular activities, nutrition, preschool, maintenance and operations, transportation and special education. Further information is available at https://www.odessa.wednet.edu. Taxes collected by the proposed replacement levy will provide approximately 13% of the District's General Fund budget. Exemptions from taxes may be available, call Adams County Assessor (509) 659-3200, Grant County Assessor (509) 754-2001 or Lincoln County Assessor (509) 596-1454.

#### Statement in Favor

No Statement submitted.

#### Statement in Opposition

No Statement submitted.

## Odessa School District No. 105-157-166J

#### **Proposition No. 2**

#### **Replacement Capital Levy for School Improvements**

The Board of Directors of Odessa School District No. 105-157-166J adopted Resolution No. 3-2023-24, concerning a capital levy to modernize school facilities. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, to support the modernization of school facilities (including making health, safety, technology, and energy efficiency improvements):

Estimated Levy Rate / \$1000

<u>Collection Year</u> <u>Assessed Value</u> 2025 \$0.38 Levy Amount \$125,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 3-2023-24. Should this proposition be approved?

[] LEVY YES

[] LEVY NO

#### **Explanatory Statement**

This proposition authorizes Odessa School District to replace an existing capital levy that will expire at the end of 2024. The proposed replacement levy will be used to support the modernization of school facilities by making health, safety, technology, and energy efficiency improvements to school facilities. Further information is available at https://www.odessa.wednet.edu. Exemptions from taxes may be available, call Adams County Assessor (509) 659-3200, Grant County Assessor (509) 754-2000 or Lincoln County Assessor (509) 596-1454.

#### **Statement in Favor**

No Statement submitted.

#### **Statement in Opposition**

## Wilbur School District No. 200

#### **Proposition No. 1**

#### **Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy**

The Board of Directors of Wilbur School District No. 200 adopted Resolution No. 01-24, concerning a proposition to finance educational programs and operation expenses. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, for support of the District's educational programs and operation expenses not funded by the State of Washington:

	Estimated Levy	
	Rate / \$1000	
Collection Year	Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2025	\$2.43	\$502,000
2026	\$2.43	\$502,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 01-24 and subject to legal limits on levy rates and amounts at the time of levy. Should this proposition be approved?

[] LEVY...YES

#### **Explanatory Statement**

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the Wilbur School District to replace an existing educational programs and operation levy that will expire at the end of calendar year 2024. The taxes collected by this replacement levy will be used to pay expenses of educational programs and operation not fully funded by the State of Washington, including, but not limited to, teachers, nurses, special education, athletics, advanced courses, extracurricular activities, transportation, food service, and building maintenance. Further information is available at https://wcsd.wednet.edu/.

The proposed 2-year replacement levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide up to \$502,000 in 2025 and \$502,000 in 2026. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$2.43 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The exact tax levy rate and amount to be collected may be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the taxable property within the District and the limitations imposed by State law at the time of levy. Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. To determine if you qualify, call the Lincoln County Assessor at (509)596-1454.

#### Statement in Favor

No statement submitted.

#### **Statement in Opposition**

No Statement submitted.

## **Harrington School District No. 204**

#### **Proposition No. 1**

#### **Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy**

The Board of Directors of Harrington School District No. 204 adopted Resolution No. 10-23, concerning a proposition to finance educational programs and operation expenses. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, for educational programs and operation expenses not funded by the State of Washington:

	Estimated Levy	
	Rate / \$1000	
Collection Year	Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2025	\$2.13	\$375,000
2026	\$2.13	\$375,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 10-23. Should this proposition be approved?

[] LEVY...YES

#### **Explanatory Statement**

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow the Harrington School District to replace an existing educational programs and operation levy that will expire at the end of calendar year 2024. The taxes collected by this replacement levy will be used to pay expenses of educational programs and operation not fully funded by the State of Washington, including, but not limited to, teachers, nurses, special education, athletics, advanced courses, extracurricular activities, field trip and STEM experiences, pre-school, transportation, swimming pool, food service, and building maintenance. Further information is available at https://www.harringtonsd.org/.

The proposed two-year replacement levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide up to \$375,000 in 2025 and \$375,000 in 2026. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$2.13 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The exact tax levy rates and amounts to be collected may be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the taxable property within the District and the limitations imposed by State law at the time of levy. Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. To determine if you qualify, call the Lincoln County Assessor at 509-596-1454.

#### Statement in Favor

No Statement submitted.

#### **Statement in Opposition**

## Davenport School District No. 207

#### **Proposition No. 1**

#### **Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy**

The Board of Directors of Davenport School District No. 207 adopted Resolution No. 24-03, concerning a proposition to finance educational programs and operation expenses. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, for essential educational programs and operation expenses not funded by the State (including teaching and support staff, smaller class sizes, maintenance, athletics and extracurricular activities):

	Estimated Levy	
	Rate / \$1000	Maximum
Collection Year	Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2025	\$2.30	\$1,135,091
2026	\$2.30	\$1,169,144
2027	\$2.30	\$1,204,218
2028	\$2.30	\$1,240,345

all as provided in Resolution No. 24-03. Should this proposition be approved?

[] LEVY...YES

[] LEVY...NO

## Explanatory Statement

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow Davenport School District to replace an existing educational programs and operation levy that will expire at the end of calendar year 2024. The taxes collected by this replacement levy will be used to pay expenses of educational programs and operation that are not fully funded by the State of Washington, including, but not limited to: teaching and support staff, smaller class sizes, maintenance, athletics, extracurricular activities and other educational programs and operation. Further information is available at the District's website https://www.davenportsd.org/.

The proposed four-year replacement levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide up to \$1,135,091 in 2025, \$1,169,144 in 2026, \$1,204,218 in 2027 and \$1,240,345 in 2028. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$2.30 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The exact tax levy rates and amounts to be collected may be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the taxable property within the District and the limitations imposed by State law at the time of levy. Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. To determine if you qualify, call the Lincoln County Assessor at 509-725-7011.

#### Statement in Favor

No statement submitted.

#### **Statement in Opposition**

No Statement submitted.

## **Davenport School District No. 207**

#### **Proposition No. 2**

Replacement Capital Levy for Instructional Technology, Safety and Facility Improvements

The Board of Directors of Davenport School District No. 207 adopted Resolution No. 24-04, concerning a proposition to finance instructional technology, safety and facility improvements. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District to continue funding instructional technology, safety and facility improvements (including acquiring technology equipment and providing related support; upgrading security systems; replacing or repairing roofs; upgrading classrooms):

	Estimated Levy	
	Rate / \$1000	
Collection Year	Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2025	\$1.00	\$493,518
2026	\$1.00	\$508,324
2027	\$1.00	\$523,573
2028	\$1.00	\$539,280

all as provided in Resolution No. 24-04. Should this proposition be approved?

[] LEVY...YES

[] LEVY...NO

### **Explanatory Statement**

Passage of Proposition No. 2 would allow Davenport School District to replace an existing capital levy for instructional technology, safety and facility improvements that will expire at the end of calendar year 2024. The taxes collected by this replacement levy will be used to: (1) acquire, install, implement and modernize instructional technology equipment, infrastructure, and other technology systems and facilities (including telecommunication systems) and provide related staff training and support; (2) upgrade and/or improve security systems (including cameras, entry/access controls, door locks and other security and safety systems); (3) replace or repair roofs as needed throughout the District; (4) improve and/or upgrade classrooms; and (5) make other instructional technology, safety and facilities improvements to existing school facilities. Further information is available at the District's website https://www.davenportsd.org/.

The proposed four-year replacement levy would authorize collection of taxes to provide up to \$493,518 in 2025, \$508,324 in 2026, \$523,573 in 2027 and \$539,280 in 2028. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Exemptions from taxes may be available to certain homeowners. To determine if you qualify, call the Lincoln County Assessor at 509-725-7011.

#### Statement in Favor

No statement submitted.

#### **Statement in Opposition**

## Ritzville School District No. 160-67

#### **Proposition No. 1**

#### **Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy**

The Board of Directors of Ritzville School District No. 160-67 adopted Resolution No. 2023-001, concerning a proposition to finance educational programs and operation expenses. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, for support of the District's educational programs and operation expenses not funded by the State of Washington:

	Estimated Levy	
	Rate / \$1000	
Collection Year	Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2025	\$1.98	\$1,131,300
2026	\$1.83	\$1,174,250

all as provided in Resolution No. 2023-001 and subject to legal limits on levy rates and amounts at the time of levy. Should this proposition be approved?

[] LEVY...YES [] LEVY...NO

#### **Explanatory Statement**

This proposition authorizes Ritzville School District to replace an existing educational programs and operation levy that will expire at the end of 2024. The proposed replacement levy will continue funding educational programs and operation expenses that are not fully funded by the State, including teachers, support staff, athletics, extracurricular activities, nutrition, maintenance and operations, transportation and special education. Further information is available at https://www.lrschools.org/. Taxes collected by the proposed replacement levy will provide approximately 16.5% of the District's General Fund budget. Exemptions from taxes may be available, call Adams County Assessor 509-659-3200 or Lincoln County Assessor 509-596-1454.

#### Statement in Favor

No Statement submitted.

#### Statement in Opposition

No Statement submitted.

## **Ritzville School District No. 160-67**

#### **Proposition No. 2**

#### **Replacement Capital Levy for Educational Technology Improvements**

The Board of Directors of Ritzville School District No. 160-67 adopted Resolution No. 2023-002, concerning a proposition to finance educational technology improvements. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, replacing an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, to acquire and install student and teacher technology devices and other technology equipment and infrastructure all to improve student access to technology:

	Estimated Levy	
	Rate / \$1000	
Collection Year	Assessed Value	<u>Levy Amount</u>
2025	\$0.12	\$50,000
2026	\$0.12	\$50,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 2023-002. Should this proposition be approved?

[] LEVY...YES

#### **Explanatory Statement**

This proposition authorizes Ritzville School District to replace an existing educational technology levy that will expire at the end of 2024. The proposed replacement levy will be used to acquire, install, implement, upgrade and modernize student and teacher technology devices and other educational technology equipment, infrastructure and systems, and make other improvements and upgrades to the District's technology systems, all to improve student access to technology. Further information is available at https://www.lrschools.org/. Exemptions from taxes may be available, call Adams County Assessor 509-659-3200 or Lincoln County Assessor 509-596-1454.

#### Statement in Favor

No Statement submitted.

#### Statement in Opposition

### Ritzville School District No. 160-67

## Proposition No. 3 Reapportionment of Director Districts

The Board of Directors of Ritzville School District No. 160-67 adopted Resolution No. 2023-004, concerning the dissolution and reapportionment of its director districts. This proposition would authorize the District to dissolve its five existing director districts and reapportion its territory into three director districts and two at large positions, to better facilitate citizen participation as members of the board of directors, all as provided in Resolution No. 2023-004. Should this proposition be:

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#### **Explanatory Statement**

This proposition authorizes Ritzville School District to dissolve its five existing directors' districts and reapportion its territory into three directors' districts and two at-large positions. The District Board of Directors determined that population changes have made it difficult for existing directors' districts to be represented by school director candidates willing to run for office, and reapportionment into three directors' districts and two director at-large positions will better facilitate citizen participation in school director offices while also adequately representing all of the geographic areas of the District.

#### Statement in Favor

No statement submitted.

#### Statement in Opposition

No Statement submitted.

## Wilson Creek School District No. 167-202

#### **Proposition No. 1**

#### **Replacement Educational Programs and Operation Levy**

The Board of Directors of Wilson Creek School District No. 167-202 adopted Resolution No. 23-04, concerning a proposition to finance educational programs and operation expenses. This proposition would authorize the District to levy the following excess taxes, in place of an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, for the District's educational programs and operation expenses not funded by the State of Washington:

	Estimated Levy	
	Rate / \$1000	
Collection Year	Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2025	\$2.50	\$350,151
2026	\$2.50	\$365,000

all as provided in Resolution No. 23-04 and subject to legal limits on levy rates and amounts at the time of levy. Should this proposition be approved?

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#### **Explanatory Statement**

Passage of Proposition No. 1 would allow Wilson Creek School District to replace an existing educational programs and operation levy that will expire at the end of calendar year 2024. The taxes collected by this replacement levy will be used to pay expenses of educational programs and operation not fully funded by the State of Washington, including, but not limited to, teachers, nurses, special education, athletics, advanced courses, extracurricular activities, transportation, and building maintenance. Further information is available on the District's website at http://wilsoncreek.org/.

The proposed two-year replacement levy would authorize the collection of taxes to provide up to \$350,151 in 2025 and \$365,000 in 2026. The tax levy rate required to produce these levy amounts is estimated to be \$2.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value. The exact tax levy rate and amount to be collected may be adjusted based upon the actual assessed value of the taxable property within the District and the limitations imposed by State law at the time of levy. Exemptions from taxes may be available, call your county assessor for more information.

#### Statement in Favor

No Statement submitted.

#### **Statement in Opposition**

## Lincoln County Public Hospital District No. 1

#### **Proposition No. 1**

#### Replacement of Expiring One-Year Excess Levy for Operations and Maintenance

The Commission of Public Hospital District No. 1, Lincoln County, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 110923.01 concerning a levy to support the operation of the District's health care services. This proposition would authorize the District to levy an excess property tax in 2024 for collection in 2025 in the amount of \$735,000, resulting in an estimated levy rate of \$2.38 per \$1,000 of assessed value, which levy would replace the District's expiring levy and permit the District to maintain current levels of essential health care services, all as provided in Resolution No. 110923.01. Should this proposition be approved?

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### **Explanatory Statement**

This proposition authorizes Odessa Memorial Healthcare Center (OMHC) to continue with day to day maintenance for the hospital campus. The proposed levy will used to make repairs, and update the physical buildings required to provide services. Examples of projects that are needed include; repair and replacement of the roof, updating floors, and general mechanical updates such as water heater replacement, and HVAC systems. Taxes collected via the levy make up approximately 10% of the overall budget for OMHC. The remaining funding to operate the facility comes from the revenues generated from services provided.

#### **Statement in Favor**

My name is Barb Schlimmer and I am writing in support of the Operations & Maintenance Levy for Lincoln County Public Hospital District #1, Odessa Memorial Healthcare Center. As a long-term resident of Odessa, my family, neighbors, friends and I have benefited greatly from our local hospital. Having healthcare available close to home is a benefit many small communities do not have. This Levy is needed as a component of OMHC's operational budget and is used to help to maintain the physical buildings for our hospital, Quail Court, and the Clinic. The levy covers only a portion of the budget for required maintenance and repairs. The remainder of the funding comes from OMHC's revenues. Please join me in supporting our local hospital district to help keep our healthcare close to home.

#### **Statement in Opposition**

## **Elections and Voter Registration**

# How do I register to vote in Washington?

#### **Qualifications:**

You must be at least 18 years old, a U.S. citizen, a resident of Washington, and not under Department of Corrections supervision for a Washington felony conviction. 16- and 17-year-olds can sign up as Future Voters and will be registered to vote when they turn 18.

#### **Registration deadlines:**

By mail or online: Your application must be received no later than February 5.

In person: Lincoln County Elections Department, 450 Logan St in Davenport, no later than 8 p.m. on February 13.

#### How do I register to vote?

Online: Register at VoteWA.gov

**By mail:** Request a paper form be mailed to you by calling (509) 725-4971 or print your own at sos.wa.gov/elections.

**In person:** Visit the elections department at 450 Logan St, Davenport.

Moved? Update your voting address. Contact the elections department to request a ballot at your new address.

**By February 5:** Have your application received by mail or updated online.

**Or By February 13:** Visit the elections department in person at 450 Logan St, Davenport.

## **#Future Voter**

What if I'm not 18 yet?

**If you are 16 or 17, become a Future Voter!** 16- and 17-year-olds can use the Voter Registration form to sign up as Future Voters and be automatically registered to vote when they turn 18.

## **Elections and Voter Registration**

- Your ballot will be mailed no later than **January 24** to the address you provide in your voter registration. If you need a replacement ballot, contact the Lincoln County Elections Department.
- Vote your ballot and sign your return envelope. You are not required to vote every race on your ballot. We encourage using this pamphlet to help you decide.
- Return your ballot by mail, no stamp needed. If mailed, your ballot must be postmarked by February 13. A late postmark could disqualify your ballot. The USPS recommends that you mail a week before Election Day.

Or

Return your ballot to an official ballot drop box, no stamp needed. Drop boxes are open until 8pm on February 13. Find drop box locations at VoteWA.gov.

If you cannot personally return your ballot, let only people you trust deliver it for you.

Check the status of your ballot on **VoteWA.gov** to see if it has been received by Lincoln County elections.

Election staff will contact you before your ballot is processed if:

- Your signature is missing
- Your signature doesn't match your voter registration record

#### View election results online

After 8 p.m. on election night, tallied results from each county are posted at sos.wa.gov/elections. Results are updated as counties report and unofficial until certification.

## How is my ballot counted?

#### **Lincoln County receives your ballot**



Deposit your ballot in an official drop box by 8 p.m. on February 13, Election Day, or return your ballot by mail postage paid — but make sure it's postmarked no later than Election Day! A late postmark could disqualify your ballot. The USPS recommends that you mail your ballot a week before Election Day.

#### Your signature is verified



The signature on your return envelope is compared to the signature on your voter registration record. If the signature matches, your ballot is accepted and you are credited for voting to ensure only one ballot is counted for you.







Election staff will contact you before your ballot is processed if:

- · Your signature is missing
- Your signature doesn't match your voter registration record





#### **Envelopes are separated**

The return envelope is opened and the security envelope containing your ballot is removed. They are separated to ensure the secrecy of your vote.



#### Your ballot is reviewed and scanned

The security envelope is opened and election staff review your ballot to verify that it can be successfully scanned.



#### Your ballot is counted



After 8 p.m. on Election Day all scanned ballots are tallied. Ballots will be scanned and tallied over the next several days until all the votes are counted.