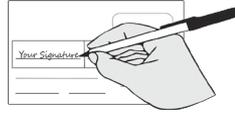


## Remember to Sign Your Return Envelope

### Your signature is needed to make sure your ballot gets counted.

- The signature on your return envelope is compared to the signature on your voter registration record. Trained election officials verify each and every signature.
- If your signature is missing or does not match your voter registration record, the Clallam County Elections and Voter Registration Office will contact you by mail **before results are certified**. You may also be called or emailed if that information is available.
- If you registered to vote online or through Department of Licensing, the signature from your driver's license, permit, or state ID will be on your voter registration record.



## To Register to Vote, You Must Be

- A citizen of the United States.
- A legal resident of Washington state for at least 30 days prior to Election Day.
- At least 18 years old.  
If you are 16 or 17, you can sign up as a Future Voter and be automatically registered to vote when you qualify.
- Not disqualified from voting due to court order.
- Not currently serving a sentence of total confinement in prison under the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections for a Washington felony conviction.
- Not currently incarcerated for a federal or out-of-state felony conviction.

## Register to Vote & Update Your Voter Registration

### Online: [www.votewa.gov](http://www.votewa.gov)

- To register to vote
- To change your address
- To change your name
- To check your voting history
- To check your ballot status

Scan the QR code with your smartphone to visit VoteWA.



### Paper Form

Complete and return a Washington State Voter Registration form. Forms must be received in the Elections and Voter Registration Office by February 5, 2024.

### In Person

Come in to the Clallam County Elections and Voter Registration Office by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

### Registration Deadlines:

- Online (Washington I.D. required) and by mail through February 5, 2024.
- Elections and Voter Registration Office, in person through February 13, 2024 until 8:00 p.m.



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## Returning Your Ballot

### By Official Ballot Drop Box

Drop Boxes are open 20 days before Election Day, 24 hours a day until 8:00 p.m. on Election Night.

Returning your ballot to a drop box reduces the cost of postage for the election.

#### Clallam County Courthouse – 223 E 4<sup>th</sup> St, Port Angeles

- Courthouse circular drive
- Courthouse sidewalk, across from disabled parking
- Elections and Voter Registration Office (only available during business hours 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., and until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.)

#### Carlsborg – 261461 Hwy 101, near Sunny Farms, adjacent to Mill Rd

#### Sequim – 651 W Washington St, in the parking lot

#### Clallam Bay – 16990 Hwy 112, in front of the Clallam Bay Branch Library

#### Forks – 500 E Division St, outside Forks City Hall

#### Neah Bay – 1450 Bayview Ave, in front of Washburn's General Store by the left Totem Pole

#### Seki – 15 Sekiu Airport Road, at the PUD in the drive-up lane

### By Mail

No stamp is necessary if you use the return envelope that is provided with your ballot. Please make sure to have a postmark on or before February 13, 2024 when mailing your ballot. Check with your local Post Office for postmark cutoff times on Election Day.

## Accessible Voting

Clallam County voters with disabilities have the option of voting independently and privately using an Accessible Voting Unit (AVU) at the Clallam County Elections and Voter Registration Office. Available January 24 - February 13.

## Replacement Ballots

If your ballot is lost, spoiled, or destroyed, please call, email, or visit the Elections and Voter Registration Office. You can also print a replacement online at [votewa.gov](http://votewa.gov).

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# Public Hospital District No. 1

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## Proposition No. 1

### Levy Lid Lift for Health Care Services

The Commission of Public Hospital District No. 1, Clallam County, Washington (Forks Community Hospital) adopted Resolution No. 2023-579 concerning the district's regular property tax levy. If approved, this proposition would provide additional operating and capital funds for hospital and other health care services including purchasing medical equipment and supporting additional staffing and recruitment. It authorizes a maximum regular property levy rate for collection in 2025 of 75 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value. The 2025 levy amount will be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for levies in subsequent years.

Should this proposition be approved?

APPROVED    REJECTED

## Explanatory Statement

Written by **Bradley Berg**, Foster Garvey P.C., special counsel to the District

Public Hospital District No. 1 (the "District") operates Forks Community Hospital. Under state law, public hospital districts are authorized to levy regular property taxes at a rate of up to 75 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value. Because state law limits the amount taxes can be increased without voter approval, the District's levy rate has declined over the years from 75 cents in 2006 to 42.8 cents in 2023.

The District is requesting voter approval to restore its levy to 75 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value beginning in 2025, which is an increase of approximately 32 cents above the tax levy rate in 2023. The levy will provide additional funds to support health care services including purchasing medical equipment and supporting additional staffing and recruitment.

Based on the current assessed value of property within the district, the proposed 32 cent increase in the District's levy would result in an estimated additional levy amount payable by an owner of a home with an assessed value of \$300,000 of \$8.00 per month or \$96 per year. The 2025 levy amount will be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for the District's levies in subsequent years.

## Argument Against

No statement submitted

## Argument For

Forks Community Hospital (FCH) is grateful to the voters of the District who have continued to support the hospital and its clinics. While our Regular Levy currently provides over \$350,000 per year in vital funding to an operating budget of over \$40 million, the time has come to secure the future of our local hospital.

The last time the Hospital asked the voters for new support was 2006; however, our operating and infrastructure expenses have grown over 17 years. Supporting the levy will provide crucial capital equipment that advance quality and improve patient outcomes, fund necessary staffing, and continue to recruit high-quality physicians to our community.

We know that members of our community are facing economic challenges. Public Hospital Districts like ours are also experiencing unprecedented financial strain from conditions over which we have no control. We also understand that ensuring FCH continues providing essential health services to our community must remain a priority focus. This is why we need your support.

The impact of the increase in property tax for a homeowner with an assessed value of \$300,000 would be \$8.00 per month or \$96.00 per year. The increase of an average of \$8.00 per month will provide FCH additional funding that directly impacts quality patient care, safety, recruitment, and technologies. \$8.00 to secure the future of our local healthcare is worth it.

Forks Community Hospital is a vital community asset. Please vote yes on the Levy Lid Lift for Clallam County Public Hospital District No. 1.

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