

# NOVEMBER 7, 2023 VOTER INFORMATION

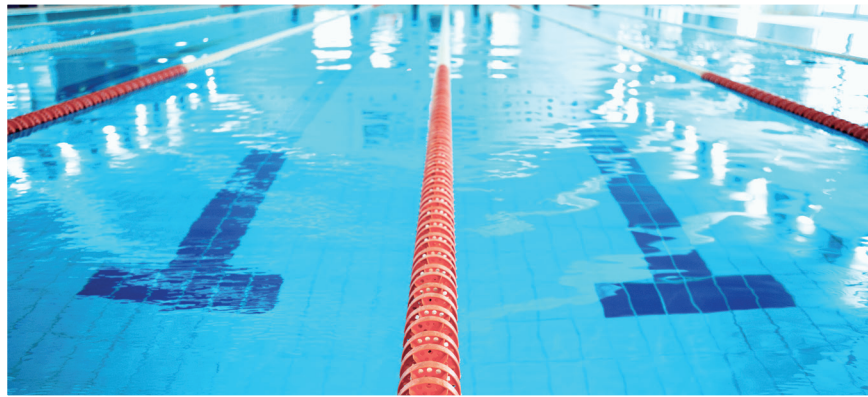
## KIRKLAND PROPOSITION 1:

### EXPANDING AQUATICS, RECREATION, AND PARKS PROGRAMS AND OPERATIONS

#### POOLS, PARKS & RECREATION PROPOSAL

In July, Kirkland City Council adopted Ordinance O-4857, responding to the community's needs and priorities to expand aquatics, parks, and recreation facilities. This ordinance builds on the input received from over 4,700 community members during the 2022 Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Plan process and from the Parks Funding Exploratory Committee, Kirkland Park Board, and Kirkland Youth Council.

Ordinance O-4857 submits to the voters for the November 2023 ballot a levy lid lift proposition to expand aquatics, parks and recreation facilities, operations, and programs. Ordinance O-4857 also describes the City's plan to construct a new 86,000 square foot aquatic and recreation center at the former Houghton Park & Ride at NE 70th and I-405 for approximately \$108.5 million, to be funded separately through the City's General Fund. Ballot measure revenue would fund operations and programming at the center.



#### AQUATICS

This new center would include aquatic spaces such as:

- indoor pools for swim lessons, swim teams, and lap swim, which would help address the annual waitlists for swim lessons,
- family-friendly warm water pools,
- spray and play features,
- senior aquatic programs, water exercise classes, and more.

#### RECREATION

The center would offer new recreation spaces to help address the community's demonstrated need, such as:

- fitness rooms and equipment for cardio, cycling, kickboxing, yoga, weight training, and other fitness programs,
- gymnasiums for youth sports, sports leagues, clinics for basketball, volleyball, and pickleball, and drop-in use,
- multi-purpose space for dance, art classes, and after-school and other youth camps.



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# AQUATICS, PARKS & RECREATION BACKGROUND

Parks and recreation services are a vital part of the quality of life for all Kirkland community members. The need for indoor aquatic and recreation facilities in Kirkland has been a documented community need for over 20 years, beginning with the 2001 Indoor Recreation Needs Survey. In response to the unmet needs identified in the 2022 PROS Plan, Kirkland City Council convened the Park Funding Exploratory Committee (PFEC) in the fall of 2022. PFEC was made up of 45 community members from all walks of life and all parts of Kirkland with the task to advise the Council on whether to accelerate investments in aquatics, recreation, and parks programs. The Committee met from September 2022 through June 2023 to explore and evaluate the needs of Kirkland’s parks, recreation, and open space system. The Committee recommended that the City accelerate these investments and that Council should put the choice to the voters in November 2023.



Parks Funding Exploratory Committee 2022-2023

## Kirkland Proposition 1: Levy Lid Lift for Expanded Aquatics, Recreation, and Parks Facilities, Operations, and Programs

On November 7, 2023, Kirkland voters will be asked to consider Proposition 1 which would fund expanded aquatics, recreation, and parks facilities, operations, and programs.

Proposition 1 proposes an ongoing property tax levy that would generate approximately \$10,800,000 in 2024 with a levy rate of \$0.28054/\$1,000 of assessed valuation. Ordinance O-4857 commits the City to collect only what is needed for the investments described in the ballot measure. The estimated annual cost is \$280 for a home valued at \$1,000,000.

### Where Do My Property Taxes Go?

Kirkland property tax bills go to 11 taxing districts. The average total property taxes paid in 2023 on a \$1,000,000 home is \$7,394 for all taxing districts. As shown in Figure 1, the City of Kirkland receives about 11.7% of the total property taxes paid each year.

Curious how property tax works in Kirkland? Visit [www.kirklandwa.gov/parksballot](http://www.kirklandwa.gov/parksballot) for more information.

2023 Property Tax Distribution  
Total \$7.39 / \$1000 AV

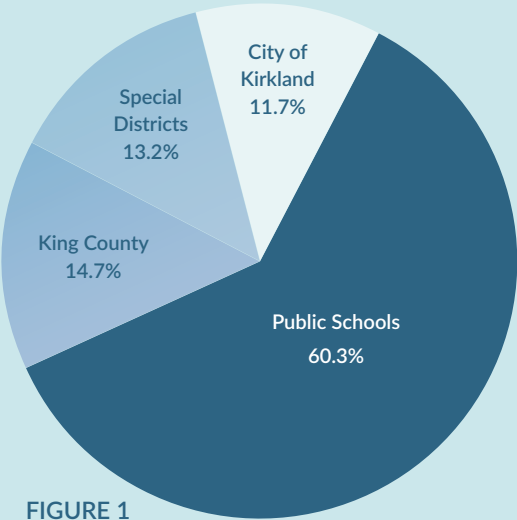


FIGURE 1



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## WHAT WILL PROPOSITION 1 FUND?

If approved, the City expects the capital construction projects funded by Proposition 1 would be completed by the end of 2028. The \$10,800,000 annual levy revenue would be used to accomplish the following:

- **Indoor aquatic & recreation center operations**
  - Initial design for an 86,000 square foot indoor aquatic and recreation center, to be constructed separately
  - Operations and programming of all center spaces, including warm water recreational pool, lap pool, a multi-court gym, fitness rooms, classrooms, a multipurpose room, and more
  - Annual operations to start in 2027
- **Add 9 year-round restrooms**
  - Winterize restrooms at: Crestwoods Park, Edith Moulton Park, Juanita Bay Park, Marsh Park, O.O. Denny Park, and Waverly Beach Park
  - Build new restrooms at: McAuliffe Park, North Rose Hill Woodlands Park, and Terrace Park
- **Additional park rangers & enhanced park safety**
  - Hire one additional full-time park ranger and add 2,400 part-time seasonal park ranger hours – to more than double current staffing levels
  - Automatic locking gates at key parks across the community, including: Crestwoods Park, Everest Park, Houghton Beach Park, Juanita Bay Park, Juanita Beach Park, and O.O. Denny Park
- **New sport courts**
  - Sand volleyball court at O.O. Denny Park
  - Outdoor pickleball complex with 3 courts
- **Increased beach lifeguarding & new water safety program**
  - Expand Kirkland's beach lifeguarding season – from the middle of June through the middle of September – and add additional hours to daily lifeguarding at Houghton Beach, Juanita Beach, and Waverly Beach parks
  - New comprehensive water safety education program including life saving devices at all waterfront parks, water safety signage, and outreach activities
- **Expand teen services & Kirkland Teen Union Building operations**
  - 7-day a week operation of the Kirkland Teen Union Building (KTUB) as a teen center for Kirkland youth with drop-in after school programs
  - Year-round outdoor recreation, life-skills activities, and mental health support for Kirkland teens
- **Green loop trail networks**
  - Acquisition, easements, and development of key segments of the green loop trail in the Finn Hill neighborhood
- **Park operations, maintenance, and improvements**
  - Hire necessary staff to support all projects
  - Additional operations, maintenance, and improvements

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## WHAT WOULD BE THE COST OF PROPOSITION 1 FOR A KIRKLAND HOMEOWNER?

Proposition 1 proposes an ongoing property tax levy of approximately \$0.28 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation (AV). If approved, this would generate approximately \$10,800,000 each year starting in 2024. Ordinance O-4857 commits the City to collect only what is needed for the investments described in the ballot measure.

Using information available from the King County Assessor’s Office, City staff estimate that Proposition 1 would cost the owner of a \$1,000,000 valued Kirkland home about \$280 per year. See your estimated cost by visiting King County Assessor’s Taxpayer Transparency Tool at [www.kingcounty.gov/assessor](http://www.kingcounty.gov/assessor)

See estimated annual cost for a range of home values (Figure 2).

FIGURE 2	2024 Home Value	Estimated Annual Levy Cost	Estimated Monthly Levy Cost
	\$800,000	\$224	\$19
	\$1,000,000	\$280	\$23
	\$1,200,000	\$336	\$28

costs are rounded

### What about people on a fixed income?

Seniors and persons with disabilities may qualify for tax exemptions. For more information, contact the King County Assessor’s Office at [www.kingcounty.gov/assessor](http://www.kingcounty.gov/assessor) or Tel: 206-296-7300 or TTY: 206-296-7888.

## ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 7, 2023

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