State Measures

Proposed by Initiative Petition Initiative Measure No. 1185

Initiative Measure No. 1185 concerns tax and fee increases imposed by state government. This measure would restate existing statutory requirements that legislative actions raising taxes must be approved by two-thirds legislative majorities or receive voter approval, and that new or increased fees require majority legislative approval. Should this measure be enacted into law?

YES

NO

Proposed by Initiative Petition Initiative Measure No. 1240

Initiative Measure No. 1240 concerns creation of a public charter school system. This measure would authorize up to forty publicly-funded charter schools open to all students, operated through approved, nonreligious, nonprofit organizations, with government oversight; and modify certain laws applicable to them as public schools. Should this measure be enacted into law?

YES

NO

Passed by the Legislature and Ordered Referred by Petition Referendum Measure No. 74

The legislature passed Engros sed Substitute Senate Bill 6239 concerning marriage for same-sex couples, modified domestic-partnership law, and religious freedom, and voters have filed a sufficient referendum petition on this bill. This bill would allow same-sex couples to marry, preserve domestic partners hips only for seniors, and preserve the right of clergy or religious organizations to refuse to perform, recognize, or accommodate any marriage ceremony. Should this bill be:

APPROVED

REJECTED

Proposed to the Legislature and Referred to the People Initiative Measure No. 502

Initiative Measure No. 502 concerns marijuana. This measure would license and regulate marijuana production, distribution, and possession for persons over twenty-one; remove state-law criminal and civil penalties for activities that it authorizes; tax marijuana sales; and earmark marijuana-related revenues. Should this measure be enacted into law?

YES

NO

Proposed to the People by the Legislature Amendment to the State Constitution Engrossed Senate Joint Resolution No. 8221

The Legislature has proposed a constitutional amendment on implementing the Commission on State Debt recommendations regarding Washington's debt limit. This amendment would, starting July 1, 2014, phase-down the debt limit percentage in three steps from nine to eight percent and modify the calculation date, calculation period, and the term general state revenues. Should this constitutional amendment be:

APPROVED 🛑

REJECTED 🛑

Proposed to the People by the Legislature Amendment to the State Constitution Senate Joint Resolution No. 8223

The Legislature has proposed a constitutional amendment on investments by the University of Washington and Washington State University. This amendment would create an exception to constitutional restrictions on investing public funds by allowing these universities to invest specified public funds as authorized by the legislature, including in private companies or stock. Should this constitutional amendment her

APPROVED 4

REJECTED

Advisory Vote of the People Advisory Vote No. 1 Engrossed Senate Bill 6635

The legislature eliminated, without a vote of the people, a business and occupation tax deduction for certain financial institutions' interest on residential loans, costing \$170,000,000, in its first ten years, for government spending. This tax increase should be:

REPEALED

MAINTAINED

Advisory Vote of the People Advisory Vote No. 2 Substitute House Bill 2590

The legislature extended, without a vote of the people, expiration of a tax on possession of petroleum products and reduced the tax rate, costing \$24,000,000, in its first ten years, for government spending. This tax increase should her

REPEALED

MAINTAINED

Port of Bellingham

Port of Bellingham Proposition No. 1 Number of Port Commissioners

The Commissioners of the Port of Bellingham adopted Resolution No. 1310, concerning a proposition to increase the number of Port Commissioners. This proposition would increase the number of Commissioners of the Port District from three (3) Commissioners to five (5) Commissioners. Should this proposition be approved?

ES.

NO

Federal - Partisan Office **President and Vice President** Barack Obama / Joe Biden Democratic Party Nominees Mitt Romney / Paul Ryan Republican Party Nominees Gary Johnson / James P. Gray Libertarian Party Nominees Virgil Goode / James N. Clymer Constitution Party Nominees Jill Stein / Cheri Honkala Green Party Nominees Peta Lindsay / Yari Osorio Socialism & Liberation Party Nominees James Harris / Alyson Kennedy Socialist Workers Party Nominees Ross C. (Rocky) Anderson / Luis J. Rodriguez Justice Party Nominees "READ: Each can didate for President and Vice President is the official nominee of a political party. For other partisan offices, each candidate may state a political party that he or she prefers. A candidate's preference does not imply that the candidate is nominated or endorsed by the party, or that the party approves of or associates with that candidate" Federal - Partisan Offices U. S. Senator Maria Cantwell (Prefers Democratic Party) Michael Baumgartner (Prefers Republican Party)

Federal - Partisan Office

U.S. Representative Congressional District 1

(Prefers Republican Party)

(Prefers Democratic Party)

Suzan DelBene

Write-In

Whatcom County, Washington General Election - November 6, 2012

To Vote: Use either blue or black ink. Do not use a felt tip pen or pencil. Connect the Head and Tail of the arrow that points to your choice with a Single Line as shown.

To Correct A Mistake: Draw a line through the incorrect choice like this: John Doe

You then have the option of making another choice if you wish.

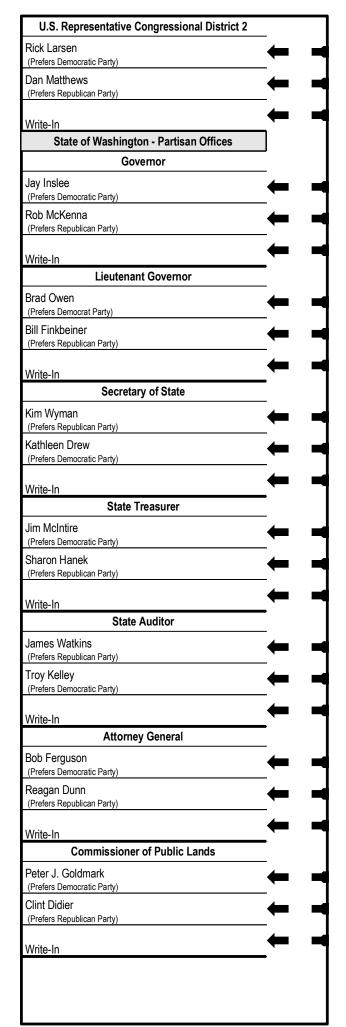
Write-In: To vote for a person not on the ballot, connect the arrow and write in the name of the person on the line provided.

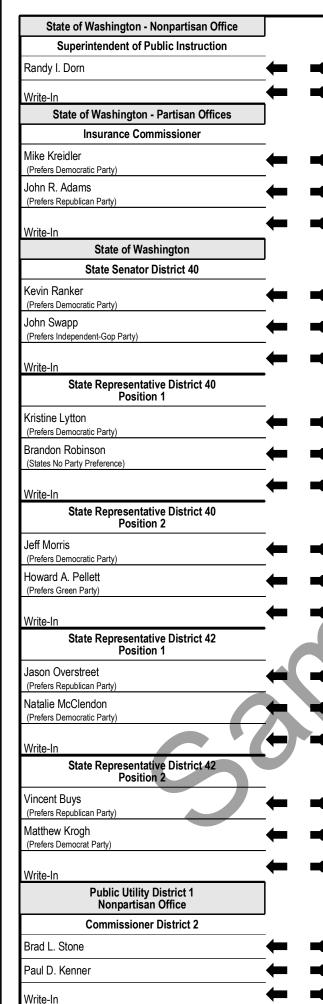
In any race you choose to vote, vote for only one candidate.

Sample Ballot

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Not all districts or measures on this sample will appear on your ballot. Only the district and measures that you're entitled to vote on will appear





State Judici	al - Nonpartisan Offices
State Supremo	e Court Justice Position 2
Susan Owens	
Write-In	
State Supremo	e Court Justice Position 8
Steve Gonzalez	
Write-In	
State Supremo	e Court Justice Position 9
Sheryl Gordon McClo	oud
Richard B. Sanders	
Write-In	
Court of Appeal	s Div 1 District 3 Position 1
Mary Kay Becker	
Write-In	
Whatco Nor	om County Judicial partisan Office
Superior C	Court Judge Position 2
Dave Grant	
Deborra Garrett	
Write-In	
City	of Bellingham

The City of Bellingham Council adopted Ordinance No. 2012-06-033 concerning property taxes for low-income housing assistance.

This proposition would fund housing and housing services for people with low or very low incomes, including those with disabilities, veterans, seniors, and families with children by (a) authorizing an increase in the City's regular property tax levy by up to \$0.12/\$1,000 to \$2.62/\$1,000 of assess ed value as allowed by RCW 84.55; and (b) authorizing a regular property tax levy of up to \$0.24/\$1,000 of assessed value under RCW 84.52.105, each for seven years, generating approximately \$3,000,000 annually.

Should this proposition be approved?

Low-Income Housing Levy

City of Lynden

Lynden Transportation Benefit District Lynden, Washington Proposition No. 1 Sales and Use Tax for Transportation Improvements

The Board of the Lynden Transportation Benefit District, Lynden, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 2012-1 concerning a sales and use tax to fund certain transportation improvements. This proposition would authorize a sales and use tax of two tenths of one percent (0.002) to be collected from all taxable retail sales within the Transportation Benefit District in accordance with RCW 82.14.0455 for a term of ten years, or until such District is dissolved, whichever is earlier, for the purpose of paying or financing costs of necessary transportation improvement projects listed in Resolution No. 2012-1 and identified in the City of Lynden Transportation Improvement Plan:

Should this proposition be approved?

Lynden Regional Parks and Recreation District 3

Lynden Regional Parks and Recreation District Proposition No. 1 Indoor Recreation Facility Acquisition Bonds - \$9.500.000

The Board of Commissioners of Lynden Regional Parks and Recreation District, passed Resolution No. 6 concerning this proposition which authorizes the District to purchase a new turnkey indoor recreation facility, to is sue \$9,500,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum term of 30 years to finance acquisition of such facility, and to levy property taxes annually in excess of regular property tax levies to repay such bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 6. Should this proposition be:

APPROVED 4

REJECTED