

WHIDBEY LEGISLATIVE REPORT

2026 Ballot Guide

An educational companion to the official Island County voters' pamphlet.



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How to use this guide

This companion explains what ballot measures would change, summarizes the positions of supporters and opponents, and identifies candidates and the offices they seek.

Start with your ballot

Your address determines which local measures and races appear. Check your personalized ballot at VoteWA.gov.

Read the choice and both arguments

Look for the effect of approving or rejecting a proposal. Statements attributed to supporters and opponents are their arguments, not endorsements.

Explore the original sources

Use the clickable links to read candidate statements, complete measure text, fiscal information, and the official arguments in the [Island County voters' pamphlet](#).

The statewide initiatives use YES/NO choices. Langley Proposition 1 uses APPROVED/REJECTED. Not every local measure appears on every ballot.

Statewide initiatives

Three measures ask voters to change or retain state law. Each explanation distinguishes the legal choice from arguments made by its supporters and opponents.

IP26-645 | Individual income-tax repeal

Washington enacted a 9.9% tax on taxable annual individual income above \$1 million, beginning in 2028. This initiative asks whether to repeal the tax and establish restrictions on individual income taxation.

How did we get here? Washington relies heavily on sales, property, and business taxes. Lawmakers proposing SB 6346 argued that a tax on income above \$1 million would help fund

public services and shift more of the tax burden to high-income households. Critics opposed introducing an individual income tax and questioned its economic effects and potential future expansion.

YES: Repeals the new tax before collections begin and adopts the proposed restrictions.

NO: Retains the enacted tax and current legal framework.

Supporters of repeal say: Repeal would prevent the new income tax and limit future individual income taxation.

Opponents of repeal say: Keeping the tax would preserve projected revenue for education, health care, and other public services.

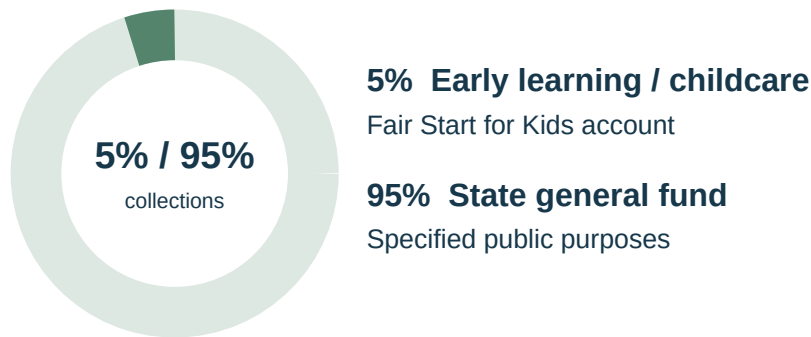
What stays the same: Other state taxes continue. Separate non-income-tax relief enacted alongside the 2026 law remains in effect even if the repeal passes.

[Official initiative text, fiscal information, and arguments](#)

Following the money

\$11.43 billion is the estimated revenue not collected over **FY 2027–2031 (five years)** if the repeal passes. It is not money already spent, and it is not an annual estimate.

Under the enacted law, the following shares apply to collections; the 95% general-fund share is not a fixed allocation among individual programs.



[Read the statutory allocation \(RCW 82A.04.050\)](#)

IL26-001 | Parental rights in public schools

Washington adopted a parental-rights law in 2024 and amended it in 2025. The initiative would restore specified 2024 provisions, replacing the 2025 amendments. The differences concern school records, notifications, privacy, and related rights.

YES: Restores the specified 2024 provisions.

NO: Keeps the 2025-amended statute.

Supporters of the proposal say: The earlier rules give parents clearer access to school information and notifications.

Opponents of the proposal say: Reinstating the earlier text removes certain student privacy and safety safeguards adopted in 2025.

What stays the same: Parents retain rights under other laws; schools remain subject to state and federal requirements.

[Read the full text and official arguments](#)

IL26-638 | Girls' K–12 school athletics

This initiative would establish sex-based eligibility requirements for certain female-designated school sports and a verification process.

YES: Enacts the proposed eligibility and verification rules.

NO: Keeps the current participation framework.

Supporters of the proposal say: Sex-based rules would protect competitive fairness and opportunities in girls' sports.

Opponents of the proposal say: The restrictions could exclude some students and raise privacy, safety, and implementation concerns.

What stays the same: Schools continue offering athletics under applicable law. Read the measure for the precise eligibility requirements.

[Read the full text and official arguments](#)

Local ballot questions

Local voting boundaries matter. These questions will not all appear on the same ballot.

Unincorporated Island County | Fireworks advisory vote

YES: Expresses support for pursuing a consumer-fireworks ban in unincorporated county areas.

NO: Does not express support for that proposal.

What stays the same: The advisory vote does not itself enact a ban; incorporated cities are outside the question. Any rule change requires a separate county process.

City of Langley | Proposition 1

APPROVED: Authorizes a higher regular property-tax levy for city services and technology.

REJECTED: Does not authorize the proposed increase.

Why it matters: The proposed increase is approximately \$0.6485 per \$1,000 of assessed value. At \$600,000, that illustrates about \$389 more annually, before applicable exemptions.

Eligible seniors and people with disabilities may qualify for exemptions. Existing taxes and city services continue regardless of the result.

Port of South Whidbey district | Proposition 1

YES: Authorizes a higher levy for port facilities and related investments.

NO: Does not authorize the proposed increase.

Why it matters: The proposed rate difference is approximately \$0.06 per \$1,000 of assessed value. At \$600,000, that illustrates about \$36 more annually.

Existing Port operations and taxes continue. This proposition applies only within the Port district.

Illustrative added annual property tax

These figures show the proposed **increase**, not the total property-tax bill. The two measures apply in different voting areas.

Assessed value	Langley only	Port district only
\$400,000	\$259	\$24
\$600,000	\$389	\$36
\$800,000	\$519	\$48
\$1,000,000	\$649	\$60

Formula: assessed value ÷ 1,000 × proposed levy-rate increase.
Exemptions, actual assessed values, and eligibility can change the amount.

Candidates and their offices

The descriptions below explain what the office does; they are not candidate biographies or endorsements. Linked names open campaign websites. The official voters’ pamphlet provides candidates’ submitted statements.

Federal and state legislative races

U.S. House, District 2

[Rick Larsen](#) / Edwin H. Feller

Represents the district in the U.S. House; federal laws, spending and oversight.

WA House, LD 10, Position 1

[Robert \(Chili\) Hicks](#) / [Clyde Shavers](#)

One of two representatives for Legislative District 10; state laws and budgets.

WA House, LD 10, Position 2

[Dave Paul](#) / [Tim Hazelo](#)

The other House seat for Legislative District 10; state laws and budgets.

Island County offices

Assessor

[Doug Stults](#) / [Kelly Todd Mauck](#)

Oversees property valuation for taxation.

Auditor

Sheilah Crider / Barbara Fuller

Administers elections and other county records and financial functions.

Clerk

[Dierdre Butler](#) / Maria Hazelo

Maintains Superior Court records and related court administration.

Commissioner, District 3

[Grant Shaw](#) / Matthew Van Pelt

County legislative and budget decisions; district-specific race.

Coroner

Shantel Porter (unopposed)

Investigates and documents certain deaths.

Prosecutor

Greg Banks / Andrew F. Scott

Oversees county criminal prosecution and civil legal representation.

Sheriff

[Tavier Wasser](#) / [Rick Felici](#)

Leads county law-enforcement operations.

Treasurer

Tony Lam (unopposed)

Collects, safeguards and distributes county revenues.

District Court Judge

Ronald A. Costeck (unopposed)

Presides over cases within District Court jurisdiction.

Public utility and statewide judicial races

PUD No. 1, District 1

Sid Logan / Janet St Clair

Governs the public utility district; only eligible district voters participate.

WA Supreme Court, Position 1

Colleen Melody / Scott Edwards

Justice on Washington’s highest court.

WA Supreme Court, Position 3

David Stevens / Jaime Michelle Hawk

Justice on Washington’s highest court.

WA Supreme Court, Position 4

Ian Birk / Sean O'Donnell

Justice on Washington’s highest court.

WA Supreme Court, Position 5

Theo Angelis / Dave Larson

Justice on Washington’s highest court.

WA Supreme Court, Position 7

Debra L. Stephens / Todd A. Bloom

Justice on Washington’s highest court.

Before you vote

Compare the guide with your actual ballot, read both sides of each proposal, and check the original candidate statements. Sign your return envelope and return your ballot on time.

Election Day: November 3, 2026. Ballots mailed by October 16. Online/mail registration deadline: October 26; in-person registration is available through 8 p.m. on Election Day.

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[Tax allocation statute — RCW 82A.04.050](#)

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