

November 3, 2015 Election Summary

District	What does the proposition do?	Required to pass
State of Washington	<p>Initiative Measure No. 1366 Concerns state taxes and fees This measure would decrease the sales tax rate unless the legislature refers to voters a constitutional amendment requiring two-thirds legislative approval or voter approval to raise taxes, and legislative approval for fee increases.</p>	Simple Majority
State of Washington	<p>Initiative Measure No. 1401 Concerns trafficking of animal species threatened with extinction This measure would make selling, purchasing, trading, or distributing certain animal species threatened with extinction, and products containing such species, a gross misdemeanor or class-C felony, with exemptions for certain types of transfers.</p>	Simple Majority
<p>What is an Advisory Vote? Advisory Votes are non-binding. The results do not change the law. You are advising the Legislature to repeal or maintain a tax increase.</p> <p>Repeal - you don't favor the tax increase. Maintain - you favor the tax increase.</p>		
State of Washington	<p>Advisory Vote No. 10 Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1449 The legislature imposed, without a vote of the people, oil spill response and administration taxes to apply to crude oil or petroleum products transported by railroad, costing \$17,000,000, for government spending.</p>	
State of Washington	<p>Advisory Vote No. 11 Second Substitute Senate Bill 5052 The legislature imposed, without a vote of the people, the marijuana excise tax on medical marijuana sales, costing an amount that cannot currently be estimated, for government spending.</p>	
State of Washington	<p>Advisory Vote No. 12 Second Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5987 The legislature imposed, without a vote of the people, additional taxes on motor vehicle and special fuels costing an estimated \$3,707,000,000 in the first ten years, for government spending.</p>	

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<p style="text-align: center;">State of Washington</p>	<p>Advisory Vote No. 13 Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6138 The legislature increased business and occupation tax revenues and excluded certain software manufacturers from a retail sales tax exemption, without a vote of the people, costing \$1,449,000,000 for government spending.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Pierce County Referendum No. 2015-1</p>	<p>Submitted by the voters of Pierce County Pierce County Council adopted Ordinance No. 2015-2s authorizing the Pierce County Executive to proceed with financing, construction and leasing of a new Pierce County General Services Building. If approved, Referendum No. 2015-1 will repeal Ordinance No. 2015-2s, thereby terminating all authority granted by the Council to the Executive with respect to the General Services Building.</p>	<p>Simple Majority</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">City of Fircrest (1975 Boundaries) Proposition No. 1</p>	<p>Sale of Liquor for On-Premises Consumption Shall the sale of liquor for on-premises consumption in licensed restaurants, private clubs, nightclubs, and sports entertainment facilities be permitted within the City of Fircrest.</p>	<p>Simple Majority</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">City of Orting Proposition No. 1</p>	<p>Increase of 3.4% Tax on Utility Company Earnings for Police Services Asks voters to consider approving additional revenue to be dedicated for police services in the City. If approved, would authorize the City to levy an increased tax of 3.4% to raise the total tax to 9.4% of the total gross revenue of electricity, manufactured and natural gas, telephone and cable television services companies operating in the City, to the extent allowed by law, for the sole purpose of maintaining and enhancing police services in Orting.</p>	<p>Simple Majority</p>

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<p>Citizens' Initiative Measure No. 1 and Tacoma City Council Initiative Measure No. 1B concern establishing a minimum wage in the City of Tacoma.</p> <p>Question 1 - asks whether either of the measures should be enacted into law. If a majority of voters vote "No", then neither measure passes.</p> <p>Question 2 - if a majority of the voters vote "Yes" on the first question, then the measure (1 or 1B) receiving the most votes will be adopted.</p>		
City of Tacoma	<p>Citizens' Initiative Measure No. 1 Would require employers of a certain size to pay employees who work in the City of Tacoma, or maintain, report to, or are supervised from, an office in the City, an hourly wage of not less than fifteen dollars (\$15.00), adjusted annually by the rate of inflation. This measure would also create a citizen commission to monitor the City's administration and enforcement of the minimum wage requirements, and make violation a crime.</p>	Simple Majority
City of Tacoma	<p>City of Tacoma Initiative Measure No. 1B Would require employers to pay a minimum hourly wage to employees aged sixteen (16) and over performing work in Tacoma of not less than \$10.35 per hour beginning February 2016, \$11.15 beginning January 2017, and \$12.00 beginning January 2018 adjusted annually thereafter based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) as calculated and used by the State of Washington at that time, and requiring than an impact assessment be conducted in 2018 and every two years thereafter.</p>	Simple Majority

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City of Tacoma	<p>Citizens' Charter Amendment Initiative Measure No. 2 This measure concerns changing legislative and executive powers, Council composition and term limits. This Citizens' Initiative Measure would amend the Charter to establish the Mayor as Chief Executive Officer; require a Chief Administrative Officer: reduce the Council to seven members; change Council term limits from ten years to two consecutive undefined terms; establish term limits for the Mayor of two consecutive undefined terms; authorize Council removal of the Mayor from office under certain circumstances; remove mandatory charter review; remove reference to Planning Commission and Library; and remove the peoples' initiative and referendum powers.</p>	Simple Majority
City of Tacoma	<p>Proposition No. 3 This proposition concerns levy rate and gross earnings tax increases for street improvements. If passed, would authorize the City to increase the City's regular property tax levy by \$0.20 per \$1,000 of assessed value for collection for ten years beginning in 2016, and levy an additional 1.5% earnings tax on natural gas electric, and phone companies for ten years, beginning 2016, to fund street repair maintenance and safety improvements for residential streets, arterials, and freight access, including resurfacing, pothole repair, pedestrian safety improvements, school crossing beacons, and side walk improvements.</p>	Simple Majority
City of Tacoma Transportation Benefit District	<p>Transportation Benefit District - Proposition A Transportation Sales and Use Tax This proposition concerns a sales and use tax to fund street improvements. If approved, Proposition A will authorize a sales and use tax of one tenth of one percent (0.001) to be collected from all taxable retail sales within the District in accordance with RCW 82.14.0455 beginning in 2016 for ten consecutive years for the purpose of funding maintenance, preservation and improvements for residential streets, arterials, freight access, bike and pedestrian mobility projects as identified in the City of Tacoma's Comprehensive Transportation Improvement Program.</p>	Simple Majority

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<p style="text-align: center;">Puyallup School District No. 3 Proposition No. 1</p>	<p>School Construction and Facility Improvements General Obligation Bonds - \$292,515,000 This proposition would finance school construction and facility improvements. If approved, would authorize the District to remodel and expand Pope Elementary School, construct a new elementary school and construct expanded replacements for Firgrove, Northwood and Sunrise Elementary Schools and to modernize and equip schools and replace aging infrastructure; issue up to \$292,515,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum of 21 years; and levy annual excess property taxes to repay the bonds.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">14,438 Total votes plus a 60% favorable majority</p>