



King County

Department of Elections

Sherril Huff, Director

March 25, 2014

The Honorable Larry Phillips
Chair, King County Council
Room 1200
C O U R T H O U S E

Dear Councilmember Phillips:

I am submitting for your approval, on an accelerated basis, an ordinance approving the 2014 alterations to voting precincts. The law requires that annual precinct adjustments be presented to the Council for adoption and to the County Executive for approval prior to the statutory deadline of April 28, 2014.

These alterations are proposed, pursuant to state law and King County Code (RCW 29A.16.040-050 and KCC 1.12.010), which require the adjustment or alteration of precincts as an ongoing responsibility for the following reasons:

- To adjust precinct boundaries to comply with recent city annexation activity
- To level precincts to maintain voter population within the limits prescribed by state law and King County Code
- To ease election administration

Precinct alterations for the year 2014 are mostly the result of boundary changes due to precinct balancing, boundary changes to accommodate city annexations and election administrative maintenance. This year the precinct alteration process included input and review by both major political parties in King County. The cost of making the precinct revisions is fully funded as part of the adopted Department of Elections budget.

If approved, the proposed ordinance will authorize the precinct boundary alterations described in the attachment to the ordinance. The ordinance and attachments then become an amendment to the official list of county voting precincts. I recommend council approval of this ordinance.

If you have any questions regarding the proposed alterations, please give me a call at 296-1540.

Sincerely,

Sherril Huff, Director

Enclosures

cc: King County Council Members
ATTN: Michael Woywod, Chief of Staff
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