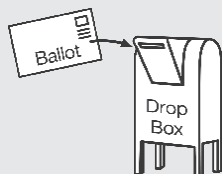


# Skagit County Local Voters' Pamphlet

## April 22, 2025 Special Election

### Local Measure - Hospital District 2

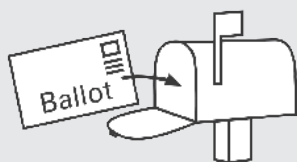
Proposition No. 1 - Levy Lid Lift for Health Care Services



Return your ballot at a drop box.

Drop boxes are open until 8:00 pm sharp on April 22.

**Boxes open for this election are listed on your ballot wrap.**



Return your ballot by mail.

**No Stamp Needed!**

We strongly recommend returning your ballot as early as possible.

**Mailed ballots must be postmarked by April 22.**

## Register to vote or update your information

### Online

You can register to vote online at [VoteWA.gov](https://VoteWA.gov) -- all you need is a Washington State Driver's License or ID and a few minutes. You can register or update your information online by April 14 for this election.




### Mail

Download and print a registration form at [sos.wa.gov/elections](https://sos.wa.gov/elections) and mail it to Skagit County Elections. It must be received by April 14 for this election.

### In person

You can register in person up until 8:00pm on April 22, Election Day.

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## Proposition No. 1

### Levy Lid Lift for Health Care Services

The Commission of Public Hospital District No. 2, Skagit County, Washington (Island Health) adopted Resolution No. 2025-2186 concerning the district's regular property tax levy. If approved, this proposition would provide additional operating and capital funds for Island Health to sustain lifesaving, preventive care and other health care services for our community while modernizing technologies to improve health outcomes. It authorizes a maximum regular property levy rate for collection in 2026 of 75 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value. The 2026 levy amount will be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for levies in subsequent years.

## Argument For

### Vote Yes for Island Health to Fund a Healthy Future

Skagit County Public Hospital District No. 2 [Island Health] provides essential healthcare services, employs more than 740 people, and is a key economic driver in Anacortes. Investing in our local public hospital district is a vital step to ensure the health and well-being of our community.

Passing this levy allows Island Health to expand 24/7/365 access to critical services for our population, including Level III trauma and emergency services, labor and delivery, intensive care, and surgical services. It also ensures neighborhood access to primary and specialized care, including orthopedics, urology, pulmonology, mental health, gynecology, pediatrics and senior health. As a community-owned, safety-net, public hospital, Island Health has built essential services and programs to meet the healthcare needs of residents who live and work in our community.

Island Health is at a critical juncture in its existence. The passage of this levy helps ensure our access to local care when we need it. It is one piece of the larger puzzle to long-term sustainability and the continuing availability of local healthcare services.

In summary, this levy is a smart investment in the health and well-being of our hospital district residents and will ensure we keep the care we need, when we need it. Please join us in voting yes to sustain high-quality healthcare in our community. Thank you.

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 Committee Members: Laurie Gere

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## Explanatory Statement

Written by Hospital District 2

Skagit County Public Hospital District No. 2 operates Island Health and provides hospital and outpatient healthcare services to the residents of the public hospital district.

Under state law, public hospital districts are authorized to levy regular property taxes at a rate of up to 75 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value for purposes of operating and maintaining the hospital and other healthcare facilities and services of the public hospital district. Because state law limits the amount that taxes can increase without voter approval, the Island Health's levy rate has declined over the years to approximately 34 cents in 2025.

Island Health's board has determined that it is necessary and in the best interest of the residents served by Island Health to request approval of a regular property tax levy at the rate of 75 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value beginning in 2026, which would be an increase of 41 cents from its current rate. The levy will provide additional operating and capital funds to support the delivery of hospital and other health care services including funds to sustain lifesaving, preventive care and other health care services for the community served by Island Health while modernizing technologies to improve health outcomes. The services will include the continued advancement of 24/7/365 healthcare services to the community served by Island Health, including the expansion of primary and specialty care as well as urgent and emergency services. Levy funds will also be used to acquire modern and secure technologies, update equipment and facilities, and keep quality care in the local community.

The 2026 levy amount will be used for the purpose of computing the limitations for the District's levies in subsequent years.

## Argument Against

No information submitted.