

Summary of Results

Greater Maple Valley Area Council Member Election Tuesday November 8, 2005

The Greater Maple Valley Area Council election and advisory survey results of the 1035 ballots cast in the November election have been tabulated by our CPA. Turn-out was 36.5% higher than two years ago. Incumbent council members John Huson, Kevin Daoust, Les Dawson and Dave Fields have been re-elected. Candidates Claudia Brieseman, Eric Harris and Rob Morris were also elected. One position will be filled by "write-in candidate" Patrick Sejer from the River Heights Area. Advisory Issues below were answered by unincorporated area registered voters within the Tahoma School District, thereby giving Area Council members information needed to support unincorporated voter interests. Most questions were answered by most voters, but not all questions were answered by all voters. The numbers listed below represent the total votes for our service area - the Tahoma School District as counted by our CPA.

ADVISORY ISSUES:

1. WHY DO YOU LIVE HERE? Please circle the letter in front of the statement(s), which figure most strongly in your decision to live in this part of King County.

A. You have family roots here.	267	L. To enjoy beauty of forests.	408
B. Accessibility to work.	162	J. To preserve this land as a legacy.	144
C. Relative low cost of housing.	102	K. To enjoy being around wildlife.	366
D. Privacy or solitude.	497	L. To have relative freedom on your land	435
E. Good place to raise kids & Good schools.	377	M. For low levels of noise & traffic congestion	350
F. For financial investment.	74	N. To have a cottage industry or major hobby	53
G. To raise farm animals.	182	O. Because of a relatively low level of crime.	202
H. To enjoy beauty of farmland.	218	P. Other	36

2. DEMOGRAPHICS: Circle the letter in front of any statements that apply.

A. I commute out of the area to work or school.	457	E. I live on acreage, 2 1/2 acres or more.	486
B. I rent the place where I live.	47	F. I have children under voting age.	320
C. I own the place where I live.	907	G. I have a private or small group well (1 to 6 homes per well).	429
D. I have lived in the Maple Valley area more than 10 years.	566		

3. ANNEXATION:

Within the next 10 years would you want your home annexed into one of the existing cities? Circle one answer.

A. Yes 85 B. No 717 C. Undecided. 204

4. TRAFFIC/ TRAFFIC CONGESTION: Circle one solution.

- A. The Maple Valley Highway (SR169) should consist of 4 lanes with a 5th lane for turning where needed all the way from Renton to Black Diamond. 622
- B. The Maple Valley Highway should not be widened, but it should be improved by adding clover leaves, grade separations, side roads, turn lanes and merge lanes to alleviate the delays created by intersections. 221
- C. None of the above or Undecided. 173

5. TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE:

When the Tri-County group places a Regional Transportation Investment District (RTID) plan on the ballot, what form of revenues would you select for transportation funding? Circle all that apply.

- A. Gas tax. 340
- B. Vehicle excise tax based on value. 267
- C. General sales tax. 351

6. WHAT ARE YOUR PRIORITIES FOR GOVERNMENT SUPPLIED SERVICES? Please circle whether you'd like to see (M) more, (L) less, or (S) about the same amount of priority given by King County to the following services. Then circle the letters AT at the right of each line for each service that you would be willing to pay more taxes.

A. Buying open space.	M 237	L 277	S 6	AT 110
B. Recreational facilities	M 287	L 128	S 4	AT 119
C. Increasing general road capacity.	M 576	L 64	S 0	AT 230
D. Increasing car pool lane capacity.	M 168	L 245	S 2	AT 47
E. Increasing bus service and park-n-rides.	M 367	L 142	S 338	AT 108
F. Building commuter rail system(s).	M 251	L 367	S 203	AT 134
G. Treatment for substance abuse, mental health.	M 194	L 199	S 428	AT 88
H. Law enforcement, prosecution, jails.	M 330	L 79	S 423	AT 133
I. Public Health	M 207	L 123	S 500	AT 82
J. Code enforcement	M 107	L 240	S 448	AT 34
K. Senior Services	M 313	L 64	S 457	AT 108
L. Domestic Violence	M 268	L 84	S 470	AT 76
M. Protection of air.	M 297	L 133	S 428	AT 127
N. Protection of water.	M 352	L 129	S 395	AT 150
O. Protection of natural amenities, such as wildlife, water bodies, etc.	M 363	L 137	S 366	AT 174
P. Other _____ (Please specify)	M 39	L 14	S 6	AT 14

7. WHERE DO YOU STAND ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES? Circle the letter in front of any statements that apply.

- A. I've done volunteer work or contributed money to benefit the environment. 332
- B. I vote with a primary goal of benefiting the environment. 268
- C. I manage my property with a primary goal of benefiting the environment. 558
- D. I commute & travel with a primary goal of benefiting the environment. 145
- E. I consume products & recycle with a primary goal of benefiting environment. 582
- F. I think there is too much emphasis on regulation as a way to benefit the environment. 410
- G. I think the existing environmental regulations are too complicated. 432
- H. I think that the environmental emphasis is about right. 140
- I. I think our existing environmental regulations are too lax and do not adequately protect my family and property. 125

8. Land Use and Zoning Regulations: Circle the letter in front of any statements that apply.

- A. I support a minimum size of 5 acres for newly created lots in the Rural Area. 456
- B. I think that Health Department rules, which make it difficult to build on previously created smaller lots, should be relaxed. 351
- C. I think that my loss of property rights resulting from environmental regulations is sufficient to justify compensation. 431
- D. The Critical Areas Ordinances are not fair to rural landowners. 691
- E. I believe that the Critical Areas ordinance protects the Rural Character of our community. 93
- F. I believe that King County's failure to enforce existing regulations, even when violations are reported, jeopardizes our rural way of life. 305

9. Public Water vs. Private Systems: Circle Yes or No.

- A. If you live in an area served by a public water system, are you connected? Yes 399 No 243
- B. If there is no public water system in your area, do you wish there was? Yes 67 No 488
- C. If a public water system were available, would you hook up if the cost to do so was \$14,000 (estimated for 1/2 acre parcel)? Yes 40 No 582
- D. Do you support metering of private wells? Yes 70 No 790

10. Economy: Please circle the letter in front of statements that apply: I believe:

- A. Present regulations encourage businesses to locate in King County. Yes 137 No 586
- B. Incentives should be given to businesses to promote employment. Yes 570 No 191
- C. State and local governments should ease regulations to encourage businesses to remain/locate here. Yes 612 No 181
- D. State and local government should provide more educational assistance to retrain unemployed people. Yes 443 No 321

11. Governance (How we are governed) at the local level: King County is our only government at the local level. Do you believe: (Circle Yes or No below).

- A. King County makes effective use of its tax revenues? Yes 99 No 787
- B. King County provides you with enough accounting data for you to accurately answer question 11A? Yes 167 No 636
- C. King County departments should be subject to periodic performance audits (task compliance and cost) by outside professional auditing firms in conjunction with local citizen representatives? Yes 797 No 77
- D. Some part, or all, of King County Government should be run by professional managers rather than politicians? Yes 714 No 126
- E. Do you believe that some King County services should be subcontracted using a bidding process? Yes 602 No 182
Which King County Service should be subcontracted? 393 voters responded to question – GMVAC will summarize and report at a future date.

12. Building Permits and Stewardship Plans:

A. In 2005, did you apply for a permit for and what was your satisfaction level with DDES and the Health Department (Circle all that apply):

Permit type:	Satisfaction with DDES					Satisfaction with Health Department				
	1 Low	2	3	4	5 High	1 Low	2	3	4	5 High
a. Building remodel?	54	16	12	7	9	43	14	13	10	4
b. A new building?	68	11	15	4	4	50	6	16	9	4
c. Clearing and grading?	64	11	14	3	6	41	9	8	4	3

B. In 2005, did you apply for a Rural Stewardship Plan and what was your satisfaction level with Water & Land Resources Division (W&LR) and DDES (Circle all that apply):

a. Applied for Rural Stewardship Plan	Yes	13	No	260						
b. Satisfaction:	With W&LR				With DDES					
	1 Low	2	3	4	5 High	1 Low	2	3	4	5 High
	22	5	8	2	3	23	2	6	1	1

13. According to the King County Fire Marshall, there were 129 fires, \$281,300 in property damages and numerous injuries, which were directly caused by fireworks, in King County this year. Do you support you an ordinance to ban all fireworks in unincorporated King County. (Circle one answer at right): Yes 376 No 529