Note to Voters: The following Sample Ballot contains all candidates and measures certified to appear in the March 10, 2009 Special Election. You will not be entitled to vote on all races and issues that appear on this Sample Ballot. When you receive your official ballot, only the contests and measures that apply to your precinct will be listed.

COWLITZ COUNTY - SAMPLE BALLOT
SPECIAL ELECTION, MARCH 10, 2009

INSTRUCTIONS

How to Mark Your Ballot

To vote, completely fill in the oval next to your selection. More than one vote for an office or ballot measure will be an overvote, and no votes for that office or ballot measure will be counted.

How to Correct Your Ballot

 -Do not erase.

  -If you make a mistake, draw a line through the entire selection. You then have the option of making another choice.

Signatures, comments, or identifying marks on the ballot may invalidate your ballot.

If needed, you may request a replacement ballot by contacting the Cowlitz County Elections Department at (360) 577-3005.

To vote for a person not on the ballot, write the name of the candidate on the line provided for that office, then completely fill in the oval next to the line.

Return Your Ballot

By mail: Return your ballot by placing a first class stamp on the return envelope and drop it in the mail. Your ballot must be postmarked on or before Election Day, March 10, 2009.

In Person: Return your ballot in person, Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., or from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., ELECTION DAY ONLY, at: 207 North 4th Ave., Room 107, Kelso, WA 98626.

By Ballot Drop Box: Six curbside ballot drop boxes will be available 24 hours per day prior to the Special Election, beginning February 18 through March 10 at 8:00 p.m. Curbside ballot drop boxes REQUIRE NO POSTAGE and are located at:

Longview, Broadway Ave., North of Post Office boxes.
Longview, Civic Center Circle, across from Broadway Ave., near Post Office boxes.
Kelso, 3rd Ave., between Allen and Academy, near the Kelso Post Office boxes.
Woodland, city parking lot, Davidson and 2nd St., near Utility Payment Drop Box.
Castle Rock, Cowlitz St. and 1st Ave. SW, near Hattie's.
Kalama, North 1st St., near the Post Office boxes.

Assistance Available for Voters with Disabilities

AutoMARK ballot marking machines will be available for the Special Election, beginning February 18 at the Cowlitz County Elections Department. These machines provide privacy and accessibility to voters who are blind, vision impaired, or have a disability or condition that would make it difficult or impossible to mark a ballot in the usual way. Voters should bring their balloting materials with them.

PROPOSITION NO. 1
LONGVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 122

REPLACEMENT EDUCATIONAL MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS LEVY

The Board of Directors adopted Resolution #673 concerning educational funding. This proposition authorizes the District to levy the following excess taxes, to replace an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, to support the District's educational maintenance and operations:

| | Approximate Levy | |
Collection Years	Rate/$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2010	$3.01	$13,480,000
2011	$3.01	$14,154,000

Should this proposition be approved?

○ YES

○ NO

PROPOSITION NO. 2
LONGVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 122

TECHNOLOGY AND CAPITAL PROJECTS LEVY

The Board of Directors adopted Resolution #674 concerning a capital and technology improvements levy. This proposition authorizes the District to levy the following excess taxes on all taxable property within the District, for classroom health and safety improvements and for instructional technology:

| | Approximate Levy | |
Collection Years	Rate/$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2010	$0.28	$1,254,000
2011	$0.28	$1,317,000

all as provided in District Resolution #674.
Should this proposition be approved?

○ YES

○ NO

PROPOSITION 1
KALAMA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 402

REPLACEMENT MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION LEVY

The Board of Directors of Kalama School District No. 402 adopted Resolution No. 2008/09-04, concerning a proposition to finance maintenance and operation expenses. This proposition would authorize the District to meet the educational needs of its students by levying the following excess taxes, in place of an expiring levy, on all taxable property within the District, for support of the District's General Fund educational maintenance and operation expenses:

| | Approximate Levy | |
Collection Year	Rate/$1,000 Assessed Value	Levy Amount
2010	$1.78	$1,591,947
2011	$1.78	$1,671,947
2012	$1.78	$1,755,947

all as provided in Resolution No. 2008/09-04.
Should this proposition be approved?

○ LEVY YES

○ LEVY NO

The Sample Ballot includes all measures and races presented within the county. Only races and measures you are entitled to vote upon will appear on your Official Ballot.