

# Pass Senate Bill 6610 to End "Advisory Votes" and Restore the Sanctity of Washington's Statewide Ballot

*So-called "advisory votes" are really push polls intended to undermine trust in government and have no value whatsoever*

**Eliminate propaganda.** The ballot is sacred – it's no place for propaganda. But that is exactly what the "advisory votes" are – propaganda masquerading as legitimate ballot measures.

The inflammatory language and bogus numbers that appear as part of each "advisory vote" are purposely intended to prejudice the people of Washington against their elected representatives and the vital, essential work of crafting budgets that fund the public services that we all rely on.

**Avert confusion.** "Advisory votes" take up precious space on the front of the ballot, displacing contests that really matter, including federal, state, and local positions, depending on the year. Although they are entirely nonbinding and legally meaningless, voters are not told this. Instead, voters are led to believe by the language of the "advisory votes" that they will be overturning decisions of the Legislature if they fill in the first oval, which is labeled "Repealed".


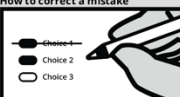


**Save money.** Abolishing "advisory votes" will save us millions of dollars in public tax dollars. For example, in 2017, Washington's thirty-nine counties spent about \$14 million on the November general election. About \$2.7 million of that was paid by the state for state level items, according to the invoice vouchers submitted by the counties. And the only state level items in 2017 in most counties were "advisory votes".

For more information, visit [www.advisoryvotes.org](http://www.advisoryvotes.org).

*There was more propaganda on the front of the 2019 ballot than actual races or real ballot measures for voters to decide. Everything highlighted below is a push poll intended to influence public opinion.*

November 5, 2019  
Official General and Special Election Ballot  
King County, Washington

SEA 46-2253  
2253.253  
Legislative District No. 46

Instructions	State	State
<b>How to vote</b>  <p>Completely fill in the oval next to your choice.</p>	<b>Advisory Votes</b> <b>Advisory Vote No. 21</b> <b>Engrossed Third Substitute House Bill 1324</b> The legislature extended, without a vote of the people, the business and occupation tax for extracting, manufacturing, and selling timber and timber-related products, costing \$21,000,000 in its first ten years, for government spending. This tax increase should be: <input type="radio"/> Repealed <input type="radio"/> Maintained	<b>Advisory Votes</b> <b>Advisory Vote No. 27</b> <b>Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5993</b> The legislature increased, without a vote of the people, taxes on petroleum products, costing \$2,760,000,000 in its first ten years, for government spending. This tax increase should be: <input type="radio"/> Repealed <input type="radio"/> Maintained
<b>How to correct a mistake</b>  <p>To make a correction, draw a line through the entire choice.</p> <p>You then have the option of making a different choice by completely filling in another oval.</p>	<b>Advisory Vote No. 22</b> <b>Engrossed House Bill 1652</b> The legislature increased, without a vote of the people, retail sales tax on architectural paint by adding an assessment to the purchase price, costing \$6,000,000 in its first ten years, for government spending. This tax increase should be: <input type="radio"/> Repealed <input type="radio"/> Maintained	<b>Advisory Vote No. 28</b> <b>Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5997</b> The legislature increased, without a vote of the people, sales and use taxes on certain nonresidents by limiting the exemption applicable to them, costing \$313,000,000 in its first ten years, for government spending. This tax increase should be: <input type="radio"/> Repealed <input type="radio"/> Maintained
<b>Optimal write-in</b> To add a new candidate, fill in the oval next to the write-in line and print the name on the write-in line.	<b>Advisory Vote No. 23</b> <b>Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 1873</b> The legislature imposed, without a vote of the people, a tax on the sale, use, consumption, handling, possession, and distribution of vapor products costing \$178,000,000 in its first ten years, for government spending. This tax increase should be: <input type="radio"/> Repealed <input type="radio"/> Maintained	<b>Advisory Vote No. 29</b> <b>Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5998</b> The legislature increased, without a vote of the people, the real estate excise tax on certain sales of real property, costing \$1,747,000,000 in its first ten years, for government spending. This tax increase should be: <input type="radio"/> Repealed <input type="radio"/> Maintained
<b>Begin voting here</b> 	<b>State</b> <b>Referendum Measure</b> <b>Referendum Measure No. 88</b> The legislature passed Initiative Measure No. 1000 concerning affirmative action and remedying discrimination, and voters have filed a sufficient referendum petition on this act. Initiative 1000 would allow the state to remedy discrimination for certain groups and to implement affirmative action, without the use of quotas or preferential treatment (as defined), in public education, employment, and contracting. Should Initiative 1000 be: <input type="radio"/> Approved <input type="radio"/> Rejected	<b>Advisory Vote No. 30</b> <b>Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6004</b> The legislature increased, without a vote of the people, the business and occupation tax on certain travel agents and tour operators, costing \$28,000,000 in its first ten years, for government spending. This tax increase should be: <input type="radio"/> Repealed <input type="radio"/> Maintained
<b>Initiative to the Legislature</b> <b>Initiative Measure No. 976</b> Initiative Measure No. 976 concerns motor vehicle taxes and fees. This measure would repeal, reduce, or remove authority to impose certain vehicle taxes and fees; limit annual motor-vehicle-license fees to \$30, except voter-approved charges; and base vehicle taxes on Kelley Blue Book value. Should this measure be enacted into law? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<b>Advisory Vote No. 24</b> <b>Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill 2158</b> The legislature imposed, without a vote of the people, an additional service and other business and occupation tax for certain specified business activities, costing \$2,253,000,000 in its first ten years, for government spending. This tax increase should be: <input type="radio"/> Repealed <input type="radio"/> Maintained	<b>Advisory Vote No. 31</b> <b>Engrossed Senate Bill 6016</b> The legislature increased, without a vote of the people, the business and occupation tax on certain international investment management services, costing \$367,000,000 in its first ten years, for government spending. This tax increase should be: <input type="radio"/> Repealed <input type="radio"/> Maintained
<b>Advisory Votes</b> <b>Advisory Vote No. 20</b> <b>Second Substitute House Bill 1087</b> The legislature imposed, without a vote of the people, an additional wage premium for long-term care services, costing an indeterminate amount in its first ten years, for government spending. This tax increase should be: <input type="radio"/> Repealed <input type="radio"/> Maintained	<b>Advisory Vote No. 25</b> <b>Substitute House Bill 2167</b> The legislature imposed, without a vote of the people, an additional business and occupation tax for certain specified financial institutions, costing \$1,036,000,000 in its first ten years, for government spending. This tax increase should be: <input type="radio"/> Repealed <input type="radio"/> Maintained	<b>Proposed Constitutional Amendment</b> <b>Senate Joint Resolution No. 8200</b> The legislature has proposed a constitutional amendment concerning legislative powers in times of emergency. This measure would add "catastrophic incidents" to the specified times of emergency that the legislature may take certain immediate actions to ensure continuity of state and local governmental operations. Should this constitutional amendment be: <input type="radio"/> Approved <input type="radio"/> Rejected
	<b>Advisory Vote No. 26</b> <b>Substitute Senate Bill 5581</b> The legislature expanded, without a vote of the people, application of the state tax code to certain remote sellers, marketplace facilitators, and others, costing \$1,051,000,000 in its first ten years, for government spending. This tax increase should be: <input type="radio"/> Repealed <input type="radio"/> Maintained	<input type="radio"/> Repealed <input type="radio"/> Maintained
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*SB 6610 eliminates the harmful, confusing "advisory votes" polluting our ballots and creates a task force to examine how we might credibly gauge voters' reactions to the Legislature's fiscal decisions.*