



City of Seattle

Edward B. Murray, Mayor

Seattle Voting Rights Taskforce

Luis Ricardo Fraga and Sharon Maeda, Co-Chairs

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Director Sherril Huff and Julie Wise
King County Department of Elections
919 SW Grady Way
Renton, WA 98057

Dear Director Huff and Ms. Wise,

Thank you for coming to our January meeting to give us an overview of your operations. We greatly appreciated the opportunity to have an open dialogue with you and we hope to work with you closely as we develop our recommendations to the Mayor and City Council.

We have a few follow up questions, some of which we asked during our time with you and some of which we have thought of since our meeting:

1. How does King County Elections decide where to focus its outreach efforts? How do you decide what to include in your outreach efforts? How do you assess the effectiveness of your outreach efforts?
2. What is the total dollar cost (translation and production) of the ballots and other election materials that are produced in Vietnamese and Chinese, as required by Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act? Not the cost per voter usage, but the total cost, separated out by each language group.
3. What is the total dollar cost (production) of the ballots and other election materials produced in English?
4. Do ballots get printed in advance with the estimate of how many voters will request it, or do they get printed upon request?
5. Would King County Elections support including race, ethnicity, naturalization, and country of origin on the state's voter registration forms?
6. What information can the task force provide to King County Elections to best help you pursue your work?
7. Can you please share a list of the community organizations that you do outreach with around voting issues?
8. Regarding DMV online license renewal, would King County be willing to include language on the bottom of the page indicating that if you are not a US Citizen you are not eligible to vote and that falsely indicating that you are a U.S. citizen is a deportable offense?
9. Can you please share photos of people circling the building to register to vote?

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Again, many thanks for all you do.

Sincerely,

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Luis R. Fraga, Co-Chair
Immigrant Voting Rights Taskforce

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