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Re: North Olympic Library System Ballot Measure Outcomes

The Sequim area community may not be getting a new, larger library.

“Based on early results, the current ballot count does not look promising, but, we are going to wait for the next official count before commenting further,” said Margaret Jakubcin, NOLS Library Director. The Sequim Branch Library, one of four NOLS branches serves the east end of Clallam County.

There were two Library ballot measures on the November ballot related to construction of a new Sequim Branch Library. [Proposition No. 1](#) would create the temporary Sequim Library Capital Facility Area tax district. [Proposition No. 2](#) would finance the project by approving 21 year bonds and tax levies.

Early results show Proposition 1 passing, with 64.86% approval, but Proposition 2, which requires 60% approval, currently stands at 58.03% approval. Voter turnout levels were met for both measures.

The next ballot count takes place on November 9. Counts continue periodically until November 27, when election results are certified by the County Auditor.

“Regardless of the final outcome, the Library wants to thank all who have been so committed to the community’s vision for its Future Library,” Jakubcin said. “The library building project connected community members to each other, and to the library, in a unique way as we worked together with a shared vision. The outpouring of support that NOLS has experienced during this time has been truly inspiring. The 64% approval of Proposition 1 is gratifying, and I think it clearly reflects strong local support for the library.”

If Proposition 1 passes and Proposition 2 fails, the Sequim Library Capital Facility Area (LCFA) taxing district would be formed, but construction of the library, and issuance of bonds and levies to support the construction, would not be authorized. State law allows, but does not require, two tries to approve the bond measure. If Proposition 2 fails, the NOLS Board of Trustees will closely review the results of this election before deciding on next steps. As with all earlier planning phases of the Sequim Future Library project, there will be opportunities for the public to provide input in whatever direction the project progresses.

“Whatever happens, NOLS is committed to continuing to provide the highest level of library services possible at the Sequim Branch, now and in the future,” said Betty Gordon, NOLS Trustee.

On behalf of the library and the community, NOLS would like to acknowledge and thank everyone who participated in the years of planning that helped create the Sequim Future Library vision, and have now helped ensure that the vision will become a reality.

Special thanks go to all those who served on planning taskforces, and in other ways dedicated time, money, energy, and support to the Future Library effort. The Library looks forward to continuing longstanding partnerships with our partners at Olympic Medical Center, the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe, and the Sequim School District. And finally, NOLS would like to acknowledge the assistance of the Sequim City Council and the Board of County Commissioners, which helped ensure that local citizens would have the opportunity to vote on the Library ballot measures.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the Sequim Future Library project or the November 2018 ballot measures, visit www.nols.org/sequimfuturelibrary, or contact Library Director Margaret Jakubcin at Director@nols.org or 360.417.8500 x7714. The Sequim Branch Library is located at 630 N. Sequim Avenue. The administrative offices of the North Olympic Library System are located at 2010 South Peabody Street.

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