

# Area's local initiatives are passing

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Voters were asked to decide a handful of local initiatives in Tuesday's general election, including the future of a rural partial-county library district in Sedro-Woolley, and money toward public safety in Sedro-Woolley and La Conner.

## Proposition 1, Sedro-Woolley rural partial-county library district

Skagit County could have a new rural partial-county library district, if supporters hold onto their strong lead from Tuesday night.

A proposal to form the district, which would be in the boundaries of the Sedro-Woolley School District but outside city limits, was passing Tuesday with 59 percent of the vote.

"It's too wonderful to absorb in just a few minutes," Sedro-Woolley city librarian Debra Peterson said when the results came in. "... Thank you, thank you, to everyone who believes in libraries."

Skagit County commissioners must now appoint a five-person committee to help guide the formation of the new district. The group pushing the measure hopes to recommend some people for that governing body, said Beverly Conn, who worked on the campaign.

That group meets Tuesdays at 6 p.m. at the Sedro-Woolley City Library, and people interested in being on the governing committee can come to a meeting for information.

At press time, 2,190 people living in the proposed district had voted to approve it, and 1,536 people had voted against it.

The property tax levy created to fund the district, which would not exceed 50 cents per \$1,000 of assessed property value, takes effect in 2014.



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**Rural partial-county library district supporters** react to the results of the vote to create the district. From left are Sedro-Woolley Librarian Debra Peterson, district committee member Beverly Conn and Debra's sister, Cheryl Peterson.