2024Kitsap County Candidate and Measures Guidelines



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Dear Candidates and Campaigns:

In a Presidential Election year there is heightened attention to voting. This attention flows to every part of the ballot, so you're launching a campaign in an exciting time.

Enclosed in this book is information about deadlines, statement and argument guidelines, offices open for election in 2024, and other helpful information important to anyone getting involved in a candidacy or local measure effort.

Candidates for Kitsap County Commissioner and Public Utility District Commissioner should rely on this publication as you prepare your pamphlet statements. Your statements will run in the Kitsap County pamphlet in both the Primary and General Election.

Candidates for court, state, and federal positions can use this as a second resource but will want to visit www.sos.wa.gov/elections/candidates/ for rules about submitting statements to the State Voters' Pamphlet. Kitsap County will print your statements for the Primary, and the state will publish them for the General Election in November.

Should you need more information, our staff will be happy to answer any questions we can.

Thank you for participating in democracy!

Sincerely,

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Websites

Secretary of State......<u>www.sos.wa.gov</u>

Public Disclosure

Commission.....www.pdc.wa.gov

Revised Code of Washington (RCW) https://apps.leg.wa.gov/rcw/

Washington Administrative Code (WAC) https://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/

This manual is intended for informational purposes only and does not take the place of local, state, or federal laws. RCW, WAC, and County or City Code notations are offered as a reference only for additional research. Should the reader find an error or omission, please contact the Kitsap County Auditor – Elections Division.

Election, Measure, and Candidate Filing Dates

2024 - Candidate Filing Dates

May 6-10

2025 - Candidate Filing Dates

• May 5-9

2024 Remaining Election Dates	Deadline to Submit Measures	Ballots Mailed By
August 6, 2024 Primary	May 3, 2024	July 19, 2024
November 5, 2024 General Election	August 6, 2024	October 18, 2024

2025 Election Dates	Deadline to Submit Measures	Ballots Mailed By
February 11, 2025	December 13, 2024	January 24, 2025
April 22, 2025	February 21, 2025	April 4, 2025
August 5, 2025 Primary	May 2, 2025	July 18, 2025
November 4, 2025 General Election	August 5, 2025	October 17, 2025

2026 Election Dates	Deadline to Submit Measures	Ballots Mailed By
February 10, 2026	December 12, 2025	January 23, 2026
April 28, 2026	February 27, 2026	April 10, 2026
August 4, 2026 Primary	May 1, 2026	July 17, 2026
November 3, 2026 General Election	August 4, 2026	October 16, 2026

RCW 29A.04.321, RCW 29A.04.330

Online Resources

The Kitsap County Auditor's Office provides several online resources for candidates and voters where you will find all of the latest elections information. We update these sites regularly so be sure to visit our Facebook, X (formerly Twitter), and YouTube pages.

Online candidate filing allows candidates to submit forms, filing fees, candidate statements, and photos electronically. This is the filing choice for the majority of candidates.

Online Candidate Filingkitsap.gov/elections (during filing week)

Email Updates......kitsap.gov – 'News Sign Up' (lower right of page)

Facebook.....facebook.com/KitsapCountyAuditor

X (formerly Twitter).....twitter.com/kitsapauditor

YouTube ______voutube.com/user/kitsapauditor

Filing for Office

Candidate filing week is May 6-10

Where to File for Office

RCW 29A.24.070

- Candidates for federal and state offices, Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and Superior Court file with the Secretary of State.
- Candidates for county office, Kitsap Public Utility District Commissioner, and Precinct Committee Officer file with the Kitsap County Auditor.

Filing Electronically

Online filing allows candidates to submit their forms electronically and pay their filing fees using a credit card.

Electronic filing begins at 8 a.m., May 6 and ends at 5 p.m., May 10. For more information visit: sos.wa.gov/elections/candidates/ RCW 29A.24.040

Filing in Person

RCW 29A.24.050

We recommend all candidates file online at sos.wa.gov/elections.

Candidates filing in Kitsap County may file **in person**, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., May 6-10 at the Kitsap County Auditor's Office.

Filing by Mail or Fax

RCW 29A.24.081 RCW 29A.04.255

- Candidates may file by mail beginning April 22.
- Candidates filing in Kitsap County may file by fax from 8 a.m., May 6 to 5 p.m., May 10.
- Applicable filing fees are due by the close of candidate filing on May 10. WAC 434-208-060
- All filing forms must be received by 5 p.m., May 10.

Filing Fees – all filing fees are non-refundable

RCW 29A.24.091, RCW 29A.24.131

Fees are based on the salary of the office at the time of filing.

 The filing fee for an office with a salary of more than \$1,000 is 1 percent of the annual salary.

Example: The filing fee for a position with an annual salary of \$40,698 is \$406.98.

- There is a \$10 filing fee for offices with a salary of \$1,000 or less.
- There is no filing fee for unpaid positions.

Petition in Lieu of Fee

RCW 29A.24.091

Candidates may submit a Nominating Petition instead of paying the filing fee. The petition must contain one signature for every dollar of the filing fee. Signatures must be of registered voters in the district where you are filing.

Example: A petition submitted for a \$406.98 filing fee must have 406 valid signatures of registered voters within the jurisdiction of the office.

Kitsap County Filing Week Hours

8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday - Friday

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Filing for Office

Residency Requirements

- At the time of filing for office, candidates must be registered to vote in the district represented by the office they seek, with the exception of **Superior Court Judges**, who may reside anywhere in Washington state. <u>RCW 42.04.020</u>, <u>Washington State Constitution, Article 2, Section 7</u> <u>Washington State Constitution, Article 4, Section 17</u>.
- County Commissioner and Public Utility District Commissioner candidates must reside within the defined internal boundaries of the commissioner district.

Partisan Offices

If one or more candidates file for a partisan office (except Precinct Committee Officer), the race will be included in the Primary. If after the special three-day filing period no candidate files, the vacancy is filled by appointment and is open for filing the following year.

RCW 29A.24.191, RCW 36.16.110

Precinct Committee Officer

If no candidate files, the vacancy is filled by appointment. If one candidate files, that candidate is considered elected. If two or more candidates file, the election is on the Primary ballot, with the top vote-getter considered elected.

RCW 29A.52.171

Nonpartisan Offices

If no one files for a position after the special filing period, that position will not appear on the Primary nor General Election ballots. The incumbent will serve until the next election held for that jurisdiction.

RCW 29A.24.141, RCW 29A.24.201, RCW 29A.52.231

Withdrawal Period

Any candidate may withdraw his/her candidacy in writing (Email is acceptable) no later than 5 p.m., May 13. There is no withdrawal period for declarations filed during a special filing period. RCW 29A.24.131

Superior Court Judge

• If only one candidate files, that candidate is considered elected. If two candidates file, they are on the General Election ballot. If more than two candidates file, the top two vote-getters in the Primary advance to the General Election. RCW 29A.52.220 RCW 29A.36.170

Write-in Candidates

Write-in votes can only be counted for candidates who file a declaration of write-in candidacy. Write-in candidates may file for free after candidate filing week until 18 days before an election. RCW 29A.60.021(4) RCW 29A.24.311

Beginning 18 days before an election and ending at 8 p.m. on Election Day, fees apply.

- \$25 for elected positions paying less than \$1,000 annually.
- 1% of salary for elected positions paying more than \$1,000 annually. RCW 29A.24.091

Write-in Votes

Write-in votes are not tallied unless the total number of write-in votes could affect the outcome of the contest.

- Primary write-in votes are counted if there are enough that a write-in candidate could receive the second-most number of votes.
- General Election write-in votes are counted if there were enough that a writein candidate could win the election. RCW 29A.60.021

Special Filing Period

If no candidate files for a position that is scheduled for election by the deadline to withdraw, the County Auditor will call a special three-day filing period. RCW 29A.24.181

Offices and Positions Open for Filing

Federal Offices – File with S	Secretary of State in Olympia		
Office	Incumbent (Party Preference)	Filing Fee	Term
U.S. Senator	Maria Cantwell (Prefers Democratic Party)	\$1,740.00	6-year term
U.S. Representative (Washington Congressional District 6)	Derek Kilmer (Prefers Democratic Party)	\$1,740.00	2-year term
Statewide Offices – File wit	h Secretary of State in Olympia		
Governor	Jay Inslee (Prefers Democratic Party)	\$1,982.57	4-year term
Lt. Governor	Denny Heck (Prefers Democratic Party)	\$1,241.27	4-year term
Secretary of State	Steve Hobbs (Prefers Democratic Party)	\$1,457.14	4-year term
State Treasurer	Mike Pellicciotti (Prefers Democratic Party)	\$1,625.55	4-year term
State Auditor	Pat (Patrice) McCarthy (Prefers Democratic Party)	\$1,457.14	4-year term
Attorney General	Bob Ferguson (Prefers Democratic Party)	\$1,875.43	4-year term
Commissioner of Public Lands	Hilary Franz (Prefers Democratic Party)	\$1,619.05	4-year term
Superintendent of Public Instruction	Chris Reykdal (Nonpartisan)	\$1,619.05	4-year term
Insurance Commissioner	Mike Kreidler (Prefers Democratic Party)	\$1,457.14	4-year term
State Legislature – District	: 23 – File with Secretary of State in	n Olympia	
State Senator	Drew Hansen (Prefers Democratic Party)	\$601.91	Short and full 4-year term
State Representative Position 1	Tarra Simmons (Prefers Democratic Party)	\$601.91	2-year term
State Representative Position 2	Greg Nance (Prefers Democratic Party)	\$601.91	Short and full 2-year term
State Legislature – District	: 26 – File with Secretary of State in	n Olympia	·
State Representative Position 1	Spencer Hutchins (Prefers Republican Party)	\$601.91	2-year term
State Representative Position 2	Michelle Caldier (Prefers Republican Party)	\$601.91	2-year term
State Legislature – District	: 35 – File with Secretary of State in	n Olympia	
State Representative Position 1	Daniel Griffey (Prefers Republican Party)	\$601.91	2-year term
State Representative Position 2	Travis Couture (Prefers Republican Party)	\$601.91	2-year term

Offices and Positions Open for Filing

Kitsap County - File with Kitsap County Auditor				
Office	Incumbent	Filing Fee	Term	
County Commissioner District 1	Christine Rolfes (Prefers Democratic Party)	\$1,566.79	Short and full 4-year term	
County Commissioner District 2	Charlotte Garrido (Prefers Democratic Party)	\$1,566.79	4-year term	

State of Washington Judic	ial Offices – File with Secre	etary of State in Olympia	3
Supreme Court Justice Position 2	Susan Owens (nonpartisan)	\$2,398.68	6-year term
Supreme Court Justice Position 8	Steve Gonzalez (nonpartisan)	\$2,398.68	6-year term
Supreme Court Justice Position 9	Sheryl Gordon McCloud (nonpartisan)	\$2,398.68	6-year term
State of Washington Court	of Appeals – File with Sec	retary of State in Olymp	ia
Division 2, District 2 Judge Position 2	Rebecca Glasgow (nonpartisan)	\$2,283.38	6-year term
Kitsap County Superior Co	ourt Judicial Offices – File	with Secretary of State	in Olympia
Superior Court Judge Position 1	Tina Robinson (nonpartisan)	\$2,173.91	4-year term
Superior Court Judge Position 2	Michelle Adams (nonpartisan)	\$2,173.91	4-year term
Superior Court Judge Position 3	Melissa A. Hemstreet (nonpartisan)	\$2,173.91	4-year term
Superior Court Judge Position 4	William C. Houser (nonpartisan)	\$2,173.91	4-year term
Superior Court Judge Position 5	Jeffrey P. Bassett (nonpartisan)	\$2,173.91	4-year term
Superior Court Judge Position 6	Kevin D. Hull (nonpartisan)	\$2,173.91	4-year term
Superior Court Judge Position 7	Jennifer Forbes (nonpartisan)	\$2,173.91	4-year term
Superior Court Judge Position 8	Cadine Ferguson-Brown (nonpartisan)	\$2,173.91	Short and full 4-year term
Kitsap County Public Utility District – File with Kitsap County Auditor			
Public Utility District No. 1 Commissioner District 3	Heather Pauley (nonpartisan)	\$388.56	6-year term
Precinct Committee Office	r (PCO) – File with Kitsap C	ounty Auditor	
Precinct Committee Officer		N/A	2-year term

Washington State Declaration of Candidacy

how to complete the form

1. candidate information

Your name and address must match your voter registration.

Update your voter information prior to submitting a declaration of candidacy.

You are responsible for ensuring that you meet all qualifications of the office.

2. campaign information

If you do not provide campaign information, your information as a registered voter will be used.

A telephone number, email address, or website is not required, but recommended.

Government office addresses may not be used for campaigns.

3. ballot information

Print the jurisdiction, the office name and any position or district number defining the office for which you are a candidate.

The responsibility for filing for the correct office is yours.

Print your name exactly as you wish it to appear on the ballot.
Nicknames are acceptable.

Titles denoting occupations, including military rank, positions on issues, political affiliation, symbols, or anything intentionally designed to mislead voters are not acceptable.

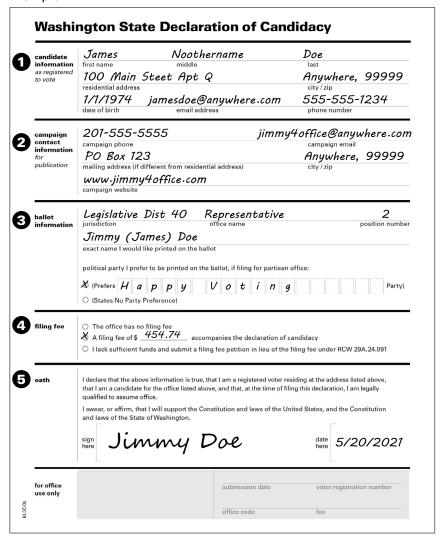
party preference information:

For a partisan office, you may choose to state a political party that you personally prefer.

A preference does not imply that you have been nominated or endorsed by the party, or that the party approves of or associates with you.

If you choose to state a party preference, enter the name of the party (limited to 18 characters).

Example



Your party preference will appear in parenthesis below your name.

The first letter of each word or abbreviation will be conitalized.

abbreviation will be capitalized (e.g., Democratic or Ind.). Acronyms appear in all capital letters.

If you do not choose to state a party preference, "(States No Party Preference)" will be printed on the ballot.

No changes to party preference will be accepted between the primary and the general election.

4. filing fee

Fill in the appropriate circle.

Applicable filing fees must accompany the declaration of candidacy. See a list of offices open for election for current filing fees.

If you lack sufficient funds at the time of filing, you may petition per RCW 29A.24.091 / RCW 29A.24.101.

5. oath

Read, sign, and date the oath. The declaration of candidacy is not complete and ready for submission until signed.

Offices and Ballot Names

Order of Candidate Names

A candidate's name may appear only once on a ballot, except for a temporary elected position or Precinct Committee Officer.

RCW.29A.24.075

The order of candidate names on the ballot for races in which the candidate was required to file with the county is determined by lot. The lottery drawing is conducted publicly at 5 p.m., May 10 at the Kitsap County Auditor – Elections Division Office. RCW 29A.36.131

Primary – Partisan Offices

All partisan offices appear on the Primary ballot. RCW 29A.52.112

Candidates for each office will appear on the ballot in the order determined by lot. RCW 29A.36.131

Primary – Nonpartisan Offices

A Primary is held if three or more candidates file for a position. If no more than two candidates file, they appear only on the General Election ballot in the order determined by lot. RCW 29A.52.220

General Election – All Offices

If a Primary is held, candidates for all offices must receive at least 1 percent of the total votes cast for their position in order to appear on the General Election ballot.

The two candidates receiving the greatest number of votes will appear on the General Election ballot in the order of highest votes received. RCW 29A.36.170

If no Primary is held, candidates for offices that did not appear on the Primary ballot will appear on the General Election ballot in the order determined by lot. RCW 29A.36.131

Certification of State Candidates and Measures

The Secretary of State must certify state measures and candidates to appear on the General Election ballot by August 23. RCW 29A.60.240

Order of Jurisdiction Placement on

Ballots RCW 29A.36.121, RCW 29A.36.161
State and countywide measures are placed before all offices on the ballot in the following order:

- Statewide Measures
- Countywide Measures

Offices are placed on the ballot in the following order:

- Federal
- State
- County
- State Judicial
- · County Judicial
- Public Utility Districts
- Precinct Committee Officer
 - * Offices are placed before measures for local jurisdictions.

Duties and Qualifications of Elected Officials

U.S. Senator and Representative

Duties: The U.S. Constitution assigns the Senate and House of Representatives equal responsibility for declaring war, maintaining the armed forces, assessing taxes, borrowing money, minting currency, regulating commerce, and making all laws necessary for the operation of the government.

Qualifications: A U.S. Senator must be at least 30 years old and a U.S. citizen for nine years. A U.S. Representative must be at least 25 years old and a U.S. citizen for seven years. Both must be residents of the state from which they are elected.

U.S. Constitution, Article 1, Sections 2 & 3

Statewide Executive Offices

Duties: The Washington State Constitution, Article 3, Sections 1-24, details the duties of officials elected to state executive positions.

Qualifications: Candidate must be a citizen of the United States and a qualified voter in Washington.

Washington State Constitution, Article 3, Section 25

State Senator, State Representative

Duties: Introduce bills during each session of the Legislature, Hold public hearings, debate issues and vote on them. Bills that pass both houses of the Legislature are sent to the Governor for signature.

Qualifications: Candidate must be a citizen of the United States and a qualified voter in the district for which he or she is chosen. Washington State Constitution, Article 2, Section 7, RCW 29A.24.075

County Commissioner

Duties: County Commissioners are the legislative body and chief administrators of the county. Adopt annual budgets and county ordinances for traffic, zoning, planning, and public safety. Oversee public works, human services, community development, and parks departments. RCW 36.32

Qualifications: At the time of filing for office, candidate must be registered to vote in the district represented by the office they seek. RCW 29A.24.075

Eligible Voters by Office

Office/Position	Voters in the Primary	Voters in the General
United States Senator, Representative	Entire County	Entire County
Statewide Executive Offices	Entire County	Entire County
23rd Legislative District 26th Legislative District 35th Legislative District	23rd Legislative District 26th Legislative District 35th Legislative District	23rd Legislative District 26th Legislative District 35th Legislative District
County Commissioner District 1	District 1	Entire County
County Commissioner District 2	District 2	Entire County

Duties and Qualifications of Elected Officials

Supreme Court Justice

Duties: The Supreme Court reviews laws for consistency with the Constitution.

Qualifications: Candidate must be registered to vote and be admitted to practice in the courts of record of Washington state.

<u>Washington State Constitution, Article 4, Section 17</u>

<u>RCW 29A.24.075</u>

Appeals Court Judge

Duties: The Court of Appeals hears appeals on decisions of lower courts.

Qualifications: Candidate must be registered to vote and be admitted to practice in the courts of record of Washington State.

Washington State Constitution, Article 4, Section 17 RCW 29A.24.075

Superior Court Judge

Duties: The Superior Court has original jurisdiction over civil disputes and criminal cases.

Qualifications: Candidate must be registered to vote in Kitsap County and be admitted to practice in the courts of record of Washington State. Washington State Constitution, Article 4,

Section 17, RCW 29A.24.075

Public Utility District Commissioner

Duties: Planning and study of the conservation of water and power resources for the people in Kitsap County. Work with the state Legislature and local water districts to manage the supply of water and electricity for all uses.

Qualifications: At the time of filing for office, candidate must be registered to vote in the district represented by the office they seek. RCW 29A.24.075, RCW 54.12.010

Precinct Committee Officer

Duties: Elect a chair and vice chair of their political party's county and legislative district central committees.

Qualifications: At the time of filing for office, candidate must be registered to vote in the precinct represented by the office they seek. RCW 29A.80.041

Eligible Voters by Office

Office/Position	Voters in the Primary	Voters in the General
Judicial Offices – State and County	Entire County	Entire County
Kitsap County Public Utility District No. 1: Commissioner District 3	District 3	Entire County
Precinct Committee Officer	Precinct Only	No General Election

Local Voters' Pamphlet – Candidate Statements

Publishing a Local Voters' Pamphlet

A printed copy of the Local Voters' Pamphlet is mailed to all households within the election about four weeks prior to each Primary and General Election. Statements appear in the printed Local Voters' Pamphlet and Online Ballot Access.

RCW 29A.32.210-280

Submitting Your Candidate Statement

You will receive a confirmation email with a link to submit the statement once your candidate filing has been approved. You may use the link provided. If you are a candidate for a county office, we prefer you use the electronic submission method, but you may instead submit your statement directly to Kitsap County Elections. PCO candidates do not submit statements.

Statements consist of:

- 1. Photograph
- 2. Campaign Contact Information
- 3. Biography
- 4. Statement

Statement Specifications

- Italics may be used for emphasis.
- Bulleted lists, bold, underline, all-caps text and multiple indentations are *not* allowed and will be reformatted.
- · Tables and graphs are not allowed.
- Hyphenated words count as two words unless listed as one word by dictionary.com.
- Statements exceeding the word limit are shortened by deleting full sentences from the end until the limit is reached.
- Statements containing obscene, profane, libelous or defamatory language will be rejected. <u>RCW 29A.32.090</u>
- Candidate Statements must be limited to statements about the candidate himself or herself. <u>RCW 29A.32.090</u>, <u>RCW 29A.32.230(3)</u>

Submission Deadline



- **May 21**: Deadline for candidates to submit statements and photos. RCW 29A.32.230,
- A final proof is provided to candidates that must be approved within three business days, otherwise it is approved as submitted. <u>WAC 434-381-180</u>



Even if your race is not in the Primary your statement is due on May 21.



Candidate Videos

Candidates may submit video statements in addition to their written statements. See page 16 for details.

Local Voters' Pamphlet – Candidate Statements



George Washington

Elected Experience: President, United States, 1789-1797; Virginia provincial legislator, 1758-1765.

Other Professional Experience: Senior Officer, U.S. Army, 1798-1799; Commander-in-Chief, Continental Army, 1775-1783.

Education: Elementary School-level education achieved through tutors. Trained in mathematics, trigonometry, surveying, drafting and map-making.

Community Service: Delegate to First Continental Congress (1774) and Second Continental Congress (1775).

Statement: The period for a new election of a citizen to administer this elected office being not far distant, and the time actually arrived when your thoughts must be employed in designating the person who is to be clothed with that important trust, it appears to me proper, especially as it may conduce to a more distinct expression of the public voice, that I should now apprise you of the resolution I have formed to beg your consent in returning to elected office.

In office I will promote as an object of primary importance, institutions for the general diffusion of knowledge. In proportion as the structure of a government gives force to public opinion, it is essential that public opinion should be enlightened.

Be assured that this resolution has not been taken without a strict regard to all the considerations appertaining to the relation which binds a dutiful citizen to his country. I have the consolation to believe that, while choice, prudence and the strange reality of my newfound immortality invite me to quit the political scene, patriotism does not forbid my return. I ask for your vote.

Phone: 000-000-1789

Email: george@washington.pres

Website: washington.pres

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1. Photograph

You may submit a self-portrait of your head and shoulders. Use a light-colored background, but not white. Photos must be no more than five years old. A color photo is preferred.

Digital photos must be a minimum 300 dpi resolution and no smaller than 2.5 inches x 3 inches. Your photo may not be digitally altered.

Pins, robes, signage, uniforms, or insignias suggesting the wearer has held public office are not allowed. <u>RCW 29A.32.110</u> Kitsap County Administrative Rules - Local Voters' Pamphlet

2. Campaign Contact Information

Candidates may submit contact information consisting of a phone number, email address, and one website. Contact information does not count towards the word limit.

3. Biography

You may submit a 100-word biography using the following headings, which may be omitted:

- Elected; or Legal/Judicial Experience*
- Other Professional Experience
- Education
- Community Service
 - * 'Legal/Judicial Experience' heading for judicial candidates only.

4. Statement

You may submit a statement in addition to your photo, contact information, and biography. Statement word limits are established by state law:

- 100 words (2 paragraphs): State Rep.
- 200 words (4 paragraphs): All other offices.
 RCW 29A.32.121

Candidate statements are not edited for grammar, punctuation or spelling by Elections staff. We recommend you have someone else read your statement before you turn it in.

Local Voters' Pamphlet – Measures

Publishing a Local Voters' Pamphlet

A printed copy of the Local Voters' Pamphlet is mailed to all households within the election about four weeks prior to each Primary and General Election. Measure arguments appear in the printed Local Voters' Pamphlet and Online Ballot Access. RCW 29A.32.210-280

Committee Information

The legislative authority of a district that submits a ballot measure must appoint committees to draft arguments 'for' and 'against' the measure. Committees are limited to three members and shall appoint a chairperson as the primary point of contact.

If the district is unable to appoint a committee, it must notify the Auditor's Office in writing. RCW 29A.32.280

Argument Word Limit

- 250 words (five paragraphs) including no more than four headings. RCW 29A.32.121
- Headings may not exceed 15 words and count towards the word limit.
- Headings are printed in bold type.

Rebuttal Word Limit

- 75 words (one paragraph). RCW 29A.32.121
- · No headings are permitted.
- Rebuttals may only address issues raised in the opposing argument.

Argument and Rebuttal Specifications

- Italics may be used for emphasis.
- Bulleted lists, bold, underline, all-caps text, and multiple indentations are not allowed and will be reformatted.
- Hyphenated words count as two words unless listed as one word by dictionary.com.
- Photographs and charts are permitted.
 Each square inch of chart or photograph will substitute for 50 words.
- Arguments and rebuttals exceeding the word limit are shortened by deleting full sentences from the end until the limit is reached.
- Statements containing obscene, profane, libelous, or defamatory language will be rejected.



Voters' Pamphlet deadlines are intended to promote timely publication and may be adjusted.

Submission Deadlines

Election Date Aug. 6, 2024 Nov. 5, 2024 Feb. 11, 2025 April 22, 2025

 Committee Appointment
 5/3/2024
 8/6/2024
 12/13/2024
 2/21/2025

 Pro/Con argument
 5/13/2024
 8/12/2024
 12/20/2024
 2/28/2025

 Rebuttal
 5/16/2024
 8/16/2024
 12/24/2024
 3/4/2025

A final proof is provided to committees that must be approved within three business days, otherwise it is approved as submitted.

Local Voters' Pamphlet – Measures

1. Ballot Title

The Ballot Title is submitted by the district as part of the resolution and reviewed by the Kitsap County Prosecuting Attorney for all districts except cities.

2. Explanatory **Statement**

The Explanatory Statement is prepared by the Kitsap County Prosecuting Attorney for county measures and by the attorney for the district for all other measures and submitted by the resolution deadline.

3. Arguments

Arguments 'for' and 'against' the measure are prepared by committees appointed by the district. Once approved by the Auditor's Office. arguments are provided to opposite committees to draft rebuttals.

4. Rebuttals

Committees draft rebuttals to arguments prepared by the opposite committee. Rebuttals may only address topics presented in the opposite committee's argument and may not introduce new topics.

5. Contact Information

Committee contact information must include a chairperson's name and may include up to two other member names, website, email, phone number, and mailing address.

Sample Argument

Ballot Measures

Kitsap County

Proposition No. 1

Duck City: Honoring Our Favorite Birds Official Ballot Title

City of Port Bremerbo Island adopted Ordinance No -23 concerning the naming convention for new and ng streets under Chapter 99.99 RCW. To provide dance and direction for the naming of new streets and renaming of existing streets, the city would catalog all duck names and name all streets after the natural names for ducks or for duck characters in fictional and non-fictional

Should this proposition be:

Approved

Rejected

Explanatory Statement

ttorney for the district as prescribed by law) Proposition 1 asks voters to authorize the City of Port Bremerbo Island to begin the process of renaming every street in the city after every species of duck or after the names given ducks in movies, books and other stories, both fiction ar

State law generally allows local jurisdictions and other areas after essentially whatever fo iey want and cities have been loathe to provide overt disc. The results when it comes to streets include those named after honorable and dishonorable humans and animals and fish inferior to ducks.

Implementation of the street name changes for existing streets would take place over five to ten years, the average lifespan of a Mallard. No funding is directly allocated as part of the measure, but the estimated cost to implement the transformation in its entirety is estimated to be approximately \$178 bllion, approximately \$4.5 million per household over 10

Argument For the Measure

A Billiant Idea

Port Bremerbo Island residents have the opportunity to distinguish themselves from every other city in America, or the world for that matter, by everyone in the city living on an everyone, street, lane or drive named after one of the most

, distinctive and beautiful animals so central to our Northwest existence: the duck.

From Main Street to Mallard Street

Our city will be known around the world for the unique decision to honor the Surf Scoter, the Torrent Duck, the White-Cheeked Pintail as well as the Common Teal.

Brace Yourselves, Tourists Will Flock Here

The renaming of our streets has been estimated by the marketing firm Pochard, Shoveler and Merganser to generate tourism that this city has never seen. Those estimates were made before several community events and duck-themed festivals were proposed.

It's All It's Quacked Up to Be

You will have a say in the naming of your own street. You'll be able to honor a Wigeon, an Eider, Teal or any of a number of varieties of ducks. You might also decide to name your street after Daffy, Daphne, Donald, Huey, Dewey, Louie, April, May, June, Howard, Ludwig von Drake, Mrs. Beakley or even Doofus Drake and Webby Vanderquack.

The conversations you will have in the coming years will be ones you will never forget. Vote Yes on Proposition 1.

Rebuttal to the Argument Against

tudy cited here was vetted by a competing marketing erdinand, Aflac and Edd) and the numbers remained nt. This measure would cost each home less than one it used-car purchase per month, so it's highly affordable. Ferrets are icky. Say Yes to ducks. Say Yes to common sense. Vote Yes on Proposition 1.

Arguments prepared by the Committee For the Measure errson Wing Luke; Committee Member Clara Barton; tee Member James Munroe. Further questions may be sed by contacting committeefor@committee.com,

Argument Against the Measure

The city had the opportunity to do something truly ambitious for an animal that deserves this kind of recognition: the ferret. Instead the council was swayed by a special interest marketing firm looking to advance its own interests.

The city is estimating it will cost \$178 billio idea, about \$4.5 million per household. W 3 the means to support a worthwhile ventur many of our residents this might present an unque burden.

Study after study has shown that ferrets are the ideal drivers of human emotions and that we humans have yet to reward them adequately for the interesting lives they lead. Numerous presentation were made to the council emphasizing this as a well-established fact, but the council ignored reason, logic and

of us have to this, for

We have nothing against ducks and the insults hurled at opponents of this measure has been like water off one's back We cannot support, however, such fiscal irresponsibility over such a common and regular feature of the Pacific Northwest. We deserve better. Ferrets deserve better. Vote No on Proposition 1.

Rebuttal to the Argument For

We will distinguish ourselves alright, as the city that could have honored ferrets, but chose to honor of is having a say in what my street is name to choose 4 between Pintail, QuackerJack and Fup? T a choice it's a sentence. Vote No on this measure and restore rationality to

Arguments prepared by the Committee Against the Measure Aguinens piepae by the Confinition Aguinst Chairperson William Henry Harrison; Committe Kahlo; Committe Member Thurgood Marshall may be addressed by contacting committeeagainst.com, 78s

1 The Auditor's Office is not responsible for the content of arguments or their factual and grammatical accurac



Committee Videos

Committees may submit video arguments in addition to their written arguments. See page 16 for details.

Candidate and Measure Videos

Candidates and committees may submit video statements that convey the same messages as their printed statements.

Candidates and committees should consider the video statement as a video version of the written statement and should mostly be wordfor-word reproductions of the written versions for a different audience.

Video statements are included in Online Ballot Access via VoteWA.gov, a digital ballot delivery system that also allows voters to access Voters' Pamphlet information.

Online ballot access uses the highest level of internet security and is fully accessible for use by all voters.

Video Specifications

- Video statements must be a <u>spoken</u> <u>reproduction</u> of the written statements.
- Candidate videos must not exceed 3 minutes.
- Committee videos must not exceed 3 minutes, 30 seconds and may include rebuttals.
- No pins, robes, signage, uniforms, or insignias suggesting the wearer has held public office. RCW 29A.32.110
- Preferred file type is MP4.
 Maximum file size is 128 MB.

Bremerton – Kitsap Access Television

An alternative to filming your own video is to contact Bremerton – Kitsap Access Television (BKAT) to schedule a video shoot. BKAT charges to film, edit and submit videos. Each video recording session is 20 minutes. Bring a thumb drive with a minimum of 1 GB of storage to save your video. For more information, or to schedule a video shoot, contact BKAT.

Filming sessions are available by appointment.

All candidates whether in the Primary or not and Committees on measures in the Primary: May 23 – June 7.

Committees for or against General Election ballot measures: August 2 – 16.

Bremerton - Kitsap Access Television

Colleen Miko colleen.miko@ci.bremerton.wa.us 360-473-5026

Note: BKAT will submit videos they film to the Kitsap County Auditor – Elections Division.

Cost: \$50, cash or check only.

Video Submission Deadlines

Candidate and Committee Videos

• **June 10, 2024:** Deadline to submit videos for candidates and for measures on the Aug. 6, 2024 Primary Election ballot.

Committee Videos

- **September 10, 2024:** Deadline to submit videos for the Nov. 5, 2024 General Election.
- **January 7, 2025**. Deadline to submit videos for the Feb. 11, 2025 Special Election
- March 11, 2025. Deadline to submit videos for the April 22, 2025 Special Election.





Political Sign Regulations

Contact governing organizations listed below for specifics on size, type and placement options before making your signs. Contact the Public Disclosure Commission for regulations on political signs and campaign literature wording.

Unincorporated Kitsap County

Contact: Department of Community Development

Phone: 360-337-5777

Email: Kshadbol@kitsap.gov

Web: www.codepublishing.com/wa/kitsapcounty/, Title 17.510.060.

Washington State Department of Transportation

Contact: Tanya Joblonski Phone: 360-705-7294

Email: OutdoorAdvertisingControl@wsdot.wa.gov

Web: wsdot.wa.gov

Area: All state highways within Kitsap County – 3, 16, 166, 104, 160, 303, 304, 305, 307, 308,

310, and the portion of Kitsap Way from Highway 3 to Callow Avenue.

City of Bainbridge Island

Contact: City of Bainbridge Island Planning and Community Development

Phone: 206-780-3750; **Fax**: 206-780-0955

Email: pcd@bainbridgewa.gov

Web: www.codepublishing.com/WA/Bainbridgelsland, see Title 15.08.095

City of Bremerton

Contact: City of Bremerton Department of Community Development

Phone: 360-473-5281; **Fax**: 360-473-5278 **Email**: Mac.Kosar@ci.bremerton.wa.us

Web: www.codepublishing.com/WA/Bremerton, see Title 20.52.085

City of Port Orchard

Contact: City of Port Orchard Planning Department

Phone: 360-874-5533; Fax: 360-876-4980 Email: planning@portorchardwa.gov

Web: www.codepublishing.com/wa/portorchard, see POMC 20.132.270

City of Poulsbo

Contact: City of Poulsbo Planning Department Phone: 360-394-9748; Fax: 360-697-8269 Email: plan&econ@cityofpoulsbo.com

Web: http://www.codepublishing.com/wa/poulsbo/ See Title 18.170.080

Public Disclosure Commission and Statistical Data

One of your first steps in running for office should be to file with the Washington Public Disclosure Commission.

Go to <u>pdc.wa.gov/candidates</u> for complete information about running for office and the reporting requirements you will encounter. Our website has links to PDC Fact sheets that are a great place to start. Go to <u>Kitsap.gov/elections</u> and click on the "Running for Office" link.

Also, at the <u>candidates page</u> on the Kitsap County Elections website, you'll find links to three important fact sheets from the Public Disclosure Commission:

- Outline of <u>first steps</u> after announcing a candidacy
- A <u>detailed guide</u> to the financial affairs disclosure form (F-1)
- Table of <u>contribution limits</u> for political campaigns

The PDC also offers a Candidate training web page addressing other PDC requirements.

The Kitsap County Elections web page for candidates also offers links to statistical data you may find helps your campaign.

Go to https://www.kitsap.gov/auditor/Pages/kitsap-candidate-filing.aspx for more information.

Recounts

Mandatory Recount

A mandatory recount, by machine or hand, occurs when candidates or state measures are separated by:

- Less than 2,000 votes, AND
- Less than 1/2 of 1 percent of the votes cast. RCW 29A.64.021.

Mandatory Manual Recount

For statewide offices or measures, a mandatory manual or 'hand' recount is conducted when contests are separated by:

- Less than 1,000 votes, AND
- Less than 1/4 of 1 percent of the votes cast. RCW 29A.64.021,

For all other offices, ballots must be recounted by hand if the difference between the two candidates is:

- Less than 150 votes, AND
- Less than 1/4 of 1 percent of the votes cast. RCW 29A.64.021,

Requests for a Recount

When a mandatory recount is not required, an officer of a political party or any person who received votes may file a written application for a recount of the votes, or a portion of the votes cast in that election for all candidates for election to that office. The application must specify a manual or machine recount and be submitted no later than two business days after the official certification of the election. RCW 29A.64.011

- Any group of five or more registered voters may apply for a recount of the votes or a portion of the votes cast for a ballot measure. RCW 29A.64.011
- A deposit of \$0.15 for a machine recount or \$0.25 for a manual recount for each ballot cast in the recount shall be made at the time of filing the application. The deposit shall be applied to the cost of the recount and the remaining cost, if any, will be billed to the requester. RCW 29A.64.030,

Oaths of Office

When Elected Officials Assume Office

Office/Position	Date
U.S. Congress	January 3, 2025 U.S. Constitution, Amendment 20
Washington State Executives	January 15, 2025 RCW 43.01.010,
Washington State Legislature All Judicial Positions	January 13, 2025 RCW 44.04.021, RCW 2.04.071, RCW 3.34.070
County Officials Public Utility District Commissioner	January 1, 2025 RCW 29A.60.280
Precinct Committee Officers	December 1, 2024 RCW 29A.80.051

When Administered

Oaths of Office may be administered up to 10 days prior to the scheduled date of assuming office, or at the last regular meeting of the governing body of the applicable district held before the winner assumes office. An Oath of Office is administered to candidates filling an unexpired position, or short and full-term position upon certification of the election. A second Oath of Office is administered to candidates filling a short and full-term position prior to assuming office for the full term. RCW 29A.04.133, RCW 29A.60.270, RCW 29A.60.280

Who Administers

An Oath of Office may be administered by a notary public or any officer authorized to administer oaths including judges, county commissioners, county auditors or deputies, town clerks, and school officials. RCW 29A.04.133

Where the Oath of Office is Filed

Office/Position	Where Oath Is Administered/Filed
U.S. Congress	Verbal oath upon convening of Congress.
Washington State Executives	Written oath filed with the Office of the Secretary of State. Secretary of State's oath filed with the State Auditor. RCW 43.01.020
Washington State Legislature	Verbal oath upon convening of Legislature.
Judicial Offices	Written Oath filed with the Office of the Secretary of State. Washington State Constitution, Article 4, Section 28
County Officials Public Utility District Commissioner	Written oaths are filed with the Kitsap County Auditor. RCW 36.16.060, RCW 54.12.100
Precinct Committee Officer	Contact applicable major party.

State Measures Become Law

State measures approved by the voters become law upon proclamation of the governor unless the effective date is contained within the text of the measure. RCW 29A.60.260

Voter Data and Election Results

Purchasing Voter Data

Orders may be placed by email, in person, or fax and may require up to three days to complete.

Affidavit

A signed affidavit that voter information will not be used for commercial purposes is required. RCW 29A.08.740

Format

Information is provided in a text format that is easily imported into programs such as Excel, Access, and Word.

Fees

- There is no fee for data sent electronically.
- Voter data sent by mail costs \$0.15 per page, plus postage.
- Payment must be received before the order is filled.

Data Options

Numerous data options are available:

District Choices: All districts and precincts within Kitsap County.

Report Types: Voting record, registered voters, and voters by district are among the many options.

Available Data: Name, address, political jurisdiction, gender, year of birth, voting record, date of registration, and registration number are available.

Confidential Data: Phone numbers, email addresses, and military status are confidential and not available for request. <u>RCW 29A.08.710</u>

Map Orders

District maps are available on our website or by email at no charge.

Printed maps are available in various sizes. Prices vary according to size:

- \$10 for District Maps up to 34 x 44 inches.
- \$2.50 for each 11 x 17 inch map.
- \$0.15 for each 8.5 x 11 inch Precinct Map.
- Maps sent by mail require postage.
- Payment must be received before the order is filled.

Election Results

Local election results dating back to 1998 are on our website: <u>kitsap.gov/elections</u>, then click 'Past Election Results.'

For local election results prior to 1998, contact **Washington State Archives**:

- <u>www.sos.wa.gov/archives</u>.
- sos.wa.gov/archives/archives puget.aspx.
- 425-564-3940.

Statewide Election Results

Statewide election results from 1900 to present are available on the Secretary of State's website:

www.sos.wa.gov/elections/research/

Presidential Primary Data

Political party declarations signed by voters for Presidential Primaries are public for a limited period. Data from the 2024 Presidential Primary is no longer available as of May 22, 2024.

Contact Information Mailing Address

Kitsap County Auditor – Elections Division 614 Division St., MS-31 Port Orchard, WA 98366

Regular Business Hours

8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday

Office Address

619 Division St. Port Orchard, WA 98366

auditor@kitsap.gov kitsap.gov/elections

Election Calendar – 2024-25

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April 22	. Candidate Filing by Mail – First day candidate filings may be submitted by mail. RCW 29A.24.081
May 3	. File a Resolution and Appoint Committees – Last day to file a resolution for the August Primary. RCW 29A.04.330 Deadline to appoint committees to draft arguments or notify Auditor's Office if unable to appoint committees for the August Primary. RCW 29A.32.280
6-10	. Candidate Filing – Regular candidate filing period. <u>RCW 29A.24.050</u>
13	. Measure Arguments – Deadline to submit ballot measure arguments and committee contact information for August Primary. <u>WAC 434-381-120</u>
13	. Deadline to Withdraw – Last day for candidates to withdraw. RCW 29A.24.131
14	. Certification of Candidates – Certification of Primary candidates by Secretary of State. RCW 29A.36.010
TBD	. Three-day Filing Period – Special three-day filing period for non-partisan offices with no candidate filings during the regular filing period. <u>RCW 29A.24.181</u>
17	. Measure Rebuttals – Deadline to submit measure rebuttals for August Primary.
21	. Candidate Statements – Deadline to submit statements and photos for August Primary and November General Election. <u>WAC 434-381-120</u>
	. Candidate Videos – Deadline to submit candidate videos for August Primary and November General Election.
	. Measure Videos – Deadline to submit measure videos for August Primary.
22	. Ballots Mailed – Overseas and military ballots mailed, Online Ballot Access available for the August Primary. <u>RCW 29A.40.070</u>
July 8-9	. Local Voters' Pamphlet – Official Kitsap County Local Voters' Pamphlet mailed to all county households in the election. <u>RCW 29A.32.260</u>
18	. Write-in Candidate Filing – Final day to file for free as a write-in candidate for the August Primary. RCW 29A.24.311, RCW 29A.24.091
19	. Ballots Mailed – Ballots mailed for the August Primary. <u>RCW 29A.40.070</u>
19	. Accessible Voting – Accessible Voting Units available in County Auditor's Office through the August Primary. <u>RCW 29A.40.160</u>
29	. Voter Registration – Deadline for mail and online voter registration and changes for the August Primary. <u>RCW 29A.08.140</u>
August	
5	. Void in Candidacy – Last day a void in candidacy causes that office to reopen filing for the November General Election. <u>RCW 29A.24.181</u>

6.....PRIMARY - RCW 29A.04.311

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August (cont.) 6...... File a Resolution and Appoint Committees – Last day to file a resolution for the November General Election. RCW 29A.04.330 Deadline to appoint committees to draft arguments or notify Auditor's Office if unable to appoint committees for the November General Election. RCW 29A.32.280 6.......Voter Registration – Deadline for in-person voter registration and changes for the August Primary. RCW 29A.08.140 12...... Measure Arguments – Deadline to submit ballot measure arguments and committee contact information for November General Election. WAC 434-381-120 16...... Measure Rebuttals – Deadline to submit measure rebuttals for November General Election. 20...... Certification of Primary – August Primary is certified by counties. RCW 29A.60.190 September 10...... Measure Videos – Deadline to submit measure videos for November General Election. 21...... Ballots Mailed – Overseas and military ballots mailed, Online Ballot Access available for the November General Election. RCW 29A.40.070 October 7-8 Local Voters' Pamphlet – Official Kitsap County Local Voters' Pamphlet mailed to all county households. the November General Election. RCW 29A.24.311, RCW 29A.24.091 18...... Ballots Mailed – November General Election ballots mailed. RCW 29A.40.070 18...... Accessible Voting – Accessible Voting Units available in County Auditor's Office through General Election. RCW 29A.40.160 the November General. RCW 29A.08.140 November 5...... **GENERAL ELECTION** – RCW 29A.04.321 5.......Voter Registration – Deadline for in-person voter registration and changes for the November General Election. RCW 29A.08.140 26...... Certification of General Election – November General Election certified by counties. RCW 29A.60.190 December 5...... Certification of General Election – Final day for Secretary of State to certify returns of the November General Election. RCW 29A.60.250

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(Dec. cont	t.)
13	. File a Resolution and Appoint Committees – Last day to file a resolution for the February 2025 Special Election RCW 29A.04.330 Deadline to appoint committees to draft arguments or notify Auditor's Office if unable to appoint committees for the February 2025 Special Election. RCW 29A.32.280
20	. Measure Arguments – Deadline to submit ballot measure arguments and committee contact information for the February 2025 Special Election.
24	Measure Rebuttals – Deadline to submit measure rebuttals for February 2025 Special Election.
January 2	
7	. Measure Videos – Deadline to submit measure videos for February 2025 Special Election.
24	. Ballots Mailed – February 2025 Special Election ballots mailed. RCW 29A.40.070
24	Accessible Voting – Accessible Voting Units available in County Auditor's Office through General Election. <u>RCW 29A.40.160</u>
February 2	2025
3	. Voter Registration – Deadline for mail and online voter registration changes for the February Special Election. <u>RCW 29A.08.140</u>
11	. SPECIAL ELECTION - RCW 29A.04.321
21	. Certification of Special Election – February Special Election certified by county. RCW 29A.60.250
21	. File a Resolution and Appoint Committees – Last day to file a resolution for the April 2025 Special Election. RCW 29A.04.330 Deadline to appoint committees to draft arguments or notify Auditor's Office if unable to appoint committees for the April 2025 Special Election. RCW 29A.32.280
28	. Measure Arguments – Deadline to submit ballot measure arguments and committee contact information for the April 2025 Special Election.
March 202	25
4	Measure Rebuttals – Deadline to submit measure rebuttals for April 2025 Special Election.
11	. Measure Videos – Deadline to submit measure videos for April 2025 Special Election.
April 2025	
4	. Ballots Mailed – April 2025 Special Election ballots mailed. RCW 29A.40.070
22	. SPECIAL ELECTION - RCW 29A.04.321
May 2025	
May 2025	. Certification of Special Election – April 2025 Special Election certified by

county. RCW 29A.60.190

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