



Kitsap County Auditor

Paul Andrews

Dear Candidates and Campaigns,

If you are reading this letter, chances are you are considering running for one of the local offices that has the most direct impact on Kitsap County residents, or you are preparing to write an argument for or against a ballot measure.

Thank you for your willingness to step up and take on this important role.

When it comes to the voters' pamphlet, here are a few suggestions:

- Begin writing as soon as possible. The deadline for statements can catch a candidate or committee off guard. Our office must work with printing schedules from printers providing pamphlets throughout the state, so your deadline is based on our deadlines.
- Have someone read what you write before you submit it. A second, and even a third, set of eyes can be a critical step in you offering a statement that will best relay your ideas.
- If you are a candidate, write a statement that will work in both the Primary and General Election. No changes can be made between the two elections.

Thank you again for your willingness to serve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Andrews".

Paul Andrews
Kitsap County Auditor
kitsap.gov/elections
auditor@kitsap.gov
360-337-7128

Daryl Daus
Chief Deputy Auditor

Regina McRay
Elections Manager

Zach Reyes
Elections
Technology Analyst

Michael Aguirre
Elections
Technology Analyst

Amy Epperly
Elections Supervisor

Steve Gardner
Public Information Officer

Hazel Simpson
Elections Specialist

Scott Sheron
Elections Specialist

Mary Smithson
Office Specialist

Leah Palmer
Office Specialist

Table of Contents

Letter to Candidates	1
Kitsap County Auditor	3
Filing Information	
Filing for Office.....	4-5
Election, Measure and Candidate Filing Dates.....	6
Online Resources.....	6
Duties and Qualifications of Elected Officials	7
Offices and Positions Open for Filing.....	8-12
Candidate/Campaign Information	
Eligible Voters by Office	13
Local Voters’ Pamphlet – Candidate Statements.....	14-15
Local Voters’ Pamphlet – Measures	16-17
Candidate and Measure Videos	18
Political Sign Regulations.....	19
Recounts	20
Voter Age/Gender Statistics	20
Campaign Regulations and Public Disclosure.....	21
Offices and Ballot Names	22
Voter and Election Information	
Voter Data and Election Results.....	23
Oaths of Office.....	24
Voter Turnout Statistics.....	25
Elections Calendar	26-27
Index	28

This manual is intended for informational purposes only and does not take the place of local, state or federal laws. RCW, WAC, and County and 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.

Kitsap County Auditor

Mission

Serving the people of Kitsap County by providing essential services in a manner that ensures quality, accountability and accessibility.

Elections and Voter Registration Division

Administers all federal, state, county, municipal and special purpose district elections held in Kitsap County and is responsible for the following activities:

- Maintain political and special purpose taxing district boundaries.
- Maintain elections databases and preserve voter registration records and history.
- Accept candidate filings and ballot measures.
- Prepare printed, audio and electronic ballots.
- Publish Local Voters' Pamphlets, Online Ballot Access and other elections materials.
- Conduct accessible voting and voter outreach programs.
- Hire, train and schedule election workers to process ballots and staff voting centers.
- Verify signatures on ballots and petitions.
- Process, tabulate and reconcile ballots for certification of election results.

Contact Information

Mailing Address

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

Office Address

619 Division St.
Port Orchard, WA 98366

auditor@kitsap.gov
kitsap.gov/elections

Regular Business Hours

8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday

Phone Numbers

Office.....360-337-7128
Fax 360-337-5769

Websites

Secretary of State.....www.sos.wa.gov
Public Disclosure
Commission..... www.pdc.wa.gov

Revised Code of Washington (RCW)
<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/rcw/>

Washington Administrative Code (WAC)
<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/>

Filing for Office

Candidate filing week is May 15-19

Filing Online

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

Online filing begins at 9 a.m., May 15 and ends at 4 p.m., May 19. For more information visit: sos.wa.gov/elections

RCW 29A.24.040

Filing in Person

RCW 29A.24.050

Candidates may file **in person**, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., May 15-19 at the Kitsap County Auditor's Office.

A printable filing form is available at

<https://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/candidatefiling.aspx>

Filing by Mail or Fax

RCW 29A.24.081

- Candidates may file **by mail** beginning May 1.
- Candidates may file **by fax** from 8 a.m., May 15 to 4:30 p.m., May 19.
- Applicable filing fees are due by the close of candidate filing – 4:30 p.m., May 19.
WAC 434-208-060

Where to File for Office

RCW 29A.24.070

- Candidates for local offices located entirely within Kitsap County may file with the Kitsap County Auditor or online.
- Candidates for North Mason School District or North Mason Regional Fire Authority positions file online or with the Mason County Auditor. RCW 29A.24.070

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, RCW 29A.24.101

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 you are filing for.

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

Contact Information for Filing Week Business Hours

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday

auditor@kitsap.gov

Kitsap County Auditor
Elections Division
619 Division St.
Port Orchard, WA 98366

Phone: 360-337-7128

Fax: 360-337-5769

[kitsap.gov/elections](https://www.kitsap.gov/elections)

Secretary of State

www.sos.wa.gov

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. [RCW 42.04.020](#)
- A candidate filing for office in a district with defined internal boundaries must reside within those internal boundaries at the time of filing. These districts include: City of Bainbridge Island, City of Bremerton, School Districts, and Port Districts.

EXCEPTIONS: City of Port Orchard, City of Poulsbo, Bremerton School District; Port of Illahee, Port of Keyport, Port of Manchester, and Port of Poulsbo – candidates may reside anywhere within the district. Refer to pages 8-12 for specific district information.

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](#)

Nonpartisan Offices

If no one files for a nonpartisan 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 is held for that jurisdiction.

[RCW 29A.24.141](#), [RCW 29A.24.201](#), [RCW 29A.52.231](#)

Partisan Offices

If after the special three-day filing period no candidate files for a partisan office, the vacancy is filled by appointment and is open for filing the following year.

[Washington State Constitution Article 2, Section 15](#)

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\(4\)](#)

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](#), [RCW 29A.24.311](#)

Write-in Votes

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

[RCW 29A.60.021](#)

Withdrawal Period

Any candidate may withdraw his/her candidacy in writing no later than 4:30 p.m., May 22. There is no withdrawal period for declarations filed during a special filing period.

[RCW 29A.24.131](#)

Election, Measure and Candidate Filing Dates

2023 – Candidate Filing Dates

- May 15–19

2024 – Candidate Filing Dates

- May 6–10

2023 Election Dates	Deadline to Submit Resolutions	Ballots Mailed By
February 14, 2023	None submitted	No election
April 25, 2023	None submitted	No election
August 1, 2023 Primary	May 12, 2023	July 14, 2023
November 7, 2023 General Election	August 1, 2023	October 20, 2023

2024 Election Dates	Deadline to Submit Resolutions	Ballots Mailed By
February 13, 2024	December 15, 2023	January 26, 2024
March 12, 2024 Presidential Primary	No measures	February 23, 2024
April 23, 2024	February 23, 2024	April 5, 2024
August 6, 2024 Primary	May 10, 2024	July 19, 2024
November 5, 2024 General Election	August 6, 2024	October 18, 2024

[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, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube pages.

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

Online Candidate Filing..... kitsap.gov/elections – click 'Online Candidate Filing'

Email Updates kitsapgov.com – click 'Connect with Us'

Facebook facebook.com/KitsapCountyAuditor

Twitter twitter.com/kitsapauditor

Instagram..... https://www.instagram.com/kitsap_county_auditor/

YouTube youtube.com/kitsapauditor

Duties and Qualifications of Elected Officials

Cities of Bainbridge Island and Bremerton

Qualifications

Elected Mayor and Council candidates must be registered voters of the city at the time of filing and have been residents of the city for a period of at least one year preceding the election. City Council candidates must reside within the defined council districts or wards at the time of filing. [RCW 42.04.020](#), [RCW 35A.12.030](#), [RCW 35A.13.020](#)

Duties

In Bremerton, the Mayor is the city's chief executive and administrative officer. The Council members serve as the legislative body. In Bainbridge Island the Council is the legislative authority, and Council members choose a council chair who has the title of "mayor" of the city. The Council hires a City Manager who is the chief executive and administrative officer. Functions of these offices are further defined in state law by the specific jurisdiction:

- City of Bainbridge Island – [RCW 35A](#)
- City of Bremerton – [RCW 35A](#) and [City Charter](#)

Cities of Port Orchard and Poulsbo

Qualifications

Candidates must be registered voters of the city at the time of filing and must also have been residents of the city for a period of at least one year preceding the election. Mayor and City Council candidates may reside anywhere within the city. [RCW 35A.12.030](#)

Duties

The Mayor is the city's chief executive and administrative officer and presides over council meetings. The Council members serve as the legislative body of the city. Functions of these offices are further defined in state law by the specific jurisdiction:

- [RCW 35A](#)

School, Fire, Port, Sewer, Utility, Water, Metropolitan Park and Recreation Districts

Qualifications

At the time of filing for office, a candidate must be registered to vote in the district represented by the office they seek. For jurisdictions that have defined internal districts, a candidate must reside and be a registered voter within the defined area of the jurisdiction. [RCW 29A.24.075](#)

Duties

The function of each jurisdiction is described by Washington state law.

- School – [RCW 28A](#)
- Fire – [RCW 52](#)
- Port – [RCW 53](#)
- Utility – [RCW 54](#)
- Sewer/Water – [RCW 57](#)
- Metropolitan Park and Recreation – [RCW 35.61](#)

Offices and Positions Open for Filing

All offices file with Kitsap County Auditor – Elections Division unless noted otherwise.

File online. Find the link beginning at 9 a.m., May 15, 2023 at

<https://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/candidates/>

Office	Incumbent	Filing Fee	Term
City of Bainbridge Island – Non-Charter Code City, Defined Council Districts			
Council District 1 At-Large	Kirsten Hytopoulos	\$360.00	4-year term
Council District 2 North Ward	Brenda Fantroy-Johnson	\$360.00	4-year term
Council District 4 Central Ward	Leslie Schneider	\$360.00	4-year term
Council District 6 South Ward	Michael Pollock	\$360.00	4-year term
City of Bremerton – 1st Class Charter City, Defined Council Districts			
Council District 2	Denise Frey	\$156.49	Short and full 4-year term
Council District 4	Quinn Dennehy	\$156.49	Short and full 4-year term
Council District 6	Anna Mockler	\$156.49	4-year term
City of Port Orchard – Non-Charter Code City, Candidates may reside anywhere within city			
Mayor	Robert B. Putaansuu	\$1,191.45	4-year term
Council Position 1	Shawn Cucciardi	\$120.00	4-year term
Council Position 4	John W. Clauson	\$120.00	4-year term
Council Position 5	Cindy Lucarelli	\$120.00	4-year term
Council At-Large	Mark Trenary	\$120.00	2-year term
City of Poulsbo – Non-Charter Code City, Candidates may reside anywhere within city			
Council Position 1	Andrew J.L. Phillips	\$90.00	4-year term
Council Position 2	Connie Lord	\$90.00	4-year term
Council Position 3	Britt Livdahl	\$90.00	4-year term
Council Position 4	Jeff McGinty	\$90.00	4-year term

Offices and Positions Open for Filing

School Districts – Defined Director Districts unless noted otherwise			
District	Office	Incumbent	Term
Bremerton School District No. 100-C Candidates may reside anywhere within the School District	Director Position 1	Karen J. Bolton	4-year term
	Director Position 2	John Paul Hurley	4-year term
	Director Position 3	Jonee Dubos	4-year term
Bainbridge Island School District No. 303	Director District 1	Vacant*	4-year term
	Director District 3	Sanjay Pal	4-year term
	Director District 4	Vacant*	4-year term
North Kitsap School District No. 400	Director District 2	Mike Desmond	4-year term
	Director District 4	Nancy Moffatt	4-year term
	Director District 5	Barbara Waggoner	4-year term
Central Kitsap School District No. 401	Director District 2	Vacant*	4-year term
	Director District 3	Drayton Jackson	4-year term
	Director District 4	Meghan Hein	4-year term
South Kitsap School District No. 402	Director District 1	Kate Espy	4-year term
	Director District 2	John R. Berg	4-year term
	Director District 5	Jeff Daily	4-year term
North Mason School District No. 403 Candidates file with Mason County Auditor	Director District 1	Erik Youngberg	4-year term
	Director District 3	Laura Boad	4-year term
	Director District 4	John Campbell	4-year term

* At time of printing. Both districts planned to have appointed directors in place by filing week.

Continued on page 10

Offices and Positions Open for Filing

Continued from page 9

Fire Districts – Candidates may reside anywhere within the Fire District			
District	Office	Incumbent	Term
Bainbridge Island Fire Department	Commissioner Position 2	Jay Rosenberg	Unexpired 2-year term
	Commissioner Position 3	Andrea Chymiy	6-year term
Central Kitsap Fire and Rescue	Commissioner Position 3	Rod Elmore	Short and full 6-year term
	Commissioner Position 5	Bob Muhleman	6-year term
Kitsap County Fire Protection District No. 18	Commissioner Position 3	Jeff Uberuaga	6-year term
	Commissioner Position 4	David Ellingson	6-year term
North Kitsap Fire & Rescue	Commissioner Position 3	Stephen E. "Steve" Neupert	6-year term
	Commissioner Position 5	John Huntington	6-year term
North Mason Regional Fire Authority Candidates file with Mason County Auditor	Commissioner Position 2	Brooke Quigley	6-year term
	Commissioner Position 3	Daniel K. Kewish	6-year term
South Kitsap Fire and Rescue	Commissioner Position 3	Michael Eslava	6-year term

Offices and Positions Open for Filing

Port Districts – Defined Commissioner Districts unless noted otherwise				
District	Office	Incumbent	Filing Fee	Term
Port of Bremerton District No. 1	Commissioner District 3	Axel Strakeljahn	\$120.00	6-year term
Port of Brownsville District No. 2	Commissioner District 1	Kenneth McEwan	\$34.20	Short and full 6-year term
Port of Eglon District No. 4	Commissioner District 2	David A. Roberts	N/A	6-year term
Port of Illahee District No. 6 Candidate may reside anywhere within the Port District	Commissioner Position 1	Jonathan (Jon) Buesch	N/A	Short and full 6-year term
	Commissioner Position 2	Jeff Rupert	N/A	Unexpired 4-year term
Port of Indianola District No. 7	Commissioner District 1	Jeff Henderson	N/A	6-year term
Port of Keyport District No. 8 Candidate may reside anywhere within the Port District	Commissioner Position 2	Brian Watne	N/A	6-year term
Port of Kingston District No. 9	Commissioner District 3	Laura Gronnvoll	\$34.20	6-year term
Port of Manchester District No. 10 Candidate may reside anywhere within the Port District	Commissioner Position 1	James E. Strode	N/A	4-year term
Port of Poulsbo District No. 12 Candidate may reside anywhere within the Port District	Commissioner Position 3	Thomas K. Rose	\$30.48	6-year term
Port of Silverdale District No. 14	Commissioner District 2	Douglas G. Kitchens	N/A	6-year term
Port of Tracyton District No. 15	Commissioner District 1	William M. Wright III	N/A	Short and full 6-year term
Port of Waterman District No. 16	Commissioner District 1	Jeffrey Reynolds	N/A	6-year term

Continued on page 12

Offices and Positions Open for Filing

Continued from page 11

Sewer Districts – Candidates may reside anywhere within the Sewer District			
District	Office	Incumbent	Term
Kitsap County Sewer District No. 7	Commissioner Position 2	Chris Dew	6-year term
Utility District – Candidates may reside anywhere within the Utility District			
District	Office	Incumbent	Term
West Sound Utility District No. 1	Commissioner Position 2	Jerry Lundberg	6-year term
Water Districts – Candidates may reside anywhere within the Water District			
District	Office	Incumbent	Term
Manchester Water District No. 11	Commissioner Position 2	Steve Pedersen	6-year term
North Perry Water District No. 13	Commissioner Position 3	Mary Sevilla	6-year term
Sunnyslope Water District No. 15	Commissioner Position 3	David Larman	6-year term
Silverdale Water District No. 16	Commissioner Position 3	Marcus Hoffman	6-year term
Park and Recreation Districts – Candidates may reside anywhere within the Park and Recreation District			
District	Office	Incumbent	Term
Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Park & Recreation District	Commissioner Position 5	Tom Goodlin	6-year term
Village Green Metropolitan Park District	Commissioner Position 3	Jason Manges	6-year term

Eligible Voters by Office

Office/Position	Voters in the Primary	Voters in the General
City of Bainbridge Island At Large Council Position Council District (Ward)	Entire City Council District (Ward) only	Entire City Entire City
City of Bremerton Council District	Council District Only	Council District Only
City of Port Orchard, City of Poulsbo	Entire City	Entire City
School Board Directors	Entire School District	Entire School District
Fire District Commissioners	Entire Fire District	Entire Fire District
Port Commissioners Keyport, Manchester, Poulsbo, Illahee All other Port Districts	Entire Port District Commissioner District Only	Entire Port District Entire Port District
Sewer and Utility Commissioners	Entire Sewer/ Utility District	Entire Sewer/ Utility District
Water Commissioners	Entire Water District	Entire Water District
Metropolitan Park and Recreation Commissioners	Entire Park District	Entire Park District

Reminder!



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 approximately 25 days prior to each Primary and General Election. Candidate statements appear in the printed Local Voters' Pamphlet and Online Ballot Access. [RCW 29A.32.210](#)

Submitting Your Candidate Statement

If you file electronically you will receive a confirmation email from the Secretary of State's Office with a link to submit the statement once your candidate filing has been approved. You may use the link provided, or submit your statement directly to Kitsap County Elections.

Statements consist of:

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

Statement Specifications

- Candidate statements *must be limited* to statements about the candidate himself or herself. [RCW 29A.32.230\(3\)](#)
- *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. [RCW 29A.32.090](#)
- Endorsements are acceptable and count toward word limits.

Submission Deadline

- **May 26:** Deadline for all candidates to submit statements and photos. Submit online by May 26* or by email to: auditor@kitsap.gov.
- Candidates appearing in the Primary may not rewrite their statements for the General Election.
- Candidates will receive a final proof that must be approved within three business days, otherwise it is approved as submitted. [RCW 29A.32.230](#) [WAC 434-381-180](#)
Kitsap County Administrative Rules - Local Voters' Pamphlet

* Online statement submittal is operated by the Secretary of State's Office and the deadline is May 26.



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

Local Voters' Pamphlet – Candidate Statements



George Washington

1

Phone: 000-000-1789
Email: george@washington.pres
Website: washington.pres

2

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

3

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.

4

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.

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.

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. [RCW 29A.32.110](#) Kitsap County Administrative Rules - Local Voters' Pamphlet

2. Campaign Contact Information

Candidates may submit contact information consisting of a phone number, email address, and 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:

- 200 words (4 paragraphs): All offices.
[RCW 29A.32.121](#)



Candidate Videos

Candidates may submit video statements in addition to their written statements. See page 18 for details.

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 approximately 25 days prior to each election. Measure arguments appear in the printed Local Voters' Pamphlet and online. [RCW 29A.32.210](#)

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. At least one member of the committee must be named in the pamphlet in the committee information section.

If the district is unable to appoint a committee, it must notify the Auditor's Office in writing. [RCW 29A.32.280](#), [WAC 434-381-110](#), Kitsap County Administrative Rules - Local Voters' Pamphlet

Argument Word Limit

- 250 words (five paragraphs) including no more than four headings.
- Headings may not exceed 15 words and count towards the word limit.
- Headings are printed in bold type.
Kitsap County Administrative Rules - Local Voters' Pamphlet

Rebuttal Word Limit

- 75 words (one paragraph).
- No headings are permitted.
- Rebuttals may only address issues raised in the opposing argument.
[RCW 29A.32.060](#)

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](#).
- 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. [RCW 29A.32.090](#)

Submission Deadlines

Election Date	Aug. 1	Nov. 7	Feb. 13, 2024	April 23, 2024
Committee Appointment	May 12	Aug. 1	Dec. 15, 2023	Feb. 23, 2024
Pro/Con Argument	May 19	Aug. 8	Dec. 22, 2023	March 1, 2024
Rebuttal	May 25	Aug. 15	Dec. 27, 2023	March 7, 2024

A final proof is provided to committees that must be approved within three business days, otherwise it is approved as submitted. [WAC 434-381-180](#)
Kitsap County Administrative Rules - Local Voters' Pamphlet



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

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 committee name, a chairperson's name and may include 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

The City of Port Bremerbo Island adopted Ordinance No. 99-23 concerning the naming convention for new and existing streets under Chapter 99.99 RCW. To provide guidance 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 stories.

Should this proposition be:

- Approved
 Rejected

Explanatory Statement

(Prepared by the Attorney 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 and non-fiction.

State law generally allows local jurisdictions to name streets and other areas after essentially whatever food they want, and cities have been loathe to provide overt direction. 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 billion, approximately \$4.5 million per household over 10 years.

Argument For the Measure

A Brilliant 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 street, lane or drive named after one of the most beautiful, distinctive and beautiful animals so central to our Pacific 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

The study cited here was vetted by a competing marketing firm (Ferdinand, Aftac and Edd) and the numbers remained constant. This measure would cost each home less than one decent 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.

Comments prepared by the Committee For the Measure Chairperson Wing Luke; Committee Member Clara Barton; Committee Member James Munroe. Further questions may be addressed by contacting committee4or@committee.com, 123-456-7890.

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 billion to implement this idea, about \$4.5 million per household. Why? Why do we have the means to support a worthwhile venture similar to this, for many of our residents this might present an undue 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 common sense.

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 ducks. What value is having a say in what my street is named if I have to choose between Pintail, QuackerJack and Fup? This isn't a choice, it's a sentence. Vote No on this measure and restore rationality to our city.

Arguments prepared by the Committee Against the Measure Chairperson William Henry Harrison; Committee Member Frida Kahlo; Committee Member Thurgood Marshall. Further questions may be addressed by contacting committeeagain@committeeagain.com, 789-123-4567.

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

Committee Videos

Committees may submit video arguments in addition to their written arguments. See page 18 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 word-for-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 spoken reproduction 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 on studio openings or to schedule a video shoot, contact BKAT.

Filming sessions are available weekdays by appointment only.

All candidates whether in the Primary or not and Primary Committees: May 22 – June 9.

Committees for or against General Election ballot measures: September 1 – 15.

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.



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

Video Submission Deadlines

Candidate and Committee Videos

- **June 16:** Deadline to submit videos for all candidates (Primary and General Election) and for measures on the Aug. 1 Primary Election ballot.

Committee Videos

- **August 31:** Deadline to submit videos for the Nov. 7 General Election.
- **January 4:** Deadline to submit videos for the Feb. 13, 2024 Special Election.
- **March 8:** Deadline to submit videos for the April 23, 2024 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 sign 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 that portion of Kitsap Way from Highway 3 to Callow Avenue.

City of Bainbridge Island

Contact: City of Bainbridge Island Planning and Community Development

Phone: 206-842-2552; **Fax:** 206-780-0955

Email: pcd@bainbridgewa.gov

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

City of Bremerton

Contact: City of Bremerton Department of Community Development

Phone: 360-473-5289; **Fax:** 360-473-5278

Email: Garrett.Jackson@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

Recounts

Mandatory Recount

A mandatory recount by machine occurs when any candidate apparently qualified for the General election or elected to office and the closest apparently defeated opponent is 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 Hand Recount

A hand recount is required for statewide offices or measures when candidates or responses are separated by:

- Less than 1,000 votes, AND
- Less than 1/4 of 1 percent of the votes cast. [RCW 29A.64.021](#),

A hand recount is required for local offices when candidates are separated by:

- 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.

- 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. 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](#)
- A deposit of \$0.15 per ballot cast for a machine recount or \$0.25 per ballot cast for a manual 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. If the deposit exceeds the cost of the recount, the balance will be returned to the applicant. [RCW 29A.64.030](#)

Total Registered Voters: 186,789*

Voter Age/Gender Statistics

Age Range	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 & Over
Registered Voters	14,680	28,736	31,310	27,156	32,271	52,636
Percentage	7.86%	15.38%	16.76%	14.54%	17.28%	28.18%

Gender	Female	Male	Unspecified
Registered Voters	93,942	89,722	3,125
Percentage	50.29%	48.03%	1.67%

*Approximate totals as of March 7, 2023 and are subject to change.

Campaign Regulations and Public Disclosure

Public Disclosure Commission

The Washington Public Disclosure Commission is the state agency that regulates campaign finance and political advertising. When someone files a complaint about a candidate not following state campaign rules, the Public Disclosure Commission is the governing body that determines the merits of the complaint and any fines merited.

Becoming a Candidate

You become a candidate, subject to public disclosure rules, when you do any of the following:

- Accept a campaign contribution;
- Spend money on your campaign;
- Reserve advertising space or authorize someone else to do that for you;
- State publicly that you are running;
- File a declaration of candidacy.

Within two weeks of doing any of these you must contact the PDC to begin filing campaign reports.

Public Disclosure Commission

P.O. Box 40908
Olympia, WA 98504

Phone: 360-753-1111, 1-877-601-2828

Email: fdc@fdc.wa.gov

Web: fdc.wa.gov

Reporting Options

Candidates can choose mini or full reporting. Mini reporting is for candidates raising and spending no more than \$7,000, including the candidate's own contributions, and will receive no more than \$500 from a single contributor other than the candidate.

Candidates can switch to full reporting and should contact the PDC for deadlines.

Full reporting deadlines can be found at <https://www.pdc.wa.gov/registration-reporting/candidates-committees/registration-reporting-basics/key-dates-2023>.

Full reporting limits are at <https://www.pdc.wa.gov/rules-enforcement/guidelines-restrictions/contribution-limits>.

Political Advertising

The Washington Public Disclosure Commission provides guidance on what is required in candidate and campaign advertising. The guidelines can be found at <https://www.pdc.wa.gov/rules-enforcement/guidelines-restrictions/political-advertising-guide>.

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.

The order of candidate names on the ballot is determined by lot. The lottery drawing is conducted publicly at 4:30 p.m., May 19, 2023 at the Kitsap County Auditor – Elections Division Office. [RCW 29A.36.131](#)

Nonpartisan Offices – Primary

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.

If a Primary is Held

The two candidates receiving the greatest number of votes will appear on the General Election ballot in the order of highest number of 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.52.220](#)

General Election Ballots – Partisan and Nonpartisan 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.

[RCW 29A.36.170](#)

Jurisdiction Placement on Ballots

All city, town and junior taxing districts shall hold their elections in the odd-numbered year, except **Public Utility Districts**, which hold their elections in even-numbered years.

[RCW 29A.04.330](#),

Order of Jurisdiction Placement on Ballots

State and countywide measures are placed before all offices on the ballot in the following order:

- Statewide Ballot Measures
- Countywide Ballot Measures

Jurisdictions are placed in the following order, with local measures coming after offices:

- City Offices
- School Districts
- Fire Districts
- Port Districts
- Sewer Districts
- Utility Districts
- Water Districts
- Park and Recreation

[WAC 434-230-025](#)



Precinct maps including maps for districts with defined internal boundaries are available at kcowa.us/officials

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, date of birth, voting record, date of registration, and registration number are available.

Confidential Data: Phone numbers and email addresses are confidential and not available for request. [RCW 29A.08.710](#)

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: kitsap.gov/elections, then click 'Past Election Results.'

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

- www.sos.wa.gov/archives
- research@sos.wa.gov
- 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/election-results-and-voters-pamphlets.aspx

Kitsap County Elections Contact Information

Office Address

619 Division St.
Port Orchard, WA 98366

auditor@kitsap.gov
kitsap.gov/elections

Regular Business Hours

8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday

Phone Numbers

Office.....360-337-7128
Fax.....360-337-5769

Oaths of Office

All officials must take an oath of office prior to commencing the duties of the office.

RCW 29A.04.133

When Elected Officials Assume Office

Office/Position	Date
Mayor, City Council	Jan. 1, 2024 <u>RCW 29A.60.280</u>
School Board Director	First official Board of Directors meeting following certification of the election. <u>RCW 28A.343.360, RCW 29A.60.280</u>
Fire, Port, Sewer, Utility, Water, and Park and Recreation Commissioner	Jan. 1, 2024, <u>RCW 29A.60.280</u>

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
Mayor, City Council, Fire, Port, Sewer, Utility, Water, and Park and Recreation Commissioners	Oaths for non-partisan offices are filed with the Kitsap County Auditor. <u>RCW 36.16.060</u>

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 Turnout Statistics

Ballots Cast and Voter Turnout

Election	Registered Voters	Ballots Cast	Voter Turnout
2022 General	187,150	124,242	66.4%
Primary	185,631	81,632	44.0%
2021 General	186,464	73,922	39.6%
Primary	142,780	46,196	32.4%
2020 General	190,644	159,710	83.8%
Primary	179,630	98,569	54.9%
2019 General	174,869	76,699	43.9%
Primary	93,284	20,813	22.3%
2018 General	168,827	122,284	72.4%
Primary	167,088	65,967	39.5%
2017 General	164,041	63,127	38.5%
Primary	161,590	42,070	26.0%
2016 General	166,501	130,503	78.4%
Primary	159,236	55,758	35.0%
2015 General	154,355	58,940	38.2%
Primary	119,104	26,781	22.5%
2014 General	154,462	86,551	56.0%
Primary	154,069	50,980	33.1%
2013 General	153,736	76,154	49.5%
Primary	93,964	26,051	27.7%
2012 General	152,681	125,351	82.1%
Primary	146,384	60,930	41.6%
2011 General	146,593	79,997	54.6%
Primary	48,713	15,196	31.2%
2010 General	143,796	105,747	73.5%
Primary	143,670	63,037	43.9%
2009 General	142,450	76,508	53.7%
Primary	119,565	27,265	22.8%
2008 General	144,690	125,881	87.0%
Primary	137,850	68,468	49.7%
2007 General	134,081	72,266	53.9%
Primary	32,032	10,672	33.3%
2006 General	133,484	91,073	68.2%
Primary	133,505	61,714	46.2%

Elections Calendar – 2023

May

- 1.....**Candidate Filing by Mail** – First day candidate filings may be received by mail. [RCW 29A.24.081](#)
- 12.....**File a Resolution, Explanatory Statement, Appoint Committees** – Last day to file resolutions and explanatory statements and for districts to submit measure contact information or notify Auditor’s Office if unable to appoint committees for the August Primary. [WAC 434-381-120](#), [RCW 29A.32.280](#), [RCW 29A.04.330](#)
- 15-19**Candidate Filing** – Regular candidate filing period. [RCW 29A.24.050](#)
- 19.....**Measure Arguments** – Deadline for committees to submit measure arguments for the August Primary.
- 22.....**Deadline to Withdraw** – Last day for candidates to withdraw. [RCW 29A.24.131](#)
- 25.....**Rebuttals** – Measure committee rebuttals due for the August Primary.
- 26.....**Candidate Statements** – Deadline for all candidates to submit statements and photos. [WAC 434-381-120](#)
- Pending**Three-day Filing Period** – Special three-day filing period for non-partisan offices with no candidate filings during the regular filing period. Three-day period must occur before the August 1 Primary. [RCW 29A.24.181](#)

June

- 16.....**Measure and Candidate Videos** – Deadline to submit measure videos for August Primary. [WAC 434-381-120](#)
- 17**Military/Overseas Ballots Mailed** – Online Ballot Access available to overseas and military voters for the August Primary. [RCW 29A.40.070](#)

July

- 7.....**Local Voters’ Pamphlet** – Official Kitsap County Local Voters’ Pamphlet mailed to all county households in the election. [RCW 29A.32.210](#)
- 13.....**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](#)
- 14.....**Ballots Mailed** - Ballots mailed, online ballot access available to all voters for the August Primary. [RCW 29.40.070](#)
- 31.....**Void in Candidacy** – Last day a void in candidacy causes that office to reopen filing for the November General Election. [RCW 29A.24.181](#)

August

- 1.....**Primary** – [RCW 29A.04.311](#)
- File a Resolution, Explanatory Statement, Appoint Committees** – Last day to file resolutions and explanatory statements and for districts to submit measure contact information or notify Auditor’s Office if unable to appoint committees for the November General Election. [WAC 434-381-120](#), [RCW 29A.32.280](#), [RCW 29A.04.330](#)

Election Calendar – 2023

August (cont.)

- 8..... **Measure Arguments** – Deadline for committees to draft arguments for the November General Election. [WAC 434-381-120](#), [RCW 29A.32.280](#)
- 15..... **County Certification of Primary** – August Primary certified by counties. [RCW 29A.60.190](#)
Rebuttals – Measure committee rebuttals due for the November General Election.
- 18 **State Certification of Primary** – Final day for Secretary of State to certify returns of the August Primary. [RCW 29A.60.240](#)
- 31 **Measure Videos** – Deadline for measure committees to submit videos for November General Election. [WAC 434-381-120](#)

September

- 23 **Military/Overseas Ballots Mailed** – Online Ballot Access available to overseas and military voters for the November General Election. [RCW 29A.40.070](#)

October

- 13 **Local Voters’ Pamphlet** – Official Kitsap County Local Voters’ Pamphlet mailed to all county households in the election. [RCW 29A.32.210](#)
- 19 **Write-in Candidate Filing** – Final day to file for free as a write-in candidate for the November General Election. [RCW 29A.24.311](#) [RCW 29A.24.091](#)
- 20 **Ballots Mailed** – Ballots mailed, online ballot access available to all voters for the November General Election. [RCW 29A.40.070](#)

November

- 7 **General Election** – [RCW 29A.04.321](#)
- 28 **County Certification of General Election** – November General Election certified by counties. [RCW 29A.60.190](#)

December

- 7 **State Certification of General Election** – Final day for Secretary of State to certify returns of the November General Election. [RCW 29A.60.250](#)
- 15 **File a Resolution, Explanatory Statement, Appoint Committees** – Last day to file resolutions and explanatory statements and for districts to submit measure contact information or notify Auditor’s Office if unable to appoint committees for the February Special Election. [WAC 434-381-120](#), [RCW 29A.32.280](#), [RCW 29A.04.330](#)
- 22 **Measure Arguments** – Deadline for committees to submit measure arguments for the February Special Election.
- 27 **Rebuttals** – Measure committee rebuttals due for the February Special Election.

Index

Auditor Letter.....	1
Auditor’s Office Contact Information.....	3
Ballot Order.....	22
Campaign Regulations and Public Disclosure Requirements.....	21
Candidate Filing Instructions.....	4-5
Candidate Statements.....	14-15
Candidate and Measure Videos.....	18
Duties and Qualifications of Elected Officials.....	7
Elections Calendar.....	26-27
Election, Measure and Candidate Filing Dates.....	6
Eligible Voters by Office.....	13
Filing by Mail.....	4
Filing Electronically.....	4
Filing Fees.....	4
Filing for Office.....	4-5
Filing in Person.....	4
Jurisdiction Placement on Ballots.....	22
Map Order Fees.....	23
Local Voters’ Pamphlet – Candidate Statements.....	14-15
Local Voters’ Pamphlet – Measures.....	16-17
Oaths of Office.....	24
Offices and Positions Open for Filing.....	8-12
Online Resources.....	6
Order of Candidate Names.....	22
Political Sign Regulations.....	19
Primary Rules.....	22
Purchasing Voter Data.....	23
Recounts.....	20
Residency Requirements for Filing.....	5
Special Filing Period.....	5
Table of Contents.....	2
Video Statement Specifications.....	18
Voter Age/Gender Statistics.....	20
Voter Data.....	23
Voter Turnout Statistics.....	25
Withdrawal Period.....	5
Write-In Candidates.....	5

Kitsap County Elections

2023

Candidate and Measure Committee

Guidelines



Kitsap County Auditor's Office - Elections Division
619 Division Street, Port Orchard, WA 98366

kitsap.gov/elections

(360) 337-7128

auditor@kitsap.gov