

# How to Run for Office

## Candidate Guide










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The 2023 Candidate Guide is designed to provide election and filing information to candidates. The guide is for informational purposes only and does not take the place of local, state or federal laws. Please contact Snohomish County Elections at (425) 388-3444 if you need additional information or have questions.

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## Step One: Choose an Office

Congratulations! You've decided to run for public office. The first step is to research open positions to see which office(s) you qualify for, who is currently in office, what the officials do, and how much it costs to file. Candidates may file for only one office. Office information is subject to change.

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# Offices up for Election 2023

## County Executive

### County Executive

The County Executive ensures effective, efficient, and economical administration in accordance with the county charter, the Washington State Constitution, and other applicable federal, state, and local laws, as well as county council policy and Executive branch initiative. Responsibilities include but are not limited to: supervises executive departments; administers ordinances and state statutes within the county; presents annual statement of governmental affairs of the county to the council; prepares proposed budget and budget message; prepares capital improvement plans for present and future development within the county; nominates members of county boards and commissions.

A candidate must be:

- over 21 years old at the time of the election
- a county resident for 3 years immediately prior to filing
- a registered voter in the county

County executive is a partisan office and candidates will be asked to state a political party preference at the time of filing. Political party preference will appear on the ballot and in other election material.

County executive is limited to three consecutive terms

### Office up for election:

District	Office	Term	Incumbent	Party Preference	Filing Fee
County	Executive	4-year Regular	Dave Somers	Democratic Party	\$2,055.61

## County Council

### County Council

The County Council is the legislative authority for the county that identifies and articulates the needs of the citizens of the county, and provides a framework for county administration to respond to community needs. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to: adopts and enacts ordinances, resolutions, and motions; levies taxes; adopts county general fund and road fund tax levy; adopts budgets for the county; confirms nominations to county boards and commissions; has concurrent authority with the county executive to nominate members to the county planning commission; conducts performance audits.

A candidate must be:

- over 21 years old at the time of the election
- a county resident for 3 years immediately prior to filing
- a registered voter in the council district in which the candidate files

County council is a partisan office and candidates will be asked to state a political party preference at the time of filing. Political party preference will appear on the ballot and in other election material.

County council is limited to three consecutive terms.

### Office up for election:

District	Office	Term	Incumbent	Party Preference	Filing Fee
County	Council District 2	4-year Regular	Megan Dunn	Democratic Party	\$1,373.30
County	Council District 3	4-year Short & Full	Strom Peterson	Democratic Party	\$1,373.30



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## County Assessor

### County Assessor

The County Assessor administers the assessment and levy of property taxes in the county including all taxable real and personal property within the geographic boundaries of the county and property within incorporated cities.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to: appraises property; assesses personal property (primarily business equipment); administers exemption programs (senior citizen and non-profit); administers special programs (e.g., open space, forest land); assesses roll maintenance (legal description changes, subdivisions, maps); appeals processing; sets tax levies.

A candidate must be:

- over 21 years old at the time of the election
- a county resident for 3 years immediately prior to filing
- a registered voter in the county

County assessor is a nonpartisan office and candidates do not state a political party preference.

County assessor is limited to three consecutive terms.

### Office up for election:

District	Office	Term	Incumbent	Filing Fee
County	Assessor	4-year Regular term	Linda Hjelle	\$1,516.45

## County Auditor

### County Auditor

The County Auditor provides regional service to the county in the areas of licensing, elections and voting, recording, and animal services.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to: safeguards and maintains voter registration files; conducts all elections; licenses cars and boats; records deeds, maps and miscellaneous documents and makes them available to the public; oversees car and boat licensing subagents; provides access to public disclosure documents related to election campaigns; issues event permits; licenses pets; issues marriage licenses; enforces laws and codes relating to animals/pets.

A candidate must be:

- over 21 years old at the time of the election
- a county resident for 3 years immediately prior to filing
- a registered voter in the county

County auditor is a nonpartisan office and candidates do not state a political party preference.

County auditor is limited to three consecutive terms.

### Office up for election:

District	Office	Term	Incumbent	Filing Fee
County	Auditor	4-year Regular term	Garth Fell	\$1,516.45



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## County Clerk

### County Clerk

The County Clerk provides service to citizens involved with the county Superior Court (including Juvenile Court) and is the official record keeper of the Superior Court system.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to: receives and processes all court documents; provides independent records of all court proceedings; maintains and manages court files, records and exhibits; receipts fees, fines and court ordered moneys and fund disbursement; assists the public with family law and domestic violence matters.

A candidate must be:

- over 21 years old at the time of the election
- a county resident for 3 years immediately prior to filing
- a registered voter in the county

County clerk is a nonpartisan office and candidates do not state a political party preference.

County clerk is limited to three consecutive terms.

### Office up for election:

District	Office	Term	Incumbent	Filing Fee
County	Clerk	4-year Regular term	Heidi Percy	\$1,516.45

## County Sheriff

### County Sheriff

The County Sheriff is the Chief Law Enforcement Officer of the County and enforces state and local laws relating to the protection of all county citizens and property.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to: patrols and keeps the peace in all unincorporated areas, as well as numerous contracted cities; heads search and rescue endeavors; manages citizen patrol duties; enforces traffic laws; investigates major crimes; keeps all criminal records.

A candidate must be:

- over 21 years old at the time of the election
- a county resident for 3 years immediately prior to filing
- a registered voter in the county

County sheriff is a nonpartisan office and candidates do not state a political party preference.

County sheriff is limited to three consecutive terms.

### Office up for election:

District	Office	Term	Incumbent	Filing Fee
County	Sheriff	4-year Regular term	Adam Fortney	\$1,797.26



# Offices up for Election 2023

## County Treasurer

### County Treasurer

The County Treasurer is custodian of all funds for the county and special purpose taxing districts and provides essential services in connection with the financial operation of local government.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to: bills, collects and administers property taxes, special assessments, excise taxes, gambling taxes, surface water fees, and miscellaneous receipts; manages accounting for all funds and deposits of revenue for the state, county, cities, and special purpose taxing districts; administers short and long term debt financing; manages the cash expenditures for the county and special purpose taxing districts; coordinates and manages the provision of banking services for the county and special purpose taxing districts; Invests public funds.

A candidate must be:

- over 21 years old at the time of the election
- a county resident for 3 years immediately prior to filing
- a registered voter in the county

County treasurer is a nonpartisan office and candidates do not state a political party preference.

County treasurer is limited to three consecutive terms.

### Office up for election:

District	Office	Term	Incumbent	Filing Fee
County	Treasurer	4-year Regular term	Brian Sullivan	\$1,516.45

## Superior Court Judge

### Snohomish Superior Court

Superior Court Judges serve four-year terms. Superior Courts are organized by county into 31 judicial districts.

Superior Courts hear felony criminal cases, civil matters, divorces, juvenile cases, and appeals from lower-level courts.

A candidate must be:

- A registered voter in Washington State
- Admitted to practice in the courts of record of Washington State or the territory of Washington

Snohomish Superior Court is a nonpartisan office and candidates do not state a political party preference

### Office up for election:

District	Office	Term	Incumbent	Filing Fee
Snohomish Superior Court	Judge Position 16	1-year Initial term	Miguel M. Duran	\$2,031.69
Snohomish Superior Court	Judge Position 17	1-year Initial term	Patrick M. Moriarty	\$2,031.69



# Offices up for Election 2023 (continued)

## City/Town Mayor & Council

### City/Town Mayor

The City/Town Mayor ensures effective, efficient, and economical administration in accordance with the city charter or bylaws, the Washington State Constitution, and other applicable federal, state, and local laws, as well as city council policy.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to: supervises executive departments; enforces all ordinances and state statutes within the city; presents annual statement of governmental affairs of the city to the council; prepares proposed budget and budget message; prepares capital improvement plans for present and future development within the city; nominates members of city boards and commissions.

A candidate must be a registered voter of the city at the time of filing and a resident of the city at least one year preceding election.

Exception: Both the Town of Darrington and the Town of Index require a candidate to be a registered voter within the town. There is no minimum time for residency.

Candidates do not declare a political party preference.

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### City/Town Council

The City/Town Council is the legislative body of city government that establishes city policy, provides direction to the Mayor or the City Manager and provides a framework for city administration to respond to community needs.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to: adopts and enacts ordinances, resolutions, and motions; levies taxes for property within city boundaries; Appropriates revenue; adopts budgets for the city; confirms nominations to city boards and commissions; has concurrent authority with the city executive to nominate members to the city planning commission.

A candidate must be a registered voter of the city at the time of filing and a resident of the city at least one year preceding election.

Exceptions:

- Candidates for City of Everett districted positions must meet the above conditions and live in the district for at least six months preceding the Primary.
- Both the Town of Darrington and the Town of Index require a candidate to be a registered voter within the town. There is no minimum time for residency.

Candidates do not declare a political party preference.

**\*Attention:** City of Bothell candidates file with King County.

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# Offices up for Election 2023 (continued)

## City/Town Mayor & Council (continued)

### Office up for election:

District	Office	Term	Incumbent	Filing Fee
City of Arlington	Mayor	4-year Regular term	Barb Tolbert	\$989.64
City of Arlington	Council Position 4	4-year Regular term	Michele Blythe	\$256.47
City of Arlington	Council Position 5	4-year Regular term	Marilyn Oertle	\$256.47
City of Arlington	Council Position 6	4-year Short & Full term	Yvonne Gallardo-Van Ornam	\$256.47
City of Bothell*+	Council Position 2	4-year Regular term	Mason Thompson	\$156.00
City of Bothell*+	Council Position 4	4-year Regular term	James G. McNeal	\$156.00
City of Bothell*+	Council Position 6	4-year Short & Full term	Amanda Dodd	\$156.00
City of Brier	Council Position 4	4-year Regular term	Valerie Rosman	\$24.00
City of Brier	Council Position 5	4-year Regular term	David Marley	\$24.00
City of Brier	Council Position 6	4-year Regular term	Dennis J. Nick	\$24.00
City of Brier	Council-at-Large	2-year Regular term	Donald (Don) Moran	\$24.00
City of Edmonds	Mayor	4-year Regular term	Mike Nelson	\$1,362.11
City of Edmonds	Council Position 1	2-year Unexpired term	Dave Teitzel	\$170.00
City of Edmonds	Council Position 4	4-year Regular term	Diane Buckshnis	\$170.00
City of Edmonds	Council Position 5	4-year Regular term	Vivian Olson	\$170.00
City of Edmonds	Council Position 6	4-year Regular term	Susan Paine	\$170.00
City of Edmonds	Council Position 7	4-year Short & Full term	Jenna Nand	\$170.00
City of Everett	Council-at-Large Position 6	4-year Regular term	Brenda Stonecipher	\$301.32
City of Everett	Council-at-Large Position 7	4-year Regular term	Judy Tuohy	\$301.32
City of Gold Bar	Council Position 2	2-year Unexpired term	Lee Russell	\$12.00
City of Gold Bar	Council Position 4	4-year Regular term	Charles (Chuck) R. Lie	\$12.00
City of Gold Bar	Council Position 5	4-year Regular term	Jordan M. Sears	\$12.00
City of Granite Falls	Council Position 4	4-year Regular term	Erin Hogan	\$18.00
City of Granite Falls	Council Position 5	4-year Regular term	Matt Hartman	\$18.00

\*Candidates for City of Bothell file with King County

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# Offices up for Election 2023 (continued)

## City/Town Mayor & Council (continued)

District	Office	Term	Incumbent	Filing Fee
City of Lake Stevens	Mayor	4-year Regular term	Brett Gailey	\$1,186.89
City of Lake Stevens	Council Position 3	4-year Short & Full term	Ryan Donoghue	\$112.44
City of Lake Stevens	Council Position 4	4-year Regular term	Mary Dickinson	\$112.44
City of Lake Stevens	Council Position 5	4-year Regular term	Anji Jorstad	\$112.44
City of Lynnwood	Council Position 4	4-year Regular term	Jim Smith	\$198.00
City of Lynnwood	Council Position 5	4-year Regular term	Julieta Altamirano-Crosby	\$198.00
City of Lynnwood	Council Position 6	4-year Regular term	George Hurst	\$198.00
City of Lynnwood	Council Position 7	4-year Regular term	Shannon Sessions	\$198.00
City of Marysville	Mayor	4-year Regular term	Jon Nehring	\$1,725.16
City of Marysville	Council Position 1	2-year Unexpired term	Peter Condyles	\$185.70
City of Marysville	Council Position 5	4-year Regular term	Kelly J. Richards	\$185.70
City of Marysville	Council Position 6	4-year Regular term	Stephen C. Muller	\$185.70
City of Marysville	Council Position 7	4-year Regular term	Kamille Norton	\$185.70
City of Mill Creek	Council Position 5	4-year Regular term	Vincent J. Cavaleri	\$120.00
City of Mill Creek	Council Position 6	4-year Regular term	Melissa Duque	\$120.00
City of Mill Creek	Council Position 7	4-year Short & Full term	Sean Paddock	\$120.00
City of Monroe	Council Position 4	4-year Regular term	Heather K. Fulcher	\$108.00
City of Monroe	Council Position 5	4-year Regular term	Ed Davis	\$108.00
City of Monroe	Council Position 6	4-year Regular term	Jason Gamble	\$108.00
City of Mountlake Terrace	Council Position 3	2-year Unexpired term	Robert (Rory) Paine-Donovan	\$119.40
City of Mountlake Terrace	Council Position 5	4-year Regular term	Bryan Wahl	\$119.40
City of Mountlake Terrace	Council Position 6	4-year Regular term	Laura Sonmore	\$119.40
City of Mountlake Terrace	Council Position 7	4-year Regular term	Erin Murray	\$119.40
City of Mukilteo	Council Position 4	4-year Regular term	Richard C. Emery	\$60.00
City of Mukilteo	Council Position 5	4-year Regular term	Riaz Khan	\$60.00
City of Mukilteo	Council Position 6	4-year Regular term	Elisabeth L. Crawford	\$60.00
City of Mukilteo	Council Position 7	4-year Short & Full term	Jason Moon	\$60.00

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# Offices up for Election 2023 (continued)

## City/Town Mayor & Council (continued)

District	Office	Term	Incumbent	Filing Fee
City of Snohomish	Council-at-Large Position 1	4-year Regular term	Donna Ray	\$61.56
City of Snohomish	Council-at-Large Position 2	4-year Regular term	Judith Kuleta	\$61.56
City of Snohomish	Council-at-Large Position 3	4-year Regular term	Felix Neals	\$61.56
City of Stanwood	Council Position 3	4-year Regular term	Darren Robb	\$64.20
City of Stanwood	Council Position 4	4-year Regular term	Timothy Pearce	\$64.20
City of Stanwood	Council Position 5	4-year Regular term	Steve Shepro	\$64.20
City of Stanwood	Council Position 6	4-year Short & Full term	Andreena Bergman	\$64.20
City of Sultan	Mayor	4-year Regular term	Russell Wiita	\$180.00
City of Sultan	Council Position 4	4-year Short & Full term	Joseph Hund	\$36.00
City of Sultan	Council Position 5	4-year Short & Full term	Vacant	\$36.00
City of Sultan	Council Position 7	4-year Regular term	Jeffrey Beeler, Sr.	\$36.00
Town of Darrington	Mayor	4-year Regular term	Daniel O. Rankin	\$120.00
Town of Darrington	Council Position 3	4-year Regular term	Billie Lee Burtenshaw	\$0.00
Town of Darrington	Council Position 4	4-year Regular term	Reed Rankin	\$0.00
Town of Darrington	Council Position 5	4-year Regular term	Vacant	\$0.00
Town of Index	Council Position 2	4-year Regular term	J.P. Brastad	\$0.00
Town of Index	Council Position 4	4-year Regular term	Chuck Davis	\$0.00
Town of Index	Council Position 5	4-year Short & Full term	Alysse Hotz	\$0.00
Town of Woodway	Council Position 2	4-year Regular term	John Brock	\$0.00
Town of Woodway	Council Position 4	4-year Short & Full term	Jim Willett	\$0.00
Town of Woodway	Council Position 5	4-year Regular term	Elizabeth Mitchell	\$0.00



# Offices up for Election 2023 (continued)

## Municipal Court Judge

### Municipal Court Judge

Municipal Court Judges have jurisdiction to preside over traffic infractions, misdemeanors, gross misdemeanors and city code violations.

A candidate must be a registered voter of the city at the time of filing, a resident of the city at least one year preceding election, and an attorney admitted to practice law before the courts of record of the state of Washington.

Exception: The Cities of Edmonds, Lynnwood, and Marysville only require that the candidate live within the county.

Candidates do not declare a political party preference.

### Office up for election:

District	Office	Term	Incumbent	Filing Fee
City of Everett	Municipal Court Judge Position 2	2-year Unexpired term	Remy Stephanson Leonard	\$1,934.47
City of Lynnwood	Lynnwood Municipal Court Judge	2-year Initial term	Valerie Bouffiuo	\$1,934.47

## School District Director

### School District Directors

Authority of the School District Director is established by the Washington Legislature under the direction and restrictions of state law.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to: establishes general policy for the school system; employs school personnel upon recommendation of the superintendent; adopts and revises the annual operating budget; Informs the public of the needs and progress of the educational system; administers school functions; selects the superintendent of schools.

A candidate must be a registered voter within the school district and reside in the director district of the position for which they are filing.

Exception: Both Everett and Index school districts have "at-large" director districts and therefore a candidate only needs to live in the school district.

Candidates do not declare a political party preference.

\*Attention: Candidates for Northshore School District file with King County.

### Office up for election:

District	Office	Term	Incumbent	Filing Fee
Arlington School District No. 16	Director District 1	4-year Regular term	Michael Ray	\$0.00
Arlington School District No. 16	Director District 2	4-year Regular term	Sheri T. Kelly	\$0.00
Arlington School District No. 16	Director District 4	4-year Regular term	Mary Levesque	\$0.00

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# Offices up for Election 2023 (continued)

## School District Director (continued)

District	Office	Term	Incumbent	Filing Fee
Darrington School District No. 330+	Director District 1	4-year Regular term	Jennie Requa	\$0.00
Darrington School District No. 330+	Director District 2	4-year Regular term	Marree Perrault	\$0.00
Darrington School District No. 330+	Director District 3	4-year Regular term	Larry Boyd	\$0.00
Edmonds School District No. 15	Director District 1	4-year Regular term	Carin Chase	\$0.00
Edmonds School District No. 15	Director District 3	4-year Regular term	Gary Noble	\$0.00
Edmonds School District No. 15	Director District 5	4-year Regular term	Nancy Katims	\$0.00
Everett School District No. 2	Director-at-Large Position 2	2-year Unexpired term	Jen Hirman	\$0.00
Everett School District No. 2	Director-at-Large Position 5	6-year Regular term	Pam LeSesne	\$0.00
Granite Falls School District No. 332	Director District 1	2-year Unexpired term	Peter LeDoux	\$0.00
Granite Falls School District No. 332	Director District 2	4-year Regular term	Robert Butler	\$0.00
Granite Falls School District No. 332	Director District 4	4-year Regular term	Tina Yadon Veatch	\$0.00
Index School District No. 63	Director-at-Large Position 1	2-year Unexpired term	Kimberly Elias	\$0.00
Index School District No. 63	Director-at-Large Position 3	4-year Regular term	Susan Cross	\$0.00
Index School District No. 63	Director-at-Large Position 4	4-year Regular term	Caleb Carrington	\$0.00
Index School District No. 63	Director-at-Large Position 5	4-year Regular term	Amy R. Johnson	\$0.00
Lake Stevens School District No. 4	Director District 1	4-year Regular term	David Iseminger	\$0.00
Lake Stevens School District No. 4	Director District 2	4-year Regular term	Paul Lund	\$0.00
Lake Stevens School District No. 4	Director District 3	4-year Regular term	Mari Taylor	\$0.00
Lakewood School District No. 306	Director District 3	2-year Unexpired term	Dana Krueger	\$0.00
Lakewood School District No. 306	Director District 4	4-year Regular term	Leaha Boser	\$0.00
Lakewood School District No. 306	Director District 5	4-year Regular term	Leah Tocco	\$0.00

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# Offices up for Election 2023 (continued)

## School District Director (continued)

District	Office	Term	Incumbent	Filing Fee
Marysville School District No. 25	Director District 2	4-year Regular term	Paul Galovin	\$0.00
Marysville School District No. 25	Director District 3	4-year Regular term	Kiera Atchley	\$0.00
Marysville School District No. 25	Director District 5	4-year Regular term	Kristen Michal	\$0.00
Monroe School District No. 103	Director District 1	4-year Regular term	Jeremiah Campbell	\$0.00
Monroe School District No. 103	Director District 2	4-year Regular term	Chuck Whitfield	\$0.00
Monroe School District No. 103	Director District 4	2-year Unexpired term	James Etzkorn	\$0.00
Monroe School District No. 103	Director District 5	4-year Regular term	Jennifer Bumpus	\$0.00
Mukilteo School District No. 6	Director District 1	4-year Regular term	Simon Bai	\$0.00
Mukilteo School District No. 6	Director District 3	4-year Regular term	Kyle Kennedy	\$0.00
Mukilteo School District No. 6	Director District 5	4-year Regular term	John Gahagan	\$0.00
Northshore School District No. 417*+	Director District 2	4-year Regular term	Bob Swain	\$0.00
Northshore School District No. 417*+	Director District 3	4-year Regular term	David Cogan	\$0.00
Snohomish School District No. 201	Director District 2	4-year Regular term	Sara Fagerlie	\$0.00
Snohomish School District No. 201	Director District 4	4-year Regular term	Sarah Adams	\$0.00
Stanwood-Camano School District No. 401+	Director District 3	4-year Regular term	Miranda Evans	\$0.00
Stanwood-Camano School District No. 401+	Director District 4	4-year Regular term	Debbie Bayes	\$0.00
Stanwood-Camano School District No. 401+	Director-at-Large Position 5	4-year Regular term	Natalie Hagglund	\$0.00
Sultan School District No. 311	Director District 1	4-year Regular term	Russ Sumpter	\$0.00
Sultan School District No. 311	Director District 3	4-year Regular term	Cindy Buoy	\$0.00
Sultan School District No. 311	Director District 4	4-year Regular term	Ed Husmann	\$0.00

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# Offices up for Election 2023 (continued)

## Fire District Commissioner

### Fire District Commissioners

Authority of the Fire Commissioner is established by the Washington Legislature under the direction and restrictions of state law.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to: establishes and maintains policy for the district; manages and conducts the business affairs of the district; makes and executes all necessary contracts; employs any necessary services; performs all acts necessary to carry out the goals and mission of the fire district; employs a fire chief to carry out the daily functions of the fire department; Serves on one or more committees which deal with specific functions of the fire department.

A candidate must be a registered voter within the fire district.

Exception: Candidates filing for Regional Fire Authority Commissioner positions that are not at-large must live within the specific commissioner district. In the Primary, only voters within the commissioner district vote to advance a candidate to the General Election. Voters from the entire Regional Fire Authority vote on all commissioner positions up for election in the General Election.

Candidates do not declare a political party preference.

### Offices up for election:

District	Office	Term	Incumbent	Filing Fee
Fire District 4	Commissioner Position 2	4-year Unexpired term	Jill Gleason	\$0.00
Fire District 4	Commissioner Position 3	6-year Regular term	Richard E. Flath	\$0.00
Fire District 5	Commissioner Position 3	6-year Regular term	Kelly Geiger	\$0.00
Fire District 10	Commissioner Position 3	6-year Short & Full term	Mark E. Mitchell	\$0.00
Fire District 12	Commissioner Position 3	6-year Regular term	Tonya Christoffersen	\$0.00
Fire District 15	Commissioner Position 3	6-year Regular term	David W. Sherman	\$0.00
Fire District 16	Commissioner Position 3	6-year Short & Full term	Brian Anderson	\$0.00
Fire District 17	Commissioner Position 3	6-year Regular term	Ronald M. Stephenson	\$0.00
Fire District 17	Commissioner Position 5	6-year Regular term	Richard J. Hjelle	\$0.00
Fire District 19	Commissioner Position 3	6-year Regular term	Steven Geiger	\$0.00
Fire District 21	Commissioner Position 3	6-year Regular term	Ed Taft	\$0.00

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# Offices up for Election 2023 (continued)

## Fire District Commissioner (continued)

District	Office	Term	Incumbent	Filing Fee
Fire District 22	Commissioner Position 3	6-year Short & Full term	Randy Bauer	\$0.00
Fire District 24+	Commissioner Position 3	6-year Short & Full term	Ben Shenberger	\$0.00
Fire District 25	Commissioner Position 2	6-year Regular term	Syd Nerland	\$0.00
Fire District 26	Commissioner Position 3	6-year Regular term	Bill Tubbs	\$0.00
Fire District 27	Commissioner Position 1	2-year Unexpired term	Ray Stephanson	\$0.00
Fire District 27	Commissioner Position 2	4-year Unexpired term	Brad Tinus	\$0.00
Fire District 27	Commissioner Position 3	6-year Regular term	Duan Tinius	\$0.00
North County Regional Fire Authority	Commissioner District 2	6-year term	Judy Williams	\$0.00
North County Regional Fire Authority	Commissioner District 4	6-year term	Barb Tolbert	\$0.00
North County Regional Fire Authority	Commissioner District 5	4-year Initial term	Marilyn Oertle	\$0.00
North County Regional Fire Authority	Commissioner-at-Large Position 6	4-year Initial term	Rob Johnson	\$0.00
North County Regional Fire Authority	Commissioner-at-Large Position 7	6-year term	Larry Longley	\$0.00
Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue	Commissioner Position 3	6-year Regular term	Randy Fay	\$0.00
Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue	Commissioner Position 7	6-year Regular term	Troy Elmore	\$0.00
South Sno. Co. Fire & Rescue RFA	Commissioner District 2	6-year Short & Full term	Michael Fearnough	\$0.00
South Sno. Co. Fire & Rescue RFA	Commissioner District 4	6-year Short & Full term	Micah Rowland	\$0.00
South Sno. Co. Fire & Rescue RFA	Commissioner Position-at-Large 6	4-year Unexpired term	Darek Daniels	\$0.00

+Multi-county district





# Offices up for Election 2023 (continued)

## Water/Wastewater District Commissioner

### Water & Wastewater District Commissioners

Authority of the Water and Wastewater Commissioner is established by the Washington Legislature under the direction and restrictions of state law.

A candidate must be a registered voter within the water or wastewater district.

Candidates do not declare a political party preference.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to: represents district at intergovernmental meetings; establishes district policies by passing resolutions and motions; adopts annual budget; establishes rates and charges; approves appropriations and contracts for services.

### Offices up for election:

District	Office	Term	Incumbent	Filing Fee
Alderwood Water and Wastewater District	Commissioner Position 3	6-year Regular term	Jack Broyles, Jr.	\$0.00
Alderwood Water and Wastewater District	Commissioner Position 4	6-year Regular term	Larry Jones	\$0.00
Cross Valley Water District	Commissioner Position 2	6-year Regular term	Ginger Desy	\$0.00
Highland Water District	Commissioner Position 1	6-year Regular term	Ted Stonebridge	\$0.00
Mukilteo Water and Wastewater District	Commissioner Position 3	6-year Regular term	Mike Johnson	\$0.00
Olympic View Water District	Commissioner Position 3	6-year Regular term	Fanny Yee	\$0.00
Silver Lake Water and Sewer District	Commissioner Position 3	6-year Regular term	Anne Backstrom	\$0.00
Startup Water District	Commissioner Position 2	6-year Regular term	Renette Villella	\$0.00



# Offices up for Election 2023 (continued)

## Sewer District Commissioner

### Sewer District Commissioners

Authority of the Sewer Commissioner is established by the Washington Legislature under the direction and restrictions of state law.

A candidate must be a registered voter within the sewer district.

Candidates do not declare a political party preference.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to: represents district at intergovernmental meetings; establishes district policies by passing resolutions and motions; adopts annual budget; establishes rates and charges; approves appropriations and contracts for services.

### Offices up for election:

District	Office	Term	Incumbent	Filing Fee
Lake Stevens Sewer District	Commissioner Position 2	4-year Unexpired term	Andrea Wright	\$0.00
Lake Stevens Sewer District	Commissioner Position 3	6-year Regular term	Kevin Kosche	\$0.00



# Offices up for Election 2023 (continued)

## Hospital District Commissioner

### Hospital District Commissioner

Hospital Districts construct, purchase, acquire, lease, add to, maintain, operate, develop and regulate, sell and convey all lands, property, property rights, equipment, hospitals and other health care facilities and systems for the maintenance of hospitals, buildings and structures within the district.

A candidate must be a registered voter who within the hospital district.

Candidates do not declare a political party preference.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to: surveys existing hospital and other health care facilities; coordinates hospital and other health care services for residents of district by facilities located within or outside the boundaries of district; leases existing hospital and other health care facilities and equipment and/or other property used including ambulances; contracts indebtedness or borrows money for corporate purposes on the credit of the corporation or the revenues of the hospitals in district and the revenues of any other facilities or services that the district may be authorized by law to provide.

### Office up for election:

District	Office	Term	Incumbent	Filing Fee
Hospital District 1	Commissioner-at-Large 3	6-year Regular term	Greg Accetturo	\$0.00
Hospital District 2	Commissioner Position 1	6-year Regular term	Deana Knutsen	\$0.00
Hospital District 2	Commissioner Position 4	6-year Regular term	Karianna Wilson	\$0.00
Hospital District 3	Commissioner Position 2	6-year Regular term	Tina Davis	\$0.00
Hospital District 3	Commissioner Position 5	6-year Regular term	Timothy H. Cavanagh	\$0.00



# Offices up for Election 2023 (continued)

## Port District Commissioner

### Port District Commissioner

Port districts manage acquisition, construction, maintenance, operation, development and regulation within the district of harbor improvements, rail or motor vehicle transfer and terminal facilities, water transfer and terminal facilities, or any combination of such transfer and terminal facilities.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to: establishes and maintains district policy; manages and conducts business affairs; makes and executes all necessary business and development contracts; employs any necessary services; attracts, encourages, and develops industrial opportunities; coordinates industrial improvements.

A candidate must be a registered voter and reside in the commissioner district filed upon in the port district.\*

In the Primary, only voters within the commissioner district vote to advance a candidate to the General Election. Voters from the entire port district vote on all commissioner positions up for election in the General Election.

Exception: Edmonds Port District Position 4 is an “at-large” position and therefore a candidate only needs to be a registered voter and reside within the port district.

Candidates do not declare a political party preference.

### Office up for election:

District	Office	Term	Incumbent	Filing Fee
Port of Edmonds	Commissioner District 2	4-year Regular term	David Preston	\$34.20
Port of Edmonds	Commissioner-at-Large Position 4	4-year Regular term	James W. Orvis	\$34.20
Port of Everett	Commissioner District 2	6-year Regular term	Tom M. Stiger	\$85.56



# Offices up for Election 2023 (continued)

## Park & Recreation District Commissioner

### Park & Recreation District Commissioner

Park and Recreation Districts coordinate and manage leisure time activities and recreational facilities including parks, playgrounds, gymnasiums, swimming pools, field houses, bathing beaches, stadiums, golf courses, automobile race tracks and drag strips, coliseums, public campgrounds, boat ramps and launching sites, public hunting and fishing areas, arboretums, bicycle and bridle paths, senior citizen centers, community centers, and other recreational facilities of a nonprofit nature as a public service to the residents of the geographical areas included within the boundaries of the district.

A candidate must be a registered voter within the park and recreation district.

Candidates do not declare a political party preference.

Park & Recreation offices do not appear on the Primary ballot.

### Office up for election:

District	Office	Term	Incumbent	Filing Fee
East County Park and Recreation	Commissioner-at-Large Position 4	4-year Short & Full term	Vacant	\$0.00
East County Park and Recreation	Commissioner-at-Large Position 5	4-year Short & Full term	Vacant	\$0.00



# Terms of Office

## What is the difference between regular, a short and full, and an unexpired term?

A **term** is a length of time when an elected official is in office. Most terms begin on or shortly after January 1 after the official is elected. Exception: school district directors take office at the next scheduled meeting after the elections results are certified.

**Regular (full) term** lengths vary based on the type of district and the rules that govern the district. Common term lengths are 1 year, 2 years, 4 years, or 6 years.

When a vacancy occurs in an elected office, it can create the need to elect a person to either a short and full term or an unexpired term.

A **short and full term** is designated when the vacancy occurs in an office that is already scheduled for election at the next General Election. The winning candidate takes office immediately following the certification of the election to serve the “short term” until their “full term” begins, typically on, or shortly after January 1.

An **unexpired term** is designated when a vacancy occurs in an office not scheduled to be on the ballot at the next General Election, but still in a year in which the district elects other offices. The winning candidate takes office immediately following certification of the election for the remainder of the term that was vacated.

## Example

Fresh Air Park District has 5 elected commissioners. The positions are scheduled to be up for election as follows:

Position Number	Year Up for	Incumbent
1	2023	Ann
2	2025	Tom
3	2023	Jane
4	2027	Barb
5	2025	Rick

If Ann resigned in 2022, Position 1 will continue to be up for election in 2023 and the winner will fill a short term through the end of 2023 and complete the full 4-year term through 2027.

If Tom resigned in 2022, Position 2 will be scheduled for election in 2023 and the winning candidate will fill a 2-year unexpired term through 2025.

Position Number	Term listed on the 2023 ballot
1	Short and 4-year Term
2	2-year Unexpired
3	4-year term
4	(office not on the 2023 ballot)
5	(office not on the 2023 ballot)



# Step Two: Declare Your Candidacy

Once you publicly announce your candidacy or organize a campaign committee, you have two weeks to make a formal declaration of candidacy with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC).

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# Public Disclosure Requirements

The Washington State Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) is responsible for ensuring candidates and campaigns comply with campaign finance laws. The type of district and the amount of campaign monies collected determines the type and extent of a campaign's PDC reporting requirements.

## Reporting Requirements

Most candidates must file PDC reports within **two weeks** of a formal declaration of candidacy or organization of a campaign committee. Refer to the table below for clarification on which reports are required. Candidates raising more than \$5,000 file with the PDC, regardless of district size.

## Campaign Contribution Limits

Contributions to candidates and campaigns from individuals and groups are limited by state law and Washington Administrative Code 390-05-400. Please see the PDC website for information on contribution limits.

## Where to Find and Submit

### PDC Reports

#### Public Disclosure Commission

711 Capitol Way, Room 403

PO Box 40908

Olympia, WA 98504-0908

(877) 601-2828

[pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov](mailto:pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov)

[www.pdcc.wa.gov](http://www.pdcc.wa.gov)

	Financial Affairs Statement (F-1 Form)	Campaign Disclosure Reports ("C" Forms)
<b>County Offices</b>	Yes	Yes
<b>Superior Court Judge</b>	Yes	Yes
<b>Office in a City or Town of:</b> Fewer than 2,000 registered voters* 2,000 to 4,999 registered voters* 5,000 or more registered voters*	No Reporting Requirements Yes Yes	No Reporting Requirements No Yes
<b>Office in a District (Fire, Hospital, Park, Port, School, Sewer, Water) of:</b> Fewer than 2,000 registered voters* 2,000 to 4,999 registered voters* 5,000 or more registered voters*  Districts where voters must have special qualifications such as property ownership	No Reporting Requirements Yes Yes  No Reporting Requirements	No Reporting Requirements No Yes  No Reporting Requirement
<b>Political Committees:</b> Proponents and opponents of a ballot measure in a jurisdiction having 1,000 or more registered voters*	No	Yes

\* Number of registered voters as of the preceding General Election





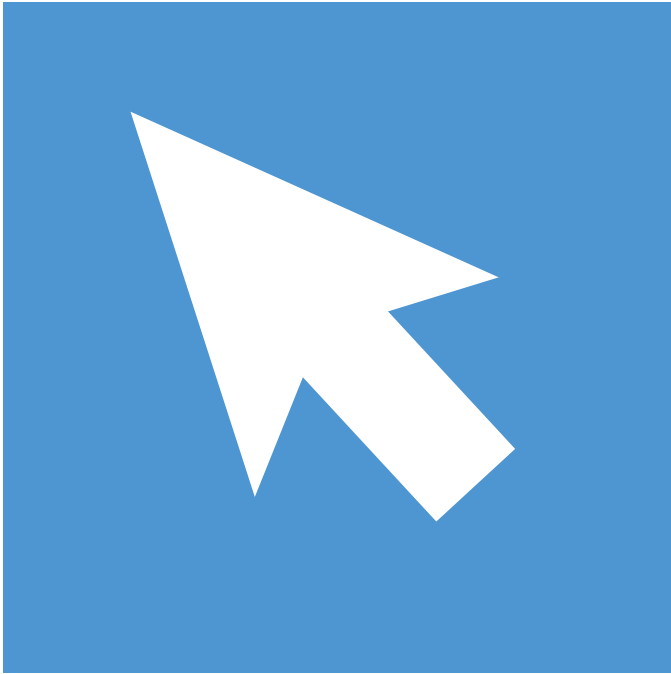
# County Office Reporting

## County Office Reporting Change

Candidates for county office no longer need to file financial paperwork with Snohomish County.

Historically, campaigns for a county office (county executive, council, assessor, auditor, clerk, sheriff, treasurer) were required to file copies of the state Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) forms C1 through C7 with Snohomish County Recording, a division of the Auditor's Office, in addition to filing with the PDC.

On March 17, 2021, the Snohomish County Council passed an ordinance ending the requirement for county office candidates to file financial paperwork with Snohomish County.



## Step Three: File for Office

Now that you know which office you are running for, you must file for office during filing week, May 15-19. This activity is done online and places your name on the ballot.

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# Filing for Office

To run for political office, all candidates must submit a declaration of candidacy during the designated filing period, May 15-19, 2023.

The declaration of candidacy application captures:

- the office sought
- the candidate's name and address
- the candidate's name as it should appear on the ballot (ballot name)
- the candidate's party preference, if the office sought is partisan
- campaign contact information
- the filing fee (if applicable)
- an oath confirming the qualifications of the office have been met

## Requirements

### Qualifications

Each candidate is responsible for meeting the qualifications of the office. This typically includes being a registered voter in the district. For a complete list of qualifications for each office, please refer to the Offices up for Election in 2023 on pages 4-21.

### Ballot name

A candidate's last name on the ballot must match the last name under which he/she is registered to vote. Candidates cannot use a nickname that denotes occupation, military rank, their positions on issues, or their political affiliations or one that intentionally misleads voters.

### Party preference

Each candidate seeking a partisan office may state a political party preference. A candidate's preference does not imply endorsement by the party or that the party approves of or associates with the candidate. Each candidate will retain the party preference from the Primary to the General Election.

### Filing fee

If the office has a salary, candidates are required to pay a filing fee equal to 1% of the salary. There is no filing fee for offices with no salary. See Offices up for Election in 2023 on pages 4-21 for filing fees for specific offices.

If you cannot afford the filing fee, please contact Snohomish County Elections for an explanation of the petition in lieu of filing fee process.

## Where to File

For information on filing in person, online, or by mail visit: [snoco.org/elections](http://snoco.org/elections)

<b>Filing by mail:</b>	<b>May 1 - 19</b>
<b>Filing online or in person:</b>	<b>May 15 - 19</b>

Any declaration received by mail before May 1 will be returned and the candidate will be permitted to resubmit his/her declaration during the filing period.

## Withdrawing from a race

**Last day to withdraw from a race: May 22**

Any filing fee will not be refunded. After May 22, a candidate's name will be on the ballot regardless of a candidate's intention to campaign for office or take the oath of office if he/she wins election.

## Declared Write-in Candidates

To file as a declared write-in, a candidate must, no later than 8 p.m. the day of the primary or general election:

- File in person or by mail a declaration of candidacy, and
- Pay the office filing fee, if applicable.

A write-in candidate's name will not be printed on the ballot or in the voters' pamphlet.

Write-in candidates who file 19 days or more before an election pay no filing fee. Write-in candidates who file 18 days or less before an election must pay a filing fee. Offices with an annual salary of more than \$1,000 pay 1% of the annual salary. Offices with a salary of \$1,000 or less pay a \$25 filing fee.

<b>Last day to file <u>as a write-in</u> without a fee:</b>	
August 1 Primary	July 13
November 7 General Election	October 19



# Primary vs. General Election

## Primary

A Primary is required if more than two candidates file for the same position or if the office is a partisan office.

The order in which candidates are listed on the ballot is determined by lot draw.

The lot draw for local candidates (who file with Snohomish County) is conducted at 5:01 p.m., Friday, May 19. Results of the drawing are posted on our webpage immediately after the drawing.

The State of Washington has a Top 2 Primary system. This allows voters to choose among all candidates running for race regardless of their party preference. The two candidates who receive the most votes in the Primary qualify for the General Election.

Candidates need at least 1% of the votes cast in that race to advance to the General Election.

Each candidate for a partisan office may state a political party that he or she prefers. A candidate's preference does not imply that they are nominated or endorsed by the party, or that the party approves of or associates with that candidate.

## General Election

Order of appearance on the General Election ballot is determined by the votes received in the Primary.

Each candidate will retain their party preference from the Primary to the General Election.

If there is no Primary, order of appearance on the General Election ballot is determined by the lot draw.



# Candidate Workshops

## Virtual and In-person Candidate Workshops

Candidates and campaign staff are invited to attend one of the following workshops presented by Snohomish County Elections focused on filing and running for office in Snohomish County.

These 1-hour workshops will cover the following topics:

- Which offices are on the ballot this year
- How to get your name on the ballot
- How to get a statement and photo into the voters' pamphlet
- Other important requirements, election processes, and deadlines

If you are unable to attend a live session, a recorded version will be available on our candidate filing page at [snoco.org/elections](http://snoco.org/elections).

Virtual Trainings	In-Person Training
<p><b>Tuesday, April 11</b> 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. Zoom (see <a href="http://snoco.org/elections">snoco.org/elections</a> for link)</p> <p><b>Thursday, April 13</b> 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. Zoom (see <a href="http://snoco.org/elections">snoco.org/elections</a> for link)</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, May 2</b> 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Snohomish County Campus Drewel Building, 1st Floor Public Meeting Room 3000 Rockefeller Ave, Everett</p>

## Public Disclosure Commission Seminar and Virtual Trainings

Snohomish County Elections is hosting a The Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) seminar on financial reporting requirements for candidates and campaigns.

The Public Disclosure Commission will be on hand to explain:

- What financial information needs to be disclosed and when.
- How a candidate or campaign reports contributions.

**Date/time/location to be determined** - Visit [snoco.org/elections](http://snoco.org/elections) for updated information.

The PDC holds virtual trainings on topics related to the requirements for candidates and campaigns. A schedule can be found at [www.pdc.wa.gov/calendar-of-events](http://www.pdc.wa.gov/calendar-of-events).

Send questions to [pdc@pdc.wa.gov](mailto:pdc@pdc.wa.gov)





## Step Four: Submit Your Candidate Statement

Let voters know about you and your qualifications by submitting a candidate statement and photo to be published in the local voters' pamphlet.

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# Submitting Statements and Photos

Snohomish County publishes a local voters' pamphlet (LVP) featuring candidates and issues for primaries and general elections. The LVP is sent to every household in Snohomish County. Each candidate may submit the following:

- biography
- statement
- photo

## Requirements

- Submit biographies, statements and photos electronically through VoteWA candidate portal.
- Limit biographical information to 100 words (Headings, such as Elected Experience, Other Professional Experience, etc. do not count toward the word limit).
- Limit candidate statements to 200 words and 4 paragraphs.
- Only italics will be used to emphasize words or phrases. Bolding, underlining, and all caps are not allowed. Tables, lists, and bullets are not allowed. Text must be written in paragraph form.
- Edit statement carefully. Errors in spelling or grammar will not be corrected by Snohomish County Elections.
- Do not comment on or make any judgments about opponents or incumbents.
- Do not include obscene, vulgar, profane, scandalous, libelous, or defamatory language.
- Submit recent professional-type headshot photo (Do not include any uniforms, judicial robes, hats, sunglasses or brand insignias). Exceptions must be approved by the Auditor.
- Include contact information (phone, email, website) This does not count toward word limit.

## Where and When to Submit Statements and Photos

Submit candidate statements and photos online via a web application link that will be provided at the time of filing. Submissions received later the deadlines below will not be accepted.

### Election

### Submission Deadline

August 1 Primary  
November 7 General

May 26 @ 5 p.m.  
May 26 @ 5 p.m.

One statement/photo will be used for both the Primary and the General Election.

Statements/photos that do not meet requirements may be rejected by the Auditor.

## Questions?

Contact Snohomish County Elections at (425) 388-3444 or at [candidates@snoco.org](mailto:candidates@snoco.org)

**Tip:** Statements and biographical information must be in paragraph form. Use semicolons to separate items.

### **Do:**

AA, Everett CC; BA in Economics, University of Washington; MBA, Northwestern University; JD, Willamette School of Law

### **Don't:**

AA, Everett CC  
BA in Economics, University of Washington  
MBA, Northwestern University  
JD, Willamette School of Law

If your statement contains listed items, we will combine the items into paragraph form using semicolons.



# Sample Candidate Statement

Your submission will look something like this in the voters' pamphlet:



## Jessica Smith

(Prefers Clean Water Party)

### Contact:

(425) 555-1234

Vote4me@hotmail.com

Jessicaforcommissioner.com

**Elected Experience:** Crystal Clear Water District Commissioner (6 years); local PCO (4 years)

**Other Professional Experience:** Civil Engineer, Build-It Better Engineering, Seattle (2001-Present)

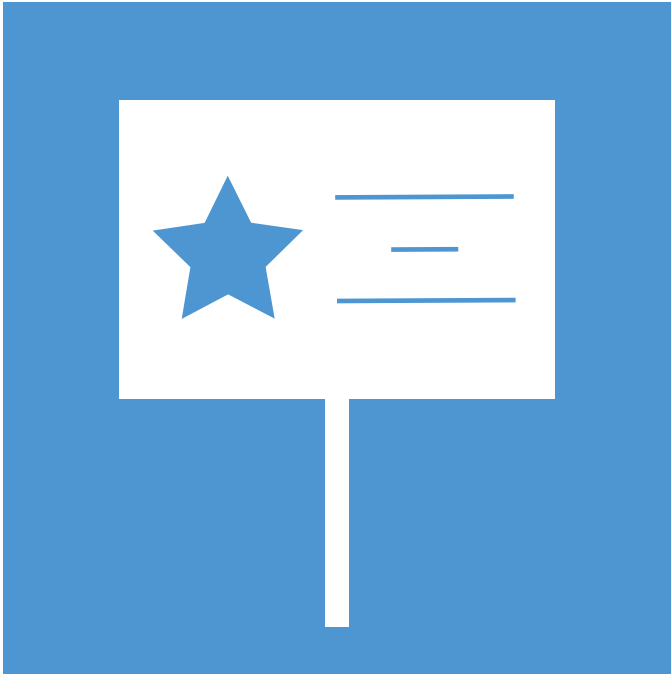
**Education:** B.S. Civil Engineering, University of Washington (2000); B.A. Communications, University of California (1996)

**Community Service:** Rivers of America (2012-2013); Volunteers for the People (2000-2012)

**Statement:** As a practicing civil engineer and a lifelong drinker of water, I understand the benefits of a clean, safe, efficient water district delivery system. Under my oversight and leadership, the Crystal Clear Water District has improved how it delivers water to customers and the quality of water that is delivered. What I have learned during my time as water district commissioner is that efforts to protect, preserve and deliver quality water are not just the responsibility of the water district – it's a responsibility of government in general.

Let me be your voice in Olympia for clean, safe water.





## Step Five: Run Your Campaign

Now that you're all set to be in the election, reach out to voters with campaign signs, fliers, and other outreach materials, and be sure to follow sign rules.

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# Campaign Resources

## Major Political Party Information

Snohomish County political parties may be helpful in candidate campaigns. They can be reached at:

### Democratic Party Headquarters

Party Chair - Monica Chilton

[www.snocodems.org](http://www.snocodems.org) - (425) 252-2305

### Republican Party Headquarters

Party Chair - Bob Hagglund

[www.snocogop.com](http://www.snocogop.com) - (425) 252-3100

## Snohomish County Voter Data

State law requires that voter data be available to candidates, campaigns and political parties to be used for political purposes. Voter data can be purchased from Snohomish County Elections to assist in campaign efforts.

Voter data that is available for purchase includes the voter's name, home and mailing address, precinct, registration date, elections voted, whether the voter's current election ballot has been returned and on what date, and if the voter signature on the current election return envelope has been questioned during the review process.

### Common Data Requests

- Data file of all registered voters in the county or in a specific district or precinct
- Data file of all voters who voted in one or more election(s) in the county
- Data file of voters for an election with ballot return dates and voters whose signatures on the return envelopes have been questioned.

### Cost:

- \$11.50 base fee per report produced
- \$1.00 CD fee (if applicable)
- \$2.00 mailing fee (if applicable)

Please visit [www.snoco.org/elections](http://www.snoco.org/elections) to download a data request form or contact Snohomish County Elections at (425) 388-3444 for more information.



# Campaign Sign Rules

## Political Sign Regulations

### State Regulations

The Department of Transportation and the State Attorney General have provided the following rules to all candidates regarding placement of signs and placards along state highways.

The Scenic Vistas Act (RCW 47.42) restricts signs on interstate highways, all primary highways, and the entire Scenic and Recreational Highway System. Signs erected on private property adjacent to these highways must comply with the Scenic Vistas Act, and local zoning restrictions.

In accordance with Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 468-66-050, political signs are considered a Type 3(b) on-premise sign for which no fee or application is necessary. Temporary political signs are signs which endorse a political candidate or ballot issue.

Temporary political campaign signs:

- are limited to a maximum size of thirty-two square feet in area
- must be removed within ten days after the election
- are subject to all other applicable provisions of Chapter 47.42 RCW and Chapter 468-66 WAC that pertain to Type 3 on-premise signs

In addition to the above restrictions, the posting of advertising signs within the right-of-way of all state highways is illegal. Accordingly, any sign placed within the right-of-way of any state highway may be removed by the Department of Transportation.

## County Regulations

All political signs are subject to the zoning laws outlined in Snohomish County Code 30.27.070.

For information regarding county sign regulations please contact:

Snohomish County Public Works Permitting  
Section (425) 388-6453

or

Snohomish County Planning Department  
Zoning Division (425) 388-3311

## City Regulations

For information regarding city sign placement regulations, please contact the public works department of the particular city.



## Step Six: Watch the Election Results

Check the election results to see if you have won.

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# How Do I Know if I am a Winner?

Candidates will participate in the August 1 Primary as long as there are more than two people running for the office or if it is a partisan race.

When only one or two people have filed for a nonpartisan office, they will not appear on the Primary ballot and automatically move on to the General Election.

The two candidates with the highest number of votes in the Primary, regardless of party preference, will advance to the November 7 General Election.

## Primary Election Results

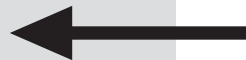
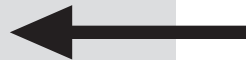
### CITY OF OCEAN VISTA– COUNCIL POSITION 1

295/295 100.00%

Under Votes 1867

Over Votes 40

	Vote Count	Percent
Clark Simmons	26,758	49.20%
Lois Lipinski	5,035	9.26%
Terry White	1,976	3.63%
Janine Luthans	18,815	34.59%
Eva Teachman	1,670	3.07%
Write-In	136	0.25%
Total	54,390	100.00%



In this race for Ocean Vista City Council, Clark Simmons and Janine Luthans have the highest vote counts and advance to the General Election.

The candidate with the highest number of votes in the General Election will take office.

Washington is a vote-by-mail state. Voted ballots are processed as they are received. Results are released after 8 p.m. on Election Day.

After 8 p.m. on Election Day, you can find the current results at [www.snoco.org/elections](http://www.snoco.org/elections). Ballots continue to be tabulated after election day until the election is certified. Results are typically updated each weekday afternoon.

Once the election is certified, the final official results will be posted at [www.snoco.org/elections](http://www.snoco.org/elections).

The August 1 Primary is certified on August 15.

The November 7 General Election is certified on November 28.



## Step Seven: Take Office

When you take office is dictated by state law and depends on whether you are assuming a regular term, a short and full term, or an unexpired term.

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# When Do I Take Office?

Congratulations! You've won the election. Now what? After the election is certified, an oath of office will be sent to your district. Contact your district to arrange signing the oath prior to commencing duties. The following are the typical first date in office:

**County Offices - January 1 (RCW 29A.20.040)**

**Superior Court Judge - Second Monday of January (RCW 2.06.070)**

**City/Town Mayor and Council - January 1 (RCW 29A.020.040)**

**Municipal Court Judge - January 1 (RCW 3.50.040)**

**School Board Director - First official board meeting following election certification. (RCW 28A.343.360)**

**Fire District Commissioner - January 1 (RCW 29A.20.040)**

**Water/Sewer District Commissioner - January 1 (RCW 29A.20.040)**

**Hospital District Commissioner - January 1 (RCW 29A.20.040)**

**Port District Commissioner - January 1 (RCW 29A.20.040)**

**Parks and Recreation Commissioner - January 1 (RCW 29A.20.040)**

All unexpired term positions take office upon election certification.

All short and full term positions take the oath of office upon election certification and again in January.

The following can administer the oath: judges, notary publics, county auditors or deputies, city/town clerks, school officials, county commissioners, and clerks of the court.



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# August 1 Primary Key Dates

## Candidate/Campaign

Filing for office by mail	May 1 - 19
Filing for office online or in person	May 15 - 19
Lot drawing for all candidates	May 19
Candidate withdrawal period	May 15 - 22
Voters' pamphlet statement/photo due	May 26
Last day to file as a write-in candidate without fee	July 13
Last day to file as a write-in candidate	August 1

## Voter Registration Deadlines

Last day to register or update registration by mail/online	July 24
Last day to register or update registration in person	August 1

## Voting/Ballot Mailing

Military ballots mailed	June 16
Ballot drop boxes open	June 16
Accessible voting begins in person	July 12
Voters' pamphlet mailed	July 12
All other ballots mailed	July 13
Last day to mail or return voted ballot	August 1

## Primary Day

August 1

## Certification of Election Results

County certification	August 15
State certification	August 18



# November 7 General Key Dates

## Candidate/Campaign

Voters' pamphlet statement/photo due	May 26
Last day to file as a write-in candidate without fee	October 19
Last day to file as a write-in candidate	November 7

## Voter Registration Deadline

Last day to register or update registration by mail/online	October 30
Last day to register or update registration in person	November 7

## Voting/Ballot Mailing

Military ballots mailed	September 22
Ballot drop boxes open	September 22
Accessible voting begins in person	October 18
Voters' pamphlet mailed	October 18
All other ballots mailed	October 19
Last day to mail or return voted ballot	November 7

## General Election Day

November 7

## Certification of Election Results

County certification	November 28
State certification	December 7



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## Who can register to vote?

You may register to vote if you are:

- A citizen of the United States
- A legal resident of Washington State for at least 30 days prior to Election Day
- At least 18 years old (If you are 16 or 17, you can sign up as a Future Voter and be automatically registered to vote when you qualify)
- Not disqualified from voting due to a court order
- Not currently serving a sentence of total confinement in prison under the jurisdiction of the department of corrections for a Washington felony conviction
- Not currently incarcerated for a federal or out-of-state felony conviction

In Washington, a voter does not register by political party or declare political party membership.

## When can I register to vote?

You may register online or by mail up to 8 days before the election or in-person at the Auditor's Office up until 8 p.m. on Election Day. Once you are registered, you do not need to register again unless you change your address or name.

## Where can I register to vote?

You may register online at [www.votewa.gov](http://www.votewa.gov). Mail-in registration forms are available at libraries, post offices, and at the Auditor's Office. You may also register when you obtain or renew your driver's license.

## What if I change my name, signature or address?

If you change your name or move within Snohomish County, you must update your voter registration. Changes made online or by mail during the 8 days before an election will take effect after election certification. Voters can change this information in person up until 8 p.m. Election Day.

Name and signature changes may be made by completing a voter registration form and sending the updated information to Snohomish County Elections. Address changes may be made by calling Snohomish County Elections at (425) 388-3444 or by sending an email to [elections@snoco.org](mailto:elections@snoco.org).

## Can a voter's registration be canceled simply for failure to vote?

No. Not voting will not result in the cancellation of a voter's registration.

## How are voters' registrations canceled?

Voters' registrations are canceled when a voter registers in another state or county; when Snohomish County Elections receives notice that a voter has died or has been imprisoned for a felony conviction; or when a voter contacts Snohomish County Elections requesting their registration be canceled.

Voters' registrations are also canceled by a periodic removal of voters that have been on inactive status for two successive federal elections. A voter is designated inactive if any mail from Snohomish County Elections is returned as undeliverable from the US Post Office. When moved to inactive, the voter is sent a forwardable address verification postcard. The voter is reactivated if he/she votes or notifies Snohomish County Elections of a current address.

## Vote by Mail

Snohomish County conducts all elections by mail. Ballots are mailed to all eligible registered voters 19 days (30/45 days for military and overseas voters) before each election. Ballots can be returned through the mail, at an accessible voting site, or to one of our many 24-hour ballot drop box locations throughout the county. These locations are sent with the ballot, listed in the local voters' pamphlet, and posted at [www.snoco.org/elections](http://www.snoco.org/elections).

A voter may request a replacement ballot through Election Day by contacting Snohomish County Elections at (425) 388-3444 or visiting the office. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day.

## The Top 2 Primary

The State of Washington has a Top 2 Primary system. Voters can vote for any candidate regardless of their party preference. The two candidates who receive the most votes in the Primary, advance to the General Election.

A Primary is required if:

- more than two candidates file for the same position
- if the office is a partisan office; or
- if the office is decided in a Primary by law.

Candidates need at least 1% of the votes cast to advance to the General Election.

## Order of Races and Names on the Ballot

The order of races on a ballot is established by state law and local rule.

The order of candidate names within a race is determined by:

- lot draw for the Primary
- votes received in the Primary for the General Election

If there is no Primary, order of appearance on the General Election ballot is determined by the lot draw.

## Election Observers

The public, candidates and representatives of political parties may observe ballot envelope signature verification, ballot processing, adjudication, and tabulation during the election. Please refer to our website for the daily scheduled activities. Snohomish County Elections hosts two observer informational training sessions throughout the year. The sessions provide an overview of the election process and an introduction to the basic rules of conduct we expect all observers to follow. All observers must sign in at Snohomish County Elections, 3000 Rockefeller Ave, Administration Building West, Everett.

## Logic and Accuracy Testing

The logic and accuracy test is a public test of the election tabulation system. The test is witnessed by party representatives and for primaries or elections with state or federal races, a representative of the Office of the Secretary of State. Testing is conducted by Snohomish County Elections using the same software and hardware that will be used to tabulate ballots.

## Election Results

Local election results are available after 8 p.m. on Election Night at the Snohomish County Elections website ([www.snoco.org/elections](http://www.snoco.org/elections)), the Auditor's office, or by calling (425) 388-3444. Statewide results can be found on the Washington Secretary of State's Office website ([results.vote.wa.gov](http://results.vote.wa.gov)).

Election night results generally represent ballots that have been received by Snohomish County Elections through the day before Election Day. Snohomish County Elections staff will continue to verify, open and tabulate mail and provisional ballots until the election is certified 10, 14 or 21 days after the election.

Interim ballot tabulations are determined by voter turnout. Dates and times of interim releases of election results are posted on the Elections website.

### Canvassing Board Review of Ballots

The Snohomish County Canvassing Board is comprised of the County Auditor, Chair of the County Council, and the County Prosecuting Attorney or their designated representatives.

Ballots that require review by the Canvassing Board are brought before the Board usually one day before the official certification of the election. Notice of all Canvassing Board meetings are published in the Everett Herald newspaper and on Snohomish County Elections webpage. Canvassing Board meetings are open to the public, candidates and representatives of political parties.

### Certification of Election Results

All elections must be certified by the Snohomish County Canvassing Board. The process of certification includes a review of the final election tabulation report and the signing of certification documents by each board member. The election certification process is open to the public, candidates and representatives of political parties.

### Recounts

Automatic recounts apply to candidates and statewide measures. An automatic machine recount will occur if less than 1/2 of 1% and less than 2,000 votes cast separate candidates or issue responses in a race.

An automatic hand recount will occur if less than 1/4 of 1% and less than 150 votes (or 1,000 votes for statewide races) separate candidates or issue responses in a race.

A recount is applicable only to candidates nominated or elected and the closest defeated opponent based on certified election results. In a primary a recount could occur between the second and third place candidates. An automatic recount will only tally votes for the position in question and will be conducted without charge to any candidate.

A candidate or an officer of a political party may request and pay for a recount if the race is not close enough for an automatic recount or has been recounted once already. All requested recounts must be submitted no later than two business days after the official canvass is complete. A deposit of \$.15 per ballot for a machine count and \$.25 per ballot for a hand count by certified check or cash is required. Final cost of the recount will be calculated after the recount is complete and charged to the requester. The requested recount will be conducted in a time-frame determined by the Canvassing Board.

### Effective Date of State Measures

State ballot measures receiving a favorable majority vote are declared law by the Governor 30 days after the General Election, unless an effective date is contained within the text of the measure.

### For more information:

Visit the following sites for more information on the elections process.

- **Revised Code of Washington (RCW)** [www.apps.leg.wa.gov/rcw](http://www.apps.leg.wa.gov/rcw) (Title 29A)
- **Washington Administrative Code (WAC)** [www.apps.leg.wa.gov/wac](http://www.apps.leg.wa.gov/wac) (Title 434)
- **Snohomish County Charter Article 4 - Elections** [www.snohomish.county.codes/Charter/4](http://www.snohomish.county.codes/Charter/4)
- **Snohomish County Elections** [www.snoco.org/elections](http://www.snoco.org/elections)
- **United States Elections Assistance Commission** [www.eac.gov](http://www.eac.gov)
- **Washington State Secretary of State's Office/Elections Division** [www.sos.wa.gov/elections](http://www.sos.wa.gov/elections)
- **Washington State Public Disclosure Commission** [www.pdc.wa.gov](http://www.pdc.wa.gov)



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