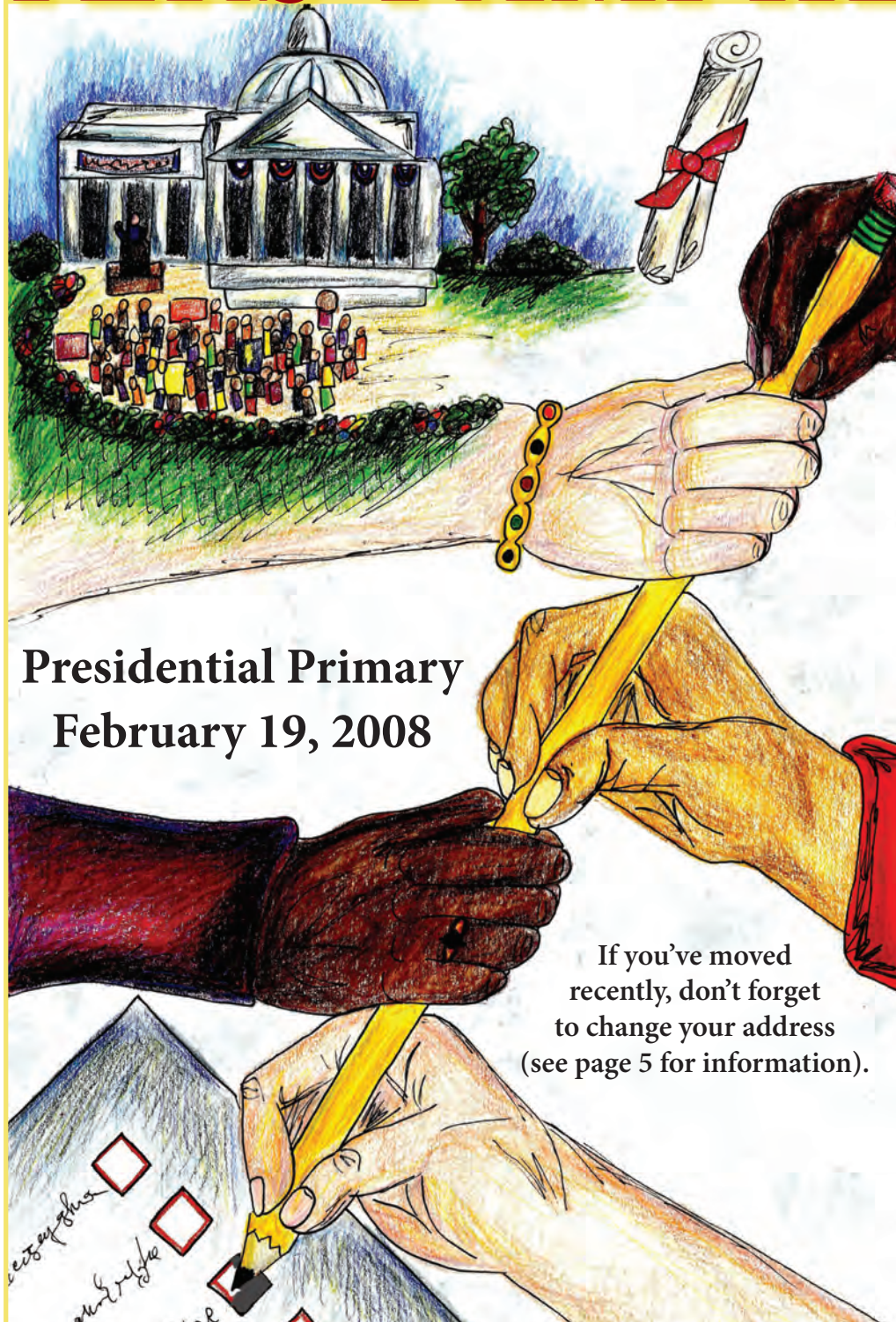


# STATE OF WASHINGTON VOTERS' PAMPHLET



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## ***Introduction to the 2008 Presidential Primary Voters' Pamphlet***



*Dear Voter,*

In a couple of weeks, you can help nominate this country's Chief Executive. On February 19, 2008, the State of Washington will hold its Presidential Primary, giving you a chance to influence American politics and shape our country's future.

Voting in the 2008 Presidential Primaries is a rare opportunity for the American people. For the first time since 1952, the race for the White House is wide open, without an incumbent President or Vice President on the ballot.

Our upcoming Presidential Primary may raise the profile of the issues that matter most in your community. As the second most populous state in the west, candidates will come to Washington to court voters and take a stand on our region's greatest challenges.

Participating in Washington's Presidential Primary is both a remarkable privilege and a civic duty. Your participation ensures your voice in the nomination of the next President of the United States.

Sincerely,



SAM REED  
Secretary of State

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*Congratulations to South Kitsap High School student Casey Armstrong whose artwork  
is displayed on the cover of this Voters' Pamphlet.*

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**Visit our online voters' guide at [www.vote.wa.gov](http://www.vote.wa.gov)**

# Voting in Washington State

## Voter Qualifications

You may register and vote in Washington State elections if you:

- Reside in Washington;
- Are a US citizen;
- Are at least 18 years old on or before Election Day; and
- Have had your voting rights restored if you were ever convicted of a felony.

In Washington State, you do not declare political party membership when you register to vote.

## Registration Deadlines

While you may register to vote at any time, keep in mind that there are registration deadlines prior to each election. You must be registered at least **30 days** before an election if you register by mail, online, or through the Motor Voter program. If you are a new voter in Washington State, you may register **in person** at your county elections department up to **15 days** before an election. However, you must vote by absentee ballot for that particular election. The phone number and address of your county elections department is located in the back of this pamphlet.

## How to Register to Vote

Register to vote online, or download voter registration forms at [www.vote.wa.gov](http://www.vote.wa.gov) or obtain forms at county elections departments, public libraries, schools, and other government offices. You may also request a form through the State Voter Information Hotline. (*See Services and Additional Assistance on this page.*) To register to vote online you must have a valid Washington State driver's license or ID card.

## Keep Your Voter Registration Up-to-Date

If your voter registration record does not contain your *current* name or address, you may not be able to vote. You can use the online or mail-in voter registration form to let your county elections department know when you move or change your name. Update your record online or download a form at [www.vote.wa.gov](http://www.vote.wa.gov). You must re-register or transfer your registration at least **30 days** before the election to be eligible to vote in your new precinct.

## Absentee Ballots

Absentee ballot requests must be made to your county elections department (not the Secretary of State). No absentee ballots

are issued on Election Day except to a registered voter who is a resident of a health care facility. A ballot may be requested in person, by phone, by mail, electronically, or by a member of your immediate family as early as **90 days** before an election.

You may also apply in writing to **automatically** receive an absentee ballot before each election. An absentee ballot request form is on the back page of this pamphlet. ***If you have already requested an absentee ballot or have a permanent request for a ballot on file, please do not submit another application.***

Many of Washington's counties now conduct all elections by mail. You will receive your absentee or mail-in ballot approximately 14 days prior to the election. Upon receipt, vote your ballot. ***Please do not*** attempt to vote again at your polling location if your county has poll sites. Absentee and mail-in ballots must be signed and postmarked or delivered to your county elections department **on or before** Election Day. In order to assist processing, return your voted ballot early.

## Election Dates and Poll Hours

The Presidential Primary is February 19. Polling place hours for counties with poll sites are 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

## Services and Additional Assistance

Under the Help America Vote Act, each county is required to have special voting equipment for anyone unable to vote the ballot independently. This equipment is available at poll site locations (if your county has poll sites), at voting centers, or at your county elections department. Contact your county elections department for more information on voting your ballot or finding your poll site or nearest voting center. The phone number and address of your county elections department is located in the back of this pamphlet.

Contact the Office of the Secretary of State for:

- Voters' Pamphlets in alternative formats (Braille, audio, large print) or languages (Spanish, Chinese); and
- Voter registration, voting, and absentee ballot information.

This information is also available at [www.vote.wa.gov](http://www.vote.wa.gov) or by calling the Voter Information Hotline at (800) 448-4881 or TDD/TTY at (800) 422-8683.



## Request for Mail-In Voter Registration Form

(Please print)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of forms requested: \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL TO: Office of the Secretary of State, Voter Registration, PO Box 40230, Olympia, WA 98504-0230





# Online Voter Registration



## Now available!

Want a more convenient way to register to vote?

Whether you are a new Washington State voter or need to update your existing registration information, this exciting internet-based tool will allow you to:

- Register to vote; or
- Change your voter registration from one county to another.

To change your name you must fill out a voter registration form, which can be downloaded at **[www.vote.wa.gov](http://www.vote.wa.gov)** and is also available at county and state offices such as your county elections department, the Department of Licensing, or your local library.

Online voter registration is fast and secure. All you need is a valid Washington State driver's license or ID card.

Go to **[www.vote.wa.gov](http://www.vote.wa.gov)** and click on the online voter registration icon to learn more.



Your personalized voter information is available on MyVote, a new website offered by the Office of the Secretary of State in collaboration with participating county elections departments.

Simply sign onto the system using your voter registration name and birthdate to access:

- ✓ Your ballot measure and candidate information;
- ✓ Your voting history;
- ✓ Your elected officials' contact information; and
- ✓ Your nearest ballot drop box location.

To access MyVote online, go to **[www.vote.wa.gov](http://www.vote.wa.gov)** and click the MyVote logo.



# New address?

## Update your voting information!

If you've moved since you last voted, you must update your voter registration information in order to receive your ballot in the next election.

For your convenience, you may update your information online, by telephone, or by mail.



### Online

If you've moved, you can change your address online at **[www.vote.wa.gov](http://www.vote.wa.gov)**.



### Telephone

You may call your county elections department to update your mailing address if you moved within the same county. County contact information can be found in the back of this pamphlet or in the government section of your local phone book.



### Mail

If you've moved to a different county, you may change your address online, or fill out a new voter registration form and mail it in. Voter registration forms can be downloaded at **[www.vote.wa.gov](http://www.vote.wa.gov)** and are also available at county and state offices such as your county elections department, the Department of Licensing, or your local library.

# ***Washington State's 2008 Presidential Primary***

For the first time since 1952, the race for the White House is wide open, without an incumbent President or Vice President on the campaign trail. On February 19, 2008, Washingtonians will play a role in nominating a candidate for this country's highest office.

## **Why Washington State has a Presidential Primary**

In 1988, more than 200,000 Washington voters signed an initiative to the Legislature proposing a Presidential Primary. The Legislature adopted the initiative in 1989.

## **Who is eligible to vote in the Presidential Primary**

Any voter registered in Washington may vote in the Presidential Primary.

## **The candidates listed on the ballot**

Only major political party candidates appear on the Presidential Primary ballot. The major political parties currently recognized in Washington State are the Democratic Party and the Republican Party.

In order to be listed on the Presidential Primary ballot, candidates must either be generally advocated or recognized in national news media, or submit petitions that include the signatures of at least 1,000 eligible voters in the state.

Minor party and independent candidates petition to appear on the general election ballot following conventions (RCW 29A.20.121).

## **How to vote in the Presidential Primary**

Each voter must decide whether to vote in the Democratic Presidential Primary, or the Republican Presidential Primary. A voter may not vote for candidates of both parties. Once the voter has selected a party, the voter must sign a party declaration provided by the party.

The Democratic Party declaration states:

I declare that I consider myself to be a DEMOCRAT and I will not participate in the nomination process of any other political party for the 2008 Presidential election.

The Republican Party declaration states:

I declare that I am a member of the Republican Party and I have not participated and will not participate in the 2008 precinct caucus or convention system of any other party.

The voter must vote for only one candidate, and may not vote for any candidates of the other party. Each party will receive a list of voters who chose to vote in that party's Presidential Primary.

## **How the political parties will use the results**

Due to national party rules, the state political parties retain the authority to decide how they will use the Presidential Primary to allocate delegates to the national nominating conventions. The political parties may also use caucus results, or a combination of primary results and caucus results, to allocate delegates to the national conventions.

The state Republican Party will use the Presidential Primary to allocate 51 percent of its delegates to the 2008 Republican National Convention. The remaining 49 percent of the delegates will be allocated based on caucus results. The state Democratic Party has decided to use caucus results to allocate its delegates to the 2008 Democratic National Convention.

Because the Presidential Primary is open to *all* registered voters, the results will demonstrate which candidates are most appealing to the general voting public.

## **Caucuses**

A voter can participate in both the party caucus and the Presidential Primary as long as both are for the same political party. Both parties plan to hold caucuses on Saturday, February 9, 2008. The parties will invite voters to participate in the caucuses and will require participants to sign a party declaration. Voters should contact the parties to learn more about where the caucuses will be held. (See page 16 for contact information.)

## **Need More Information?**

For more information on Washington State's Presidential Primary, call the Office of the Secretary of State Voter Information Hotline at (800) 448-4881, TDD/TTY at (800) 422-8683, or visit [www.vote.wa.gov](http://www.vote.wa.gov).

# Presidential Candidates - Democratic Party



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**Occupation:** Joe Biden is a US Senator and adjunct law professor.

**Education:** Joe Biden graduated from the University of Delaware with a BA, and Syracuse University with a JD.

**Elected experience:** New Castle County Council, Delaware; US Senate.

**Family:** Joe and Jill Biden have three children, Beau, Hunter, and Ashley; and five grandchildren, Naomi, Finnegan, Maisy, Natalie, and Hunter.

**Significant career experience:** Joe Biden was a trial lawyer and served on the local county council before running for the US Senate and winning at the age of 29. He is an adjunct law professor and US Senator.

This is the most important Presidential election of our lifetimes: the next President will have a chance to change the direction of the world.

I am seeking the Democratic Party's nomination for President because I have worked with fellow Democrats and across the aisle to accomplish the goals of the American people.

From the Crime Bill that put 100,000 more cops on the street to the Violence Against Women Act, from leading the way to end the war in Bosnia to the Biden plan to end the war in Iraq, I've tackled the most important issues of the day.

My first order of business will be to end this war in Iraq. The war has hurt our standing internationally, and the billions spent in Iraq have prevented us from resolving critical issues here at home. My plan would allow our troops to come home without leaving chaos behind.

At home, my number one domestic priority will be education. We must fund high quality preschool programs like Head Start and ensure every child has two years of preschool. And we must fund two years of college. Last year, 400,000 kids who qualified for college were unable to attend because they could not afford it. College cannot be a luxury.

You will have the opportunity to vote and stand up for what you believe in.

You know where I stand. I stand with you.



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**Occupation:** US Senator

**Education:** Wellesley College, Yale Law School

**Elected experience:** US Senator, New York, 2001-Present.

**Family:** Married to William Jefferson Clinton and daughter Chelsea Clinton.

**Significant career experience:** Children's Defense Fund, 1973; Counsel, House Judiciary Committee, 1974; Attorney, Rose Law Firm, 1977-1992; First Lady of Arkansas, 1979-1981, 1983-1993; First Lady of the United States, 1993-2001.

For six long years, America's middle class and hardworking families have been invisible to the Bush Administration. I want to build an America where no person is invisible. I will provide quality, affordable health care for every American and I will fight to protect a woman's right to choose. All of my policies—from stem cell research to climate change—will be guided by sound science. I will make America the global leader in combating global warming and significantly reduce our dependence on foreign oil. To fire up the engines of American innovation, I will redirect billions of dollars of big oil tax subsidies into investments in clean, renewable energy alternatives – wind, solar, hydrogen, ethanol, and other bio-fuels. I will grow our economy and help working families get ahead. It's time to stop mortgaging our children's future and return this country to the fiscally responsible policies that brought us record growth in the 1990's. And it's time we had an economy in which working people see their real incomes go up – not just the financial markets. We must fix our schools so they can provide hope and opportunity for the next generation. I will end the war in Iraq and begin restoring America's standing in the world. Thank you for your consideration and for taking the time to study the issues.



# Presidential Candidates - Democratic Party

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**Education:** BA in English Literature from Providence College, 1966; and JD from the University of Louisville, 1972.

**Military service:** Served in the US Army Reserves and Army National Guard, 1969-1975.

**Elected experience:** US House of Representatives, 1975-1981; US Senate, 1981-Present.

**Family:** Married to Jackie Clegg Dodd; Two daughters, Grace and Christina.

**Significant career experience:** Dodd wrote the Family and Medical Leave Act, which has helped 50 million Americans. He is a respected leader in foreign affairs, and he authored legislation that is providing billions of dollars to firefighters so they can get the equipment and training they need to keep our communities safe.

In order to produce real change for American families, it's going to take a Democrat who knows how to produce results. We must choose a nominee that can bring people together to win the election this November *and* bring people together the following January.

After so many years of bitter divisiveness and on-the-job training, Washingtonians understand that our country needs leadership that will bring people together and is ready to lead from day one. Like me, you see an economy that isn't working for all Americans and a war in Iraq that has left us less safe. We are all asking not only who wants to change the direction of the country, but who can get the job done.

I have spent my career producing *results*. From writing and passing the Family and Medical Leave Act, to helping end conflict in Central America, to securing needed resources for our firefighters, I have spent 26 years turning Democratic principles into national policy.

That is the kind of leadership we need today. It is why on every major issue – from ending our involvement in the Iraqi civil war and restoring our security... to reversing the effects of global warming... to ensuring all Americans have access to affordable quality health care – I am offering the boldest solutions to our most pressing challenges.

Leadership that can get results is what I've been offering for 26 years. I am asking for your vote to return that type of leadership to the White House.



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**Occupation:** Former US Senator; former Director, University of North Carolina Center on Poverty, Work, and Opportunity; former trial attorney.

**Education:** BA, NC State University, 1974; JD, UNC – Chapel Hill, 1977.

**Elected experience:** US Senate (1999 - 2005)

**Family:** John and Elizabeth have had four children; Catharine, Emma Claire, and Jack. Their first child, Wade, died in 1996.

**Significant career experience:** Senator Edwards has dedicated his career to helping working families. In Congress, he emerged as a champion for the issues that make a difference to American families. Today, he is running for President to make sure every American has the same opportunities to succeed that he has had.

I grew up in a small town. My mother worked at the post office and my father at a textile mill. They didn't have much money, but they had family. They taught me the value of hard work and perseverance. I'll never forget where I come from, and I'll always be a voice for regular families like mine.

I was the first in my family to go to college, and I believe every American should have the same opportunities I've had: strong schools, affordable health care, and a good job to support your family.

I run for President because my parents passed a better world on to me. I believe the moral test of our generation is whether we will do the same for our children.

To pass this test, we need fundamental change. We need to fix the broken system in Washington. We need a President who will take on the special interests, and fight for universal health care. For an economy that works for middle-class families. For aggressive action to halt global warming. For ending the war in Iraq, and restoring America's moral leadership around the world. For comprehensive immigration reform, for workers' right to organize – and for One America for all of us.

I run because after seven years of George Bush, we need a leader who will be straight with the American people. And I run because I believe that it's time for Democrats to have a little backbone and lead the way to a better America.



# Presidential Candidates - Democratic Party



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**Occupation:** Presidential Candidate

**Education:** BS, Economics, Columbia University, 1956.

**Military service:** US Army Special Agent, Counter Intelligence Corps.

**Elected experience:** Alaska House of Representatives, 1963 - 1966; US Senate, 1969 - 1981.

**Family:** Married to Whitney Gravel and has 2 children and 4 grandchildren.

**Significant career experience:** Ended the military draft, released the Pentagon Papers, instrumental in ending the Vietnam War, ended nuclear testing in the North Pacific and championed the environment.



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**Occupation:** US Congressman (10th District Ohio).

**Education:** BA, MS, Case Western University, Cleveland, OH.

**Elected experience:** Cleveland City Council/Mayor/Clerk of Courts; Ohio State Senator; Congressman.

**Family:** Wife, Elizabeth; daughter, Jackie, from previous marriage.

**Significant career experience:** As Mayor, he put his political career on the line to prevent the sale of the Cleveland Municipal Electrical system to a private utility, eventually saving the citizens of Cleveland millions of dollars. In Congress Kucinich has been an advocate for peace and civil rights. He led the effort against the Patriot Act and against going to war in Iraq. He is the 2003 Gandhi Peace Award winner.

Dear Washington Democrats,

Like most of you, I oppose this immoral, bankrupting Iraq War. I opposed it in 2002, describing it as our next Vietnam. In October of 2007, I was the first candidate to call out the horrendous Senate legislation that now steps us closer to war with Iran.

The military-industrial complex and big money lobbyists control our government. I am their most outspoken critic. I am also critical of our Democratic leadership in Congress who have not stood up to George Bush. I proved back in 1971 that successful confrontation from the Senate floor is possible. I took on the Nixon Administration and the Vietnam War with a one-man filibuster that successfully ended the military draft and saved thousands of lives.

Under my Administration, we would stop wasting a trillion dollars on war. We would spend our money to develop renewable energy, to get off of oil in 5 years and off of carbon in 10. With solar, wind, liquid hydrogen and others, (not ethanol and not nuclear!) we will be a world leader in green technology. This is good for business, jobs, and the health of ourselves, our children and our planet.

My plan for America includes universal healthcare, quality education, a progressive FairTax, same-sex marriage, reproductive rights, legalizing marijuana/regulating hard drugs, Net neutrality and, most importantly, a plan to empower you – the citizens of this great country – to vote directly on the issues. Find out more at [NationalInitiative.us](http://NationalInitiative.us).

Gratefully,  
Senator Mike Gravel

We have seen partisan politics divide us, bringing fear and anxiety into our daily lives. We have seen our Constitution undermined. We have been pushed into an illegal and immoral war. Our wealth is being squandered, our soldiers dying needlessly, our jobs are being lost, and the world's environment is being destroyed. Neighbor is being pitted against neighbor. America's reputation as a nation of peace and justice is lost.

The Washington DC establishment – both Democratic and Republican – continues to do the bidding of industry and corporations, while failing to care for the domestic needs of human beings.

Working together we can move this country in a whole new direction: investing in universal education, jobs, renewable energies, a level economy, and health care for all, where doctors and patients – not insurance companies – make the decisions. We can have a foreign policy based upon diplomacy and dialogue; on Strength Through Peace. We can stand for basic civil liberties such as marriage equality and habeas corpus.

I stand not on promises but on my work in Congress: HR 1234, for immediate withdrawal from Iraq; HR 676, for universal single-payer, not-for-profit health care; HR 3400, to rebuild America's infrastructure; and HRes 333, to impeach Vice President Cheney.

Your vote can make a difference. You can reject politics as usual and show the Political bosses you want a leader with true vision, a President not afraid to speak the truth. I offer a vision built upon principles of peace, not profit; leadership with no strings attached. This election is not about reclaiming the White House for the Democratic Party. It's about speaking with an Independent voice, about reclaiming America for all who live here.

I ask for your vote. I will be proud to have your vote, and to have you stand with me.

Thank you.



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## Barack Obama

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**Education:** Columbia University: Bachelor of Arts, Political Science.  
Harvard University: Juris Doctorate.

**Elected experience:** Illinois Senate: 1997 - 2004. United States Senate: 2005 - Present.

**Family:** Barack, his wife Michelle, and their children, Malia and Sasha, attend Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago.

**Significant career experience:** Community Organizer; Director of Project Vote; Civil Rights Attorney; Senior Lecturer in Constitutional Law; University of Chicago Law School; President of the Harvard Law Review.

Dear Friend,

America is at a crossroads, and your vote in this election is extremely important. I believe deeply in the potential of our country, because we've met big challenges before. And we can meet them again if we're willing to challenge the conventional thinking in DC and unite behind a common purpose.

We need a President who has sound judgment, integrity, and the ability to bring people together. I've shown sound judgment by opposing the Iraq War from the start, and standing firm against attempts to open the door to war with Iran. I've proven my integrity by taking on lobbyists and even leaders of my own party to pass the toughest ethics reform legislation since Watergate. And I've brought people together throughout my career, working with Republicans and Democrats to solve big problems, from welfare reform to health care for kids to tax fairness for working families.

I've been frank about the challenges we face and what I would do as President. We cannot meet these challenges – Social Security's solvency, an environment threatened by global warming, and a lack of affordable health care – if we stick with the old Washington playbook. I'm running for President to rebuild an America that is safe, healthy and prosperous at home, and strong and respected abroad. Unite your voice with millions of others who have already voted for change, and we can seize this opportunity to turn the page and build a brighter future for our children and grandchildren.

Thank you for voting, and for considering my candidacy for President of the United States.

Sincerely,  
Barack Obama



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**Occupation:** Governor of New Mexico

**Education:** Tufts University

**Elected experience:** Governor of New Mexico, 2003 - present; United States Congressman from New Mexico, 1983-1997.

**Family:** Bill Richardson has been married to Barbara Richardson for 35 years.

**Significant career experience:** In addition to serving as a two-term Governor and a seven-term Congressman, Bill Richardson's career has included serving as United States Secretary of Energy, 1998-2001, and as the United States Ambassador to the United Nations, 1997-1998. In addition, Richardson has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize five times, and negotiated the release of hostages, American servicemen, and prisoners in North Korea, Iraq, and Cuba.

I have a bold vision for America, and the experience to change how we do things in this country.

I will end the war with a rapid and complete withdrawal of our troops, and then I will use diplomacy to help the Iraqis begin the healing process. I have delivered for America as a diplomat and I can restore America's global leadership. My education plan is more extensive than any candidate's. Organizations like the Sierra Club and the League of Conservation Voters have called my energy initiative the most daring. I have also outlined how I would pay for each of my plans at [www.RichardsonForPresident.com](http://www.RichardsonForPresident.com).

America needs experience. I am a progressive Governor in a red state with a record of getting things done. Since I took office in 2003, over 80,000 more New Mexicans are working—and we have the lowest unemployment rate in our state's history. I've made New Mexico the clean energy state by adopting stricter environmental standards and requiring utilities to produce energy from renewable sources. We've extended access to health coverage to all children under the age of 12. We raised teacher salaries and standards, and invested in schools. We've done all this while cutting taxes for every New Mexican and balancing the budget.

Every American deserves a fair shot—not just the privileged few. It will take bold leadership to change America, and I have the experience to bring people together to get things done.

# Presidential Candidates - Republican Party



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**Occupation:** Attorney

**Education:** Manhattan College, 1965; New York University Law School, 1968.

**Elected experience:** Elected 107th Mayor of the City of New York in 1993; re-elected in 1997.

**Family:** Married to Judith Giuliani.

**Significant career experience:** In 1981, President Reagan appointed him Associate Attorney General. Rudy later became a US Attorney, prosecuting organized crime and corrupt politicians. As Mayor, he cut taxes 23 times, reduced crime and welfare rolls by half, and turned a \$2.3 billion deficit into a multibillion dollar surplus.

Rudy led New York's recovery after September 11 and was named *Time* magazine's Person of the Year. In 2002, he wrote the bestseller, *Leadership*.

I'm running for President of the United States because our country needs strong, optimistic and determined leadership to meet the challenges we will face in the future.

The 2008 election offers a choice to all Americans about the direction of our nation. The next President must ensure we remain on offense against the Islamic Terrorists' War on Us – because if we drift back to defense we're going to face a longer war with larger problems. The next President must also restore fiscal discipline to Washington – cutting taxes and wasteful spending – so we can empower people, not government.

Over the course of this campaign, I've made 12 Commitments to the American People. These include ending illegal immigration, moving toward energy independence, increasing our involvement in the global economy and strengthening our reputation around the world.

I have a proven record of results and executive experience as Mayor of America's largest city, where we improved the quality of life by cutting crime and welfare in half while reducing taxes 23 times. As President, I will focus on finding solutions, getting results and making government work for all of our citizens. America can meet any challenge when we focus on what unites us, not what divides us. We solve our problems best from strength, not weakness – from optimism, not pessimism.

Please visit my website, [www.JoinRudy2008.com](http://www.JoinRudy2008.com), to learn more. Together, we can hand our nation to the next generation better than it was handed to us.



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**Education:** Ouachita Baptist University, 1974.

**Elected experience:** In 1993, Mike Huckabee became only the second Republican since Reconstruction to be elected Lt. Governor of Arkansas. He served as Governor from 1996 to 2006.

**Family:** Mike Huckabee grew up in Hope, Arkansas, where his father worked as a fireman and mechanic. In 1974, he married his wife, Janet. They have three children.

**Significant career experience:** Before working in government, Mike Huckabee served as a pastor in Arkansas. During his governorship, his dedication and achievements in education, health care, crisis management, fiscal responsibility and other areas caused *Time* magazine to name him one of the top five governors in America.

I am running for President because I believe that the American dream is still alive, and right now our country needs a leader who can lift the nation up and optimistically address the challenges we will face in the coming years.

I have the most executive experience out of all the presidential candidates, having served 10½ years as Governor of Arkansas. During this time, I was selected to head the National Governors' Association, and I was named one of the top five governors by *Time* magazine.

As President, I will protect America from terrorism; secure our borders and stop illegal immigration; protect the sanctity of life; improve the health care system; put the IRS out of business by adopting the FairTax; make America energy-independent so that our gas dollars no longer fund terrorism; restore the nation's ability to respond to a man-made or natural crisis; protect Second Amendment rights; improve education and make arts and music available to all students; and pass a Veterans' Bill of Rights.

One thing people often ask me is how my faith influences my decisions. I want to be clear that my faith doesn't influence my decisions – it drives them. For example, when it comes to the environment, I believe that we are called to be good stewards of the resources God has given us. I believe in protecting the lives of the weak and helpless, including unborn children, because our Creator values each person and expects us to do the same. I believe that people in government must overcome stubborn divisiveness and rigid partisanship to achieve a cooperative spirit and a bright, unifying vision for our nation.

Please join me in lifting America up and securing a brighter future for our children and grandchildren.





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**Occupation:** Member of Congress, CA-52 (San Diego County).

**Education:** 1966 Rubidoux High School, Riverside, CA; 1976 JD Western States University Law School (GI Bill).

**Military service:** Volunteered US Army, 173rd Airborne; 75th Rangers, Vietnam, 1970-71. Honorably discharged at rank of 1st Lieutenant.

**Elected experience:** Elected Member of Congress, 1980; Re-elected 14 consecutive terms, Chairman of House Armed Services Committee, 2003-07.

**Family:** Married 33 years to Lynne, two sons, four grandchildren; Trinity Baptist Church of El Cajon, CA.

**Significant career experience:** US Army; Idaho farmer; filling station operator; construction; and attorney-at-law, including uncompensated services for needy Hispanic residents of San Diego.



## Alan Keyes

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**Occupation:** Well-known pro-life spokesman; author; columnist; orator; statesman.

**Education:** PhD from Harvard University in government; wrote dissertation on constitutional theory.

**Military service:** Son of Army officer.

**Elected experience:** Ran for US Senate in Maryland and Illinois; ran for US President twice before.

**Family:** Wife Jocelyn and three children.

**Significant career experience:** Former Assistant Secretary of State for International Organizations under Ronald Reagan; former Ambassador to UN defending US sovereign interests; and part of the National Security Council staff, with expertise in foreign policy, counter-terrorism, and international diplomacy; former interim president of Alabama A&M; president of Citizens Against Government Waste; founder of National Taxpayers' Action Day; radio and TV talk show host.

Dear Washingtonians:

The challenges facing America demand direct answers and leadership by example.

**BORDERS:** Questions asked by San Diegans back in 1980 are those you ask today. How can we protect our neighborhoods from drug-fueled thievery and violent crime? How can government protect workers and employers from the flow of illegal aliens without border control first? In 1997, I built the double-border fence at San Diego that blocked drug cartel trafficking and crime *on both sides of the US-Mexico Border*. In 2006, I authored the Secure Fence Act obligating our President to construct 854 additional miles. Your Hunter Administration will fulfill that mandate inside its first six months! Your family's security and livelihoods are simply too great a concern of mine to ignore this law.

**TRADE and JOBS:** Your Hunter Administration will protect jobs by no longer ignoring foreign government-rebated tariffs and currency manipulation. America's *Arsenal of Democracy* is threatened by a Chinese Communist government that prostitutes slave labor and its natural environment so severely that it can afford to devalue its currency in pursuit of greedier global marketshares. That government-sponsored manipulation depresses both US demand and export demand for US products. Who can ignore your neighbor's job lost to the unfair trade practices of foreign governments? I won't.

**WAR ON TERROR:** The 9-11 attacks inflicted unspeakable murder upon thousands of our fellow Americans and waged economic warfare upon you! No Boeing aircraft flew for days thereafter. The perseverance of our brave soldiers and your shared sacrifice have gained temporary victory over this threat. Thank you soldiers, and citizens. From the battlefields of Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan my family knows shared sacrifice. Join me now in goodwill that these young constitutional democracies of Iraq and Afghanistan will survive to establish America's gifts of civil liberties, self-defense and peace.

The sovereignty of the American people is being destroyed.

To address this crisis, we must first restore our *moral sovereignty*, beginning with the truth that all people are endowed by God with certain unalienable rights, the most important of which is the right to life itself. *I therefore support ending legal abortion and outlawing human cloning*, as well as all forms of scientific research that require the destruction of human life at any stage after fertilization.

We must also restore the integrity of our *physical sovereignty* by using all appropriate means, including physical barriers, electronic surveillance, and the creation of a US Border Guard to control our national borders. We must *strictly enforce our immigration laws* and take down the "Y'all Come" sign that corporate factions have erected to lure cheap labor across the border. No longer can we allow the steady erosion of the economic equity American workers have achieved through hard-fought social and political battles.

To restore our *constitutional sovereignty*, we must, if necessary, *impeach and remove from office* those judges who seek to dictate the law rather than apply the law made by our duly-elected representatives. If elected, *I will act on the President's sworn duty to follow the Constitution*, rather than the contrary opinions of dictatorial judges.

To restore our *economic sovereignty*, I will vigorously seek to *abolish the national income tax and replace it with the FairTax*, and thus fund the federal government by means that do not require the surrender of fundamental constitutional rights.



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## John McCain

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**Occupation:** US Senator

**Education:** US Naval Academy

**Military service:** John McCain began his naval career as an aviator, which included over five years as a prisoner of war in North Vietnam. His military honors include the Silver Star, Bronze Star, and the Purple Heart.

**Elected experience:** In 1982, he was elected to Congress representing Arizona. In 1986, he was elected to the Senate where he serves as the senior Senator from Arizona.

**Family:** McCain has seven children and four grandchildren. He and his wife, Cindy, reside in Phoenix.

**Significant career experience:** John McCain has spent his life in service to this nation, either in uniform or public office.

I believe our nation's best days are ahead and remain committed to an America with a strong national defense, a smaller, more accountable government, and a robust economy.

As President, I will protect our nation from all enemies. We confront a titanic struggle against Islamic extremism that will not be won quickly or easily. But we will win it. I look forward to bringing our troops home but know that we must bring them home in victory and with honor. Our enemies are in this fight to win. Be assured that I will employ all instruments of national power to defeat them.

At home, Americans have lost trust in their government. To restore their trust, I will secure our borders, veto pork-barrel bills, keep taxes low and reform our tax code. I will nominate judges who do not legislate from the bench. I will work to modernize Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, bring choice and competition to our schools, and address climate change. We must also fix our health care system, not through more government, but by empowering the market to offer affordable and portable insurance options while we help those without insurance access quality care.

I am running for President to make sure America maintains its place as the political, military and economic leader of the world. I am running for President of the United States, a blessed country, a proud country, a hopeful country and the greatest force for good on earth.



## Ron Paul

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**Occupation:** Dr. Paul is currently in his tenth term in the US House of Representatives.

**Education:** Graduated from Gettysburg College and Duke University School of Medicine.

**Military service:** Air Force and Air National Guard flight surgeon during the Vietnam-era.

**Elected experience:** Serves on the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Joint Economic Committee, and is ranking member of the House Committee on Financial Services' Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade and Technology.

**Family:** Married to wife Carol for over fifty years; has five children, eighteen grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

**Significant career experience:** Is widely known for fighting for limited, constitutional government, low taxes, and sound monetary policies.

I am Dr. Ron Paul, the champion of the Constitution. In ten terms in Congress, I have never voted for an unbalanced budget or tax increase. I have never voted to raise congressional pay, increase the power of the executive branch, or regulate the internet.

As a medical doctor, I delivered more than 4,000 babies and advocate a health care system where patients have choices, including alternative care, and where competition will drive costs down.

I want to stop spending hundreds of billions of dollars overseas and use those funds to pay down our burgeoning debt, reduce taxes, shore up Social Security, and strengthen Veterans' benefits. I would immediately bring the troops home from Iraq.

My six-point immigration plan is to: (1) Physically secure our borders; (2) Enforce visa rules; (3) Not allow amnesty; (4) Provide no welfare for those here illegally; (5) End birthright citizenship; and (6) Create true reform that is fair for all.

I will continue to oppose a North American Union. I favor repeal of the Patriot Act, would stop the national ID card, and would end the erosion of our privacy rights and civil liberties.

I will stop corporate polluters and end corporate welfare. I would also move immediately to return to a sound monetary policy, to end the "inflation tax," and to protect our dollar. I will act to end irresponsible government spending, which is threatening our future. I am committed to ending the personal income tax and the IRS.



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## Mitt Romney

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**Occupation:** Business

**Education:** BA with Highest Honors from Brigham Young University in 1971; MBA from Harvard Business School in 1975 and JD cum laude from Harvard Law School that same year.

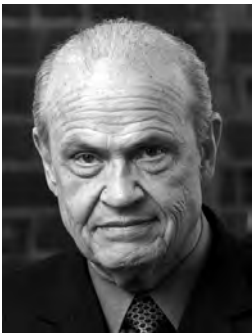
**Elected experience:** Governor of Massachusetts 2002-2006.

**Family:** Governor Romney has been married to his high school sweetheart, Ann, for 38 years. They have five sons, and eleven grandchildren.

**Significant career experience:** In his three years running the Salt Lake City Winter Olympics, Romney erased a \$379 million operating deficit, organized 23,000 volunteers, and oversaw an unprecedented security mobilization just months after the September 11th attacks.

In 1984, Romney founded Bain Capital, which helped set hundreds of companies on a successful course.

I am running for President because I want future generations to live in an America that is safe and prosperous and free. Ten years ago, there wasn't much question about that: we had won the Cold War, our "new economy" was outpacing our rivals, the dollar was strong and markets were surging. A lot has changed since then. But Washington hasn't. As President, I will bring conservative change to Washington as I did as Governor: cutting taxes, cutting spending, defending life, promoting traditional marriage, reforming health care, and enforcing our immigration laws. The challenges we face seem daunting, but Americans always rise to the occasion – we will overcome these as we have many others before. But for our children to inherit from us the great and hopeful America that was bequeathed to us by our parents, we must change Washington. I am optimistic about America's future. I have seen the goodness and resolve of the American people. Challenges make us strong. If I am elected President, I will draw on my experience, my values, and this vision of American strength to keep America the hope of the world, and the promise of a bright future for our children.



## Fred Thompson

Website: [www.Fred08.com](http://www.Fred08.com)

**Occupation:** Lawyer, actor.

**Education:** First person in family to graduate from high school. College: Memphis State; Law school: Vanderbilt.

**Elected experience:** US Senator, 1994-2003.

**Family:** Married, two children (4 and 1); three children (one deceased) from a prior marriage.

**Significant career experience:** Successful federal prosecutor; Counsel to Senate Watergate Committee; lawyer (helped bring down a corrupt Democratic Tennessee Governor). As a conservative US Senator, fought for tax cuts; spending restraint; strong national security; and more effective government services. Recently advised the President on and guided the confirmation of Chief Justice John Roberts through the US Senate and chaired the State Department's advisory committee on international security.

Conservative principles of limited government, personal freedom and responsibility, lower taxes and spending, strong national defense, and the rule of law built this country and are my guiding tenets. My vision for America is focused on providing security, seeking national unity, and fostering prosperity. The first responsibility of the national government is to protect the country from those who want to destroy us and our way of life. To do so, we must strengthen our military; work with our allies; improve homeland security; enforce border security; and prevent illegal immigration. Only a prosperous nation can achieve these goals. We are facing a crisis caused by unsustainable government spending. We must restrain these costs or our economy will be crippled, leaving us unable to address our nation's future challenges and leaving our children and grandchildren less well-off. Reforming our entitlement programs without raising taxes will be one of my top priorities. We must also reform the tax system and reduce the size and scope of the federal government. Adhering to the rule of law and appointing judges who will interpret and not make law will further ensure that our God-given rights are protected and secure. America's future depends on sound leadership, courage, and bold ideas. It is time for us to work together to further our shared values and pursue our common interests. I can provide the leadership to achieve these goals.

## ***A Northwest Phenomenon - Vote by Mail***

The Northwest phenomenon that moved Oregon elections from busy polling stations to kitchen tables across the state is sweeping across Washington. When voters elect the next President of the United States this year, only Pierce County will conduct multiple elections by offering mail voting and countywide poll sites; only two poll sites will be set up in Kittitas County; Washington's 37 other counties will conduct their elections entirely by mail.

First, research shows that voting by mail promotes informed choices. At households everywhere, families can spread voters' pamphlets, campaign literature, and election materials across a kitchen table and study the issues as they vote. No one is expected to remember qualifications of little known candidates running for the offices that most directly impact their communities, neighborhoods, and households.

Second, Washingtonians overwhelmingly prefer to vote at home. In the 2006 Primary, of the Washington voters who turned out, 88 percent cast their ballots by mail. For the small number of voters who remain, funding and staffing poll sites is not a practical use of public resources.

Third, voting by mail increases turnout. The people's democracy ought to be accessible to the public it serves. Voting at home gives citizens more access to the ballot. They can vote at any time over more than two weeks instead of juggling busy schedules around the hours of a poll site.

Fourth, voting by mail simplifies the elections process and reduces opportunity for human error. Offering both poll sites and vote by mail requires elections administrators to essentially conduct two elections. This complicated elections process increases the likelihood of human error which will in turn chip away at the public's faith in democracy.

All told, voting by mail makes sense for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. It is responsible public service to establish a thriving democracy that represents the will of the public at large, safeguards the integrity of the elections, and promotes informed voting.

### **History of Vote by Mail**

As early as 1915, Washington allowed voters to cast ballots by mail if they were unable to be present at their proper precincts on Election Day. Washington further expanded mail voting incrementally.

In 1967, elections in precincts with fewer than 100 registered voters could be conducted by mail. These became known as vote by mail precincts. The threshold was later increased to 200 registered voters.

In 1974, the Legislature authorized no-excuse mail voting. This allowed voters to request mail ballots without stating a particular need. Currently, 28 states in the nation allow for no-excuse mail voting.

In 1983, a jurisdiction could request that a special election, such as a levy election, be conducted by mail.

Beginning in 1985, voters with disabilities and those voters over the age of 65 could request to receive ballots for all future elections by mail. In 1993, the Legislature voted to expand this to all registered voters.

Also in 1993, county elections departments could conduct nonpartisan primaries by mail. These became known as vote by mail elections.

By 2002, five rural counties conducted all elections in the county by mail because all precincts were vote by mail precincts.

The close Governor's race in the 2004 General Election revealed a number of flaws in Washington's election system. Through several investigations, a common finding was the inefficiency and high risk of error caused by administering two elections simultaneously, as is done when counties offer both vote by mail and poll sites during an election.

Over the following years, the Office of the Secretary of State, in partnership with the county elections departments, worked with the Legislature to enact sweeping reforms to improve the way elections are run in Washington State, but stopped short of limiting elections to vote by mail only, leaving that decision up to each county. Many counties, seeing the benefit of all-mail voting, phased out poll sites on their own.

# ***Major Political Party Caucuses and Conventions***

## **Major Political Party Caucuses**

Candidates for most offices that appear in the general election are nominated in the state primary. The office of President is an important exception to this rule. Candidates for President are nominated by the political parties at their national conventions. These nominations are based on the results of each state's Presidential Primary, party caucuses, or both.

The delegates to the national conventions are selected through precinct caucuses, county or legislative district conventions, and finally a state convention. Under national or state party rules, national convention delegates may be bound or pledged to a particular candidate based on the number of votes the candidate received in the state's Presidential Primary or party caucuses.

The caucus is a neighborhood-level meeting open to all members of a particular political party. The parties will invite voters to participate in the caucuses and will require participants to sign an oath declaring their party affiliation. The Washington Democratic and Republican caucuses will be held on Saturday, February 9, 2008. Voters can participate in both the party caucuses and the Presidential Primary as long as they participate on behalf of the same party. Each party will receive a list of voters who chose to affiliate with that party in the primary. In addition to the selection of delegates, participants have the opportunity to determine the party platform and resolutions, and meet party candidates for a variety of local, state and national offices.

## **Rules and Procedures**

Each political party has the authority under the United States Constitution and state law to adopt rules to govern the delegate selection process and other party activities that occur in conjunction with the caucuses and conventions.

These party rules specify the number of delegates from each precinct to the county or legislative district convention, the number of delegates from each county or legislative district convention to the state convention, and the procedural rules for conducting caucuses and conventions. A copy of the rules of either party should be available prior to the caucuses from the state committee of that party.

## **Additional Information**

The dates and locations of all party caucuses and conventions receive advance media coverage and are generally advertised by the parties. Specific questions about nominating procedures should be directed to the parties. The contact information for the two major political parties is:

### **Washington State Democratic Party**

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### **Washington State Republican Party**

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## **Need More Information?**

Individuals who are interested in participating in the caucus process should contact their county elections department (page 22) for information on how to contact their Precinct Committee Officer, the chairperson of their County Central Committee, or the state party headquarters for specific information.



## ***The Nomination Process for Independent and Minor Party Candidates***

The following information is a useful guide to anyone interested in running for partisan elective office in 2008. This summary of the procedures governing the nomination of independent and minor party candidates is **NOT** meant to be inclusive. Persons interested in this procedure should review Chapter 29A.20 of the Revised Code of Washington.

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### **Conventions**

An independent or minor party candidate for partisan office must begin the qualification process by holding a nominating convention anytime between the first Saturday in May and the second Saturday in May. Nomination conventions for candidates for President and Vice President may also be held between the first Saturday in June and the fourth Saturday in July.

At least 10 days before the convention, a notice must be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county where the convention is to be held. The notice must list the date, time, and location of the convention, and the mailing address of the person or organization sponsoring the convention. The convention must be attended by at least 100 voters registered in the jurisdiction of the office.

### **Certificates of Nomination**

The convention must issue a certificate of nomination listing the candidates nominated and including the signatures of registered voters attending the convention. Candidates for President and Vice President, US Senate, US Representative, or a statewide office must gather the signatures of at least 1,000 voters registered in the state. The 1,000 signatures may be gathered at multiple conventions. Candidates for all other offices must submit the signatures of at least 100 voters registered in the jurisdiction of the office. The 100 signatures must be gathered at a single convention.

The certificate of nomination must include specific information required by law, such as the name, address, and office of each candidate nominated, the name of the independent or minor party candidate, and a sworn statement from candidates for President and Vice President, if there are any, giving their consent to the nomination.

### **Where to File the Certificate of Nomination**

The certificate must be filed with the appropriate filing officer no later than one week after the convention (RCW 29A.20.161).

### **Verification of Signatures**

The filing officer must check the certificate and verify that the signatures on the nominating petition meet the requirements of state law. Prior to the regular candidate filing period, the Secretary of State must notify the county elections department of all independent or minor party candidates who have filed valid certificates of nomination with the Office of the Secretary of State.

### **Presidential Electors**

If the nomination is for candidates for President and Vice President, the convention must also submit a list of presidential electors to the Office of the Secretary of State no later than 10 days after the convention.

### **Eligibility to File a Declaration of Candidacy**

If the filing officer determines that the certificate of nomination is valid, the independent or minor party candidate must file a declaration of candidacy and pay the filing fee during the regular filing period. The requirement to file a declaration of candidacy does not apply to candidates for President and Vice President.

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### **Need More Information?**

For forms and more information, contact the Office of the Secretary of State, 520 Union Avenue SE, PO Box 40229, Olympia, WA 98504-0229 or your county elections department. County phone numbers and addresses are listed in the back of this pamphlet.

# Election Reform

## Things are changing in Washington State

The way we vote in Washington State is changing. A long list of dramatic improvements has transformed the voting process since the close race for Governor in 2004.



To date, we've removed more than 370,000 duplicate and illegal records from Washington's voter registration rolls. Prior to legislative approval of the statewide Voter Registration Database, this was not possible because each of the 39 county elections departments maintained its own voter records. Close scrutiny of each duplicate and illegal record is made prior to removing any from the voter rolls.



We've strengthened requirements to register to vote. Registration applications include checkboxes to identify citizenship and overseas/military voter status and include a requirement for a Washington State driver's license or ID number, or the last four digits of the social security number. Additionally, state agencies are permitted to share felon and deceased voter information with elections administrators, and felons are notified at the time of sentencing that their voting rights are lost. Elections administrators verify the validity of each application before adding it to a county voter roll.



Washington moved the date of the state primary from September to August so ballots have time to reach our men and women in uniform stationed overseas. This also provides elections workers more time to wrap up the primary and properly prepare for the general election.



The Office of the Secretary of State now has increased authority to review county elections practices more frequently and identify changes that must be made. Each county will be reviewed every three years.



Accessible Voting Units are allowing those with disabilities to independently cast a secret ballot for the first time in their lives. All voting equipment used in Washington State is tested and certified by the Federal Election Assistance Commission, and the Office of the Secretary of State. Logic and Accuracy tests are conducted on the equipment by county and state elections staff prior to each state and federal election to prevent tampering and ensure the equipment is secure.

## *Public Access to Campaign Spending Reports*

### **Federal Campaigns**

Contributions to presidential candidates are regulated by federal law. An individual may contribute a maximum of \$2,300 in the primary and \$2,300 in the general election to each candidate for President. Corporations, labor unions, federal government contractors, and foreign nationals are prohibited from contributing from their general treasury funds to federal campaigns. Contributions may be made from separate segregated funds (also called political action committees or PACs). Copies of the federal campaign finance reports are available from the Federal Election Commission (FEC).

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#### **Need More Information?**

For federal campaigns, contact the Federal Election Commission by phone at (202) 694-1100, toll-free (800) 424-9530, TDD/TTY (202) 219-3336, or visit [www.fec.gov](http://www.fec.gov).

## *Help America Vote Act Information*

Under Section 402(a)(2) of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA), P.L. 107-252 and Washington Administrative Code, Chapter 434-263, any person who believes that a violation of any provision of Title III of HAVA has occurred, is occurring, or is about to occur, may file a complaint with the Office of the Secretary of State. A complaint form can be found at [www.secstate.wa.gov/elections/reform\\_federal.aspx](http://www.secstate.wa.gov/elections/reform_federal.aspx) or a letter containing the following information will be considered an acceptable complaint.

#### **A. Person making complaint**

Name, address, city, state, ZIP, county, and home and work phone numbers

#### **B. Description of the alleged violation**

Please identify:

1. The facts of the alleged violation;
2. Witnesses, if any, and contact information if you have it;
3. Date and time you became aware of the alleged violation;
4. Location where the alleged violation occurred;
5. Who is responsible for the alleged violation; and
6. Other information that you think will be helpful in resolving your complaint.

All complaints must be **notarized** and filed no later than 30 calendar days after the certification of the election at issue and sent to the Office of the Secretary of State, Elections Division, PO Box 40229, Olympia, WA 98504-0229. The state shall make a final determination within 90 days of receiving the complaint.

## *Address Confidentiality Program*

If you are a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking who has chosen not to register to vote because you are afraid your perpetrator will track you down through voter registration records, the Office of the Secretary of State has a program that might be able to help you. The Address Confidentiality Program (ACP) works together with community domestic violence and sexual assault programs in an effort to keep crime victims safer. The ACP provides participants with a substitute mailing address that can be used when the victim conducts business with state or local government agencies. The ACP also provides participants with the option of confidential voter registration. All ACP participants must be referred to the program by a local domestic violence or sexual assault advocate who can help develop a comprehensive safety plan.

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#### **Need More Information?**

For more information about the ACP and the phone number of victim resources in your community, call the ACP toll-free at (800) 822-1065, TDD/TTY at (800) 664-9677 or visit [www.secstate.wa.gov/acp](http://www.secstate.wa.gov/acp).

# 2008 Mock Presidential Primary

Kids can vote for President too!



Students in grades 1 – 12 may  
cast their ballots the week of  
February 11 – 15, 2008.

The Office of the Secretary of State is hosting the Washington State 2008 Mock Presidential Primary.

All the Democratic and Republican candidates for President appearing in Washington State's 2008 Presidential Primary will be on the mock ballot. Just like in the real Presidential Primary, students may choose their favorite candidate to represent either of the two major political parties in the 2008 November General Election.

For more information about the 2008 Mock Presidential Primary, and to vote, go to **[www.vote.wa.gov](http://www.vote.wa.gov)** and click on "Vote for Kids" and then "Student/Parent Mock Presidential Primary."



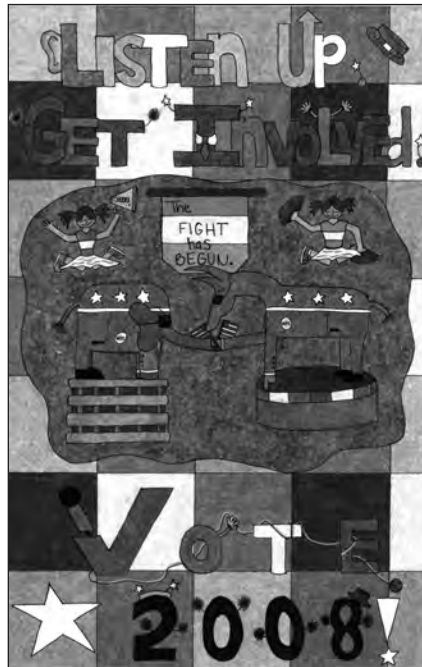
# Kids' Cover Art Contest

Listen up. Get involved. Vote!

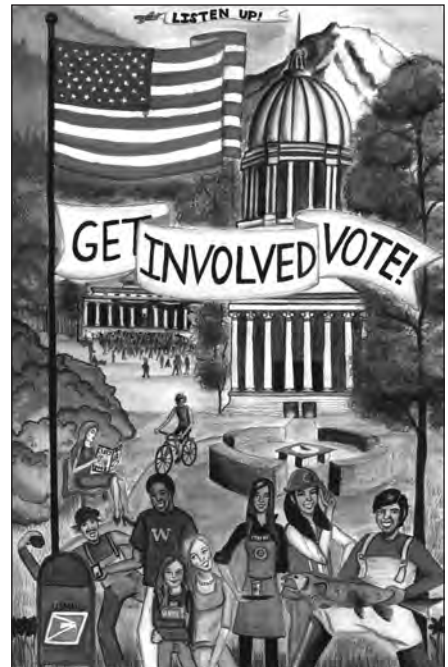
## Where did that great Voters' Pamphlet cover art come from?

Congratulations to **Casey Armstrong** of South Kitsap High School in Port Orchard, the winner of the 2008 Presidential Primary Voters' Pamphlet Kids' Cover Art Contest!

While all entries were inspiring, the following students deserve honorable mention.



Lisa, age 15



Marlena, age 17



Alexandria, age 15

To view all the contest entries, go to [www.vote.wa.gov](http://www.vote.wa.gov) and click on "Vote for Kids" and then "Voters' Pamphlet Cover Art Contest."

<b>County Elections Department Information</b>					These numbers require special telephone equipment to operate.
COUNTY ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT	MAILING ADDRESS	CITY	ZIP	TELEPHONE NUMBER	TDD/TTY SERVICE ONLY for the speech or hearing impaired.
Adams	210 W Broadway, Ste 200	Ritzville	99169	(509) 659-3249	(509) 659-1122
Asotin	PO Box 129	Asotin	99402	(509) 243-2084	(800) 855-1155
Benton	PO Box 470	Prosser	99350	(509) 736-3085	(800) 833-6388
Chelan	PO Box 400	Wenatchee	98807	(509) 667-6808	(800) 833-6388
Clallam	223 E Fourth St, Ste 1	Port Angeles	98362	(360) 417-2221	(800) 833-6388
Clark	PO Box 8815	Vancouver	98666-8815	(360) 397-2345	(800) 223-3131
Columbia	341 E Main St	Dayton	99328-1361	(509) 382-4541	(800) 833-6388
Cowlitz	207 N Fourth Ave, Rm 107	Kelso	98626	(360) 577-3005	(360) 577-3061
Douglas	PO Box 456/213 S Rainier St	Waterville	98858	(509) 745-8527	(509) 745-8527, Ext 207
Ferry	350 E Delaware Ave #2	Republic	99166	(509) 775-5200	(800) 833-6388
Franklin	PO Box 1451	Pasco	99301	(509) 545-3538	(800) 833-6388
Garfield	PO Box 278	Pomeroy	99347	(509) 843-1411	(800) 833-6388
Grant	PO Box 37	Ephrata	98823	(509) 754-2011 Ext 343	(800) 833-6388
Grays Harbor	100 W Broadway, Ste 2	Montesano	98563	(360) 249-4232	(360) 249-6575
Island	PO Box 1410	Coupeville	98239	(360) 679-7366	(360) 679-7305
Jefferson	PO Box 563	Port Townsend	98368	(360) 385-9119	(800) 833-6388
King	919 SW Grady Way	Renton	98057	(206) 296-8683	(206) 296-0109
Kitsap	614 Division St	Port Orchard	98366	(360) 337-7128	(800) 833-6388
Kittitas	205 W Fifth Ave, Ste 105	Ellensburg	98926	(509) 962-7503	(800) 833-6388
Klickitat	205 S Columbus Ave, Stop 2	Goldendale	98620	(509) 773-4001	(800) 833-6388
Lewis	PO Box 29	Chehalis	98532-0029	(360) 740-1278	(360) 740-1480
Lincoln	PO Box 28	Davenport	99122	(509) 725-4971	(800) 833-6388
Mason	PO Box 400	Shelton	98584	(360) 427-9670 Ext 469	(800) 833-6388
Okanogan	PO Box 1010	Okanogan	98840	(509) 422-7240	(800) 833-6388
Pacific	PO Box 97	South Bend	98586-0097	(360) 875-9317	(360) 875-9400
Pend Oreille	PO Box 5015	Newport	99156	(509) 447-3185 Option 3	(509) 447-3186
Pierce	2401 S 35 <sup>th</sup> St, Rm 200	Tacoma	98409	(253) 798-8683 (VOTE)	(800) 833-6388
				(800) 446-4979	
San Juan	PO Box 638	Friday Harbor	98250	(360) 378-3357	(360) 378-4151
Skagit	700 S Second St/PO Box 1306	Mount Vernon	98273	(360) 336-9305	(360) 336-9332
Skamania	PO Box 790	Stevenson	98648	(509) 427-3730	(800) 833-6388
Snohomish	3000 Rockefeller Ave MS 505	Everett	98201	(425) 388-3444	(425) 388-3700
Spokane	1033 W Gardner	Spokane	99260	(509) 477-2320	(509) 477-2333
Stevens	215 S Oak St, Rm 106	Colville	99114	(509) 684-7514	(800) 833-6384
				Toll-free (866) 307-9060	
Thurston	2000 Lakeridge Dr SW	Olympia	98502	(360) 786-5408	(360) 754-2933
Wahkiakum	PO Box 543	Cathlamet	98612	(360) 795-3219	(800) 833-6388
Walla Walla	PO Box 1856/315 W Main St	Walla Walla	99362	(509) 524-2530	(800) 833-6388
Whatcom	311 Grand Ave, Ste 103	Bellingham	98225	(360) 676-6742	(360) 738-4555
Whitman	PO Box 350	Colfax	99111	(509) 397-6353	(800) 833-6388
Yakima	128 N Second St, Rm 117	Yakima	98901	(509) 574-1340	(800) 833-6388

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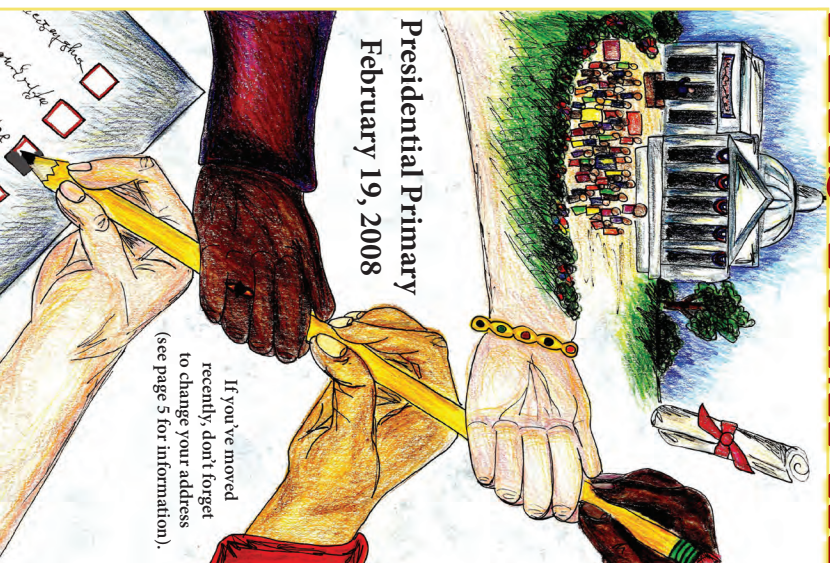
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