

VOTERS' PAMPHLET

Washington State Elections

General Election
November 7



2023

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Ballots mailed out by **October 20**
1 (800) 448-4881 | sos.wa.gov/elections



On behalf of the Office of the Secretary of State and election officials statewide, I am honored to present the 2023 General Election Voters' Pamphlet. This guide includes information about voting to help you make informed decisions as you exercise your right to vote.

To participate in the election, you must be registered to vote. Voter registration forms that are mailed or completed online must be received by Oct. 30. If you are already registered, review your registration information at **VoteWA.gov** to ensure it is up to date. After Oct. 30, you must visit an elections office or voting center during regular business hours or until 8 p.m. on Election Day, Nov. 7, to register to vote or update your registration and receive a ballot.

After you have marked your ballot, be sure to sign the return envelope. Your signature is important because trained election officials check to ensure your signature matches the one on your voter registration record before they count your ballot. Next, return your ballot. If returning by U.S. mail — no postage necessary — remember that ballots must be postmarked by Nov. 7 to be counted. You can also use an official ballot drop box anywhere in the state. Drop boxes are open until 8 p.m. on Election Day. Go to **VoteWA.gov** to locate a ballot drop box or check the status of your ballot.

By voting, you are making your voice heard. Thank you for participating in our democratic process.

Sincerely,

Steve Hobbs
Secretary of State

Has my ballot been counted?

Tracking your ballot is easier than ever!

Sign up for text notifications when you register or update your info at **VoteWA.gov**.



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@WashingtonStateElections



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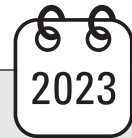
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Deadlines

Ballots mailed to voters by: October 20
 Register by mail, received by: October 30
 Register online by: October 30
 Register in person by: November 7, 8 p.m.
 Election Day: November 7

Local Candidates and Measures



This pamphlet contains information for state candidates.

You will receive a Local Voters’ Pamphlet from your county elections office with information on local candidates and issues.

If you do not receive a Local Voters’ Pamphlet by the time you receive your ballot, contact your county elections office. You can find their contact information listed at the end of this pamphlet.

You can also visit **VoteWA.gov** to view your online Voters’ Guide.

Voter tip:

Use **VoteWA.gov** to:

- Register to vote
- Update your info
- Track ballot status



Voter tip:

Remember to sign and date your ballot return envelope. Trained election officials compare every signed envelope with the signature on the voter registration record.



Political parties

Washington State Democrats
 PO Box 4027
 Seattle, WA 98194
 (206) 309-8683
 info@wa-democrats.org
 www.wa-democrats.org

Washington State Republican Party
 11811 NE 1st St
 Ste A306
 Bellevue, WA 98005
 (425) 460-0570
 info@wsrp.org
 www.wsrp.org



Candidates submitted their contact information for this pamphlet prior to printing. For the most current contact information, visit **VoteWA.gov** and select “Voters’ Guide.”



Who donates to campaigns?

View financial contributors for state and local candidates and measures:

Public Disclosure Commission
 pdc@pdc.wa.gov
 www.pdc.wa.gov
 Toll Free 1 (877) 601-2828

Qualifications

To vote, you must be at least 18 years old, a U.S. citizen, a resident of Washington, and not currently serving a sentence of total confinement in prison.



If you're 16 or 17 years old, you can sign up as a Future Voter and be automatically registered to vote when you qualify.

How do I register to vote?

Online: Register at VoteWA.gov

By mail: Request a paper form be mailed to you or print your own at sos.wa.gov/elections

No internet access? Call 1 (800) 448-4881.

In person: Visit a county elections office (listed at the end of this pamphlet).

Registration deadlines



By mail or online: Your application must be received no later than October 30.

In person: Visit a local voting center no later than 8 p.m. on November 7.

Check your registration info at VoteWA.gov.

Moved? Update your voting address

Contact a county elections office to request a ballot at your new address.

By October 30: Have your application received by mail or updated online.

Or

By November 7: Visit a local voting center in person.



What if I'm not 18 yet?



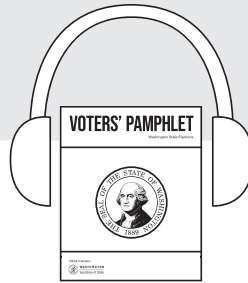
If you are 16 or 17, become a Future Voter!

**# Future
Voter**

Sign up online at VoteWA.gov with your Washington state driver's license, permit, or ID. Or you can fill out a paper registration form using the last four digits of your Social Security number and mail it in. You'll be automatically registered to vote when you qualify. If you will be 18 by the November Election, you can vote in the Primary Election.

Every January on Temperance and Good Citizenship Day, high school students 16 and older have the opportunity to complete a voter registration form in class.

Are accessible voting options available?



Audio and plain text voters' pamphlets available at www.sos.wa.gov/elections

No internet access?

To receive a copy on a USB drive, call **1 (800) 448-4881**.

Contact a county elections office to find an **accessible voting unit** near you.

Felony conviction?



Your right to vote is restored when you are no longer serving a sentence of total confinement in prison.

You must re-register to vote in order to receive a ballot.

You may re-register to vote by mail, in person, or online at **VoteWA.gov**.



Are language services available?

Los votantes del estado de Washington pueden acceder a un folleto electoral para las elecciones generales y a un formulario de inscripción electoral en español en Internet en www.sos.wa.gov/elections.

Ingrese a **VoteWA.gov** para consultar su guía electoral personalizada en Internet o para inscribirse y actualizar su información electoral.

Los votantes de los condados de Yakima, Franklin y Adams reciben materiales electorales bilingües. Los votantes del condado de King pueden solicitar sus materiales de votación en español.

Para solicitar una edición impresa del folleto electoral o de un formulario de inscripción electoral en español, llame al **1 (800) 448-4881**.

華盛頓州的選民可以由線上取得中文版普選選民手冊以及選民登記表，網址為 www.sos.wa.gov/elections。

請瀏覽 **VoteWA.gov** 以查看您的個人化線上選民指南，或登記及更新您的選民資料。

金郡的選民可以索求中文版投票資料。

如欲索取中文選民手冊印刷本或選民登記表，請致電 **1 (800) 448-4881**。

Cử tri tại tiểu bang Washington có thể truy cập trực tuyến Sách Hướng dẫn Cử tri cho cuộc Tổng tuyển cử và mẫu đơn đăng ký cử tri bằng Tiếng Việt tại địa chỉ www.sos.wa.gov/elections.

Truy cập **VoteWA.gov** để xem trực tuyến hướng dẫn dành cho cử tri được cá nhân hóa của quý vị hoặc đăng ký và cập nhật thông tin cử tri của quý vị.

Cử tri tại Quận King có thể yêu cầu tài liệu bỏ phiếu đã được dịch sang Tiếng Việt.

Để yêu cầu bản in của sách hướng dẫn cử tri hoặc mẫu đơn đăng ký cử tri bằng Tiếng Việt, xin quý vị vui lòng gọi số **1 (800) 448-4881**.

If I am a victim of a crime, can I vote safely?



Keep your voting address confidential

You may be able to enroll in the Address Confidentiality Program (ACP) and register as a Protected Records Voter if you are:

- a survivor of domestic violence, sexual assault, trafficking, stalking; or
- a criminal justice participant or election official who is a target for harassment.

To become a Protected Records Voter:

- You meet with a Certified Advocate who can assist with threat assessment, safety planning, and the program application.
- The best time to enroll is when you move or are planning to move to a location that is unknown to the offender and undocumented in public record.

Call 1 (800) 822-1065 or visit www.sos.wa.gov/acp

Student Engagement Hubs



College students are on the move. Public universities offer Student Engagement Hubs to ensure that students never miss an election just because they're away from home.

For dates, hours, and locations, contact student leadership at:

- CWU Ellensburg
- EWU Cheney
- TESC Olympia
- UW Bothell
- UW Seattle
- UW Tacoma
- WSU Pullman
- WSU Tri-Cities
- WSU Vancouver
- WWU Bellingham

How do I know if something is true?

When reviewing online or printed information, think about:

- Who made this, and who is it for?
- Why did they make it?
- When was this made?
- What makes it believable?
- How might other people read this message?
- Ask the experts — consult a fact-checking site or ask an official source. Get trusted info from your county auditor or elections office.



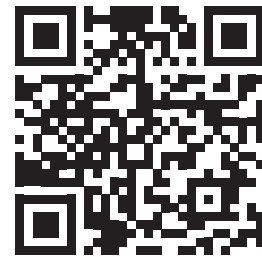
i During the 2023 session, the Legislature passed Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill (ESSB) 5082, which establishes a webpage with new, interactive budget information created by the Legislative Evaluation and Accountability Program (LEAP) Committee and the Office of Financial Management (OFM).

WA Budget Summary:

<https://fiscal.wa.gov/budgetsummary>

Legislative Information Center:

1 (800) 562-6000



How can you access this new webpage?

- Type the URL into your browser
- Scan the QR code with your smartphone or tablet
- Call the Legislative Information Center

What's in the budget?

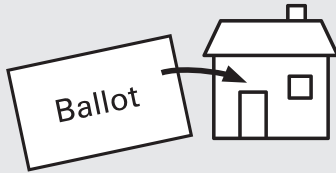
Operating Budget: pays for day-to-day operations of state agencies, colleges and universities, and public schools (including federal funds and dedicated funds).

Transportation Budget: pays for transportation activities, such as designing and maintaining roads and public transit.

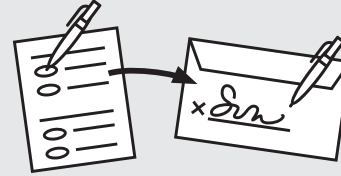
Capital Budget: pays for acquiring and maintaining state buildings, public schools, higher education facilities, public lands, parks, and other assets.

How do I vote and return my ballot?

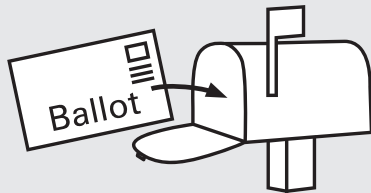
1 If you're registered to vote, there is no need to request a ballot. Your ballot will be mailed by **October 20** to the address you provide on your voter registration. If you need a replacement ballot, contact a county elections office listed at the end of this pamphlet.



2 Vote your ballot and sign your return envelope. We need your signature to accept your ballot. You are not required to vote every race on your ballot. We encourage using this pamphlet to help you decide.

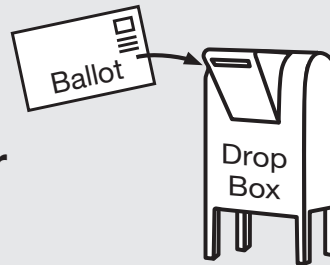


3 Return your ballot by mail, no stamp needed. If mailed, your ballot must be postmarked by **November 7**. Don't let a late postmark disqualify your ballot. The USPS recommends that you mail a week before Election Day.




Or, return your ballot to an official ballot drop box. Drop boxes are open until 8 p.m. on **November 7**. Find drop box locations at **VoteWA.gov**.

Or



If you cannot personally return your ballot, let only people you trust deliver it for you.

4 Check the status of your ballot on **VoteWA.gov** to see if it has been received by your county elections office.



Election staff will contact you before your ballot is processed if:

- Your signature is missing
- Your signature doesn't match your voter registration record

View election results online

After 8 p.m. on election night, tallied results from each county are posted at **results.vote.wa.gov**.

Results are updated as counties report and unofficial until certification.



Judicial Qualifications & Responsibilities

Washington judges are nonpartisan. Judges must be registered Washington voters.

Judges

Judicial candidates must be in good standing to practice law in Washington and are prohibited from statements that appear to commit them on legal issues that may come before them in court.

Court of Appeals Judge

Court of Appeals judges hear appeals from Superior Courts. A total of 22 judges serve three divisions headquartered in Seattle, Tacoma, and Spokane. Court of Appeals judges serve six-year terms.



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Candidate statements are printed exactly as submitted. The Office of the Secretary of State does not make corrections of any kind or verify statements for truth or fact.



Lori K.
Smith

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Legal/Judicial Experience

Judge on the Court of Appeals. Judge on the King County Superior Court 2012 to 2018 and Family Law Commissioner 2006 to 2012. A Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for 20 years.

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted

Education

B.A. in Criminal Justice, Eastern Washington University; J.D., University of Washington.

Community Service

Judge Smith has worked to increase access to justice and to eliminate bias in the judicial system. She enjoyed serving as mentor to young girls via a YWCA leadership program in the past. She currently mentors law students at both the University of Washington and Seattle University. Judge Smith is a yearly participant at the Youth and Law Forums.

Statement

Judge Smith is currently the Presiding Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals. Judge Smith began her legal career in the prosecutor's office and her judicial career as a Family Law Commissioner handling high volume, high conflict motion calendars. She served on many Superior Court committees and as the Unified Family Court Chief Judge. Judge Smith taught courses at Judicial College for several years, presents at many conferences and legal education programs, and last year went to Guam to present a domestic violence training for 240 judicial personnel and stakeholders.

Judge Smith serves on the Minority and Justice Commission and is chair of the Education Committee. She is the co-chair of the Tribal State Court Consortium and a member of the King County Bar Association Anti-Racism and Equity Committee.

In 2011, Judge Smith along with her fellow Court Commissioners received the King County Washington Women Lawyers Judge of the Year Award. She is honored to receive that same award again this year.

Judge Smith was born in Columbus Ohio. Her father was in the Air Force. She grew up in California, Guam, New Hampshire and finally Fairchild Air Force Base. Judge Smith lives in Seattle with her musician husband.

Contact

Judgelorikaysmith@gmail.com



J. Michael (“Mike”)

Diaz

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Legal/Judicial Experience

Appointed by Governor Jay Inslee to the Washington State Court of Appeals in 2022; King County Superior Court Judge (2018-2022); Assistant United States Attorney (“US DOJ”) for a decade (2008-2018); attorney in private practice at an international law firm and a local litigation boutique (2002-2008)

Other Professional Experience

Adjunct Professor, Seattle University School of Law (2019-present); on faculty at the US DOJ’s National Advocacy Center, the Washington State Judicial Institute, and the Washington State Judicial College

Education

B.A., *magna cum laude*, Notre Dame (1996); J.D., Cornell Law School (2002)-Cornell International Law Journal

Community Service

Washington State Supreme Court’s Interpreter Commission, Chair; Commission on Judicial Conduct, Member

Statement

In appointing Judge Diaz to a seat on the Washington State Court of Appeals, Governor Inslee said, “*Over the last four years Judge Diaz has excelled on the trial bench. He has earned a reputation as a talented, respected, hard-working trial judge, and he will make a fantastic addition to our appellate bench.*”

As a trial judge, Judge Diaz presided over approximately four dozen trials in all types of criminal, civil and domestic matters, and served as the Chief Judge of the Children & Family Justice Center, as well as on the court’s executive and budget committees.

Before his appointment to the trial court, Judge Diaz spent a decade at DOJ, where he founded the office’s Civil Rights Program and investigated and/or litigated a wide variety of civil rights matters. While at DOJ, Judge Diaz received many significant awards including the highest award given at the Seattle US Attorney’s Office and among the highest awards given at the US DOJ’s Civil Rights Division.

Judge Diaz immigrated from Peru to Seattle as an infant. His family eventually settled in the then-working-class neighborhood of Ballard and later moved to the White Center/Burien area. He now lives in northeast Seattle with his family.

Contact

(206) 842-2604; writeonpoint@gmail.com

Voter tip:

Use **VoteWA.gov** to find the nearest drop box to your registered voting address. Drop boxes are open until 8 p.m. on Election Day.





**Leonard
Feldman**

(Nonpartisan)

Unopposed

Legal/Judicial Experience

Washington Court of Appeals Judge, appointed 2023;
Professor, Seattle University School of Law, 2020 – present;
private practice attorney with diverse appellate experience,
including U.S. Supreme Court arguments, 1992-2022;
Judicial Law Clerk, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, 1991-
1992

Other Professional Experience

American Academy of Appellate Lawyers, Washington
Appellate Lawyers Association, King County Bar Association
Appellate Practice Section

Education

J.D., Harvard Law School, magna cum laude, 1991; B.S.,
University of Washington, summa cum laude, 1987

Community Service

Regular volunteer at homeless shelter; 2006 recipient of
Washington State Bar Association Pro Bono Award for
outstanding efforts in providing free legal services to those
who cannot afford an attorney

Statement

Judge Feldman was appointed by the Governor to the
Washington State Court of Appeals in 2023. Previously,
Judge Feldman was an accomplished appellate lawyer with
over 30 years of experience in a broad range of complex
fields, including consumer protection, civil rights, class
actions, insurance coverage, and disability rights. He has
argued dozens of times in U.S. and Washington appellate
courts and twice in the U.S. Supreme Court.

For the past three years, Judge Feldman has brought his
experience as a litigator to Seattle University School of
Law where he has taught first-year and upper-level classes
and continues to teach as a Jurist-in-Residence. He has
published numerous articles on a variety of legal topics and
is a co-author of a textbook on personal injury law.

Judge Feldman has a strong commitment to public service.
He has volunteered as an appellate mentor and pro bono
program coordinator, has consistently offered his services
without charge to those unable to afford legal help, and has
earned numerous awards for this work.

Endorsements: King County Democrats and the 1st, 33rd,
36th, 41st, 47th and 48th LD Democrats, International
Association of Machinists & Aerospace Workers (IAM 751),
and Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU 587)

Contact

(425) 466-0619; feldmancampaign@gmail.com;
<https://feldmancampaign.org/>

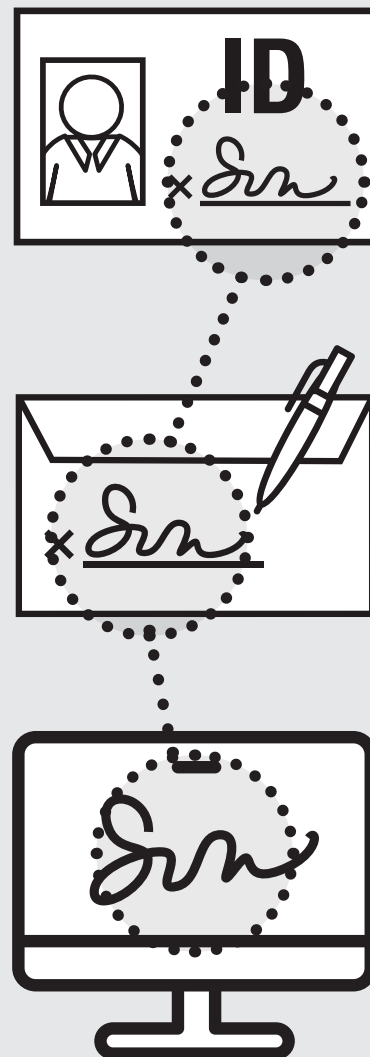
**Your signature is needed to make sure
your ballot gets counted.**

The signature on your return envelope is compared to the signature on your voter registration record. Trained election officials verify each and every signature.

If your signature is missing or does not match your voter registration record, the county elections office will contact you by mail **before certification**. They may call or email if you gave them this info.

If you registered to vote online or through Department of Licensing, the signature from your driver's license, permit, or state ID will be on your voter registration record.

Voters can track and check their ballot status at **VoteWA.gov**.

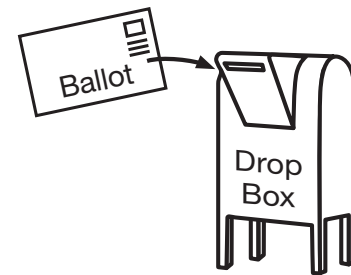


How is my ballot counted?

1

Your county receives your ballot

Deposit your ballot in an official drop box by 8 p.m. on November 7, Election Day, or return your ballot by mail — postage paid — but make sure it's postmarked by Election Day! Don't let a late postmark disqualify your ballot. The USPS recommends that you mail it back at least one week before Election Day.



Election staff will contact you before your ballot is processed if:

- Your signature is missing
- Your signature doesn't match your voter registration record

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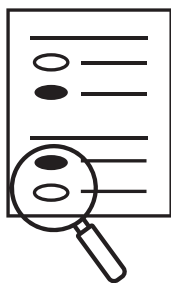
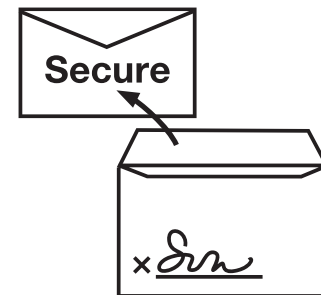
Your signature is verified

Your signature is important and we need it to accept your ballot. The signature on your return envelope is compared to the signature on your voter registration record. If the signature matches, your ballot is accepted and you are credited for voting to ensure **only one** ballot is counted for you.

3

Envelopes and sleeves are separated

The return envelope is opened and the security envelope or sleeve containing your ballot is removed. They are separated to ensure the secrecy of your vote.



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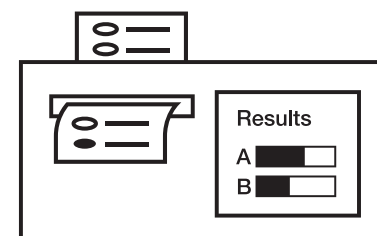
Your ballot is reviewed and scanned

The security envelope or sleeve is opened and election staff review your ballot to verify that it can be successfully scanned. Each voting system is certified and tested before every election.

5

Your ballot is counted

After 8 p.m. on Election Day all scanned ballots are tallied. Ballots will be scanned and tallied over the next several days until all the votes are counted. Every county conducts a post-election audit.



Adams County

210 W Broadway Ave, Ste 200
Ritzville, WA 99169
(509) 659-3249
elections@co.adams.wa.us

Asotin County

135 2nd St
Asotin, WA 99402
(509) 243-2084
dmckay@co.asotin.wa.us

Benton County

2618 N Columbia Center Blvd
Richland, WA 99352
(509) 736-3085
elections@co.benton.wa.us

Chelan County

350 Orondo Ave, Ste 306
Wenatchee, WA 98801
(509) 667-6808
elections@co.chelan.wa.us

Clallam County

223 E 4th St, Ste 1
Port Angeles, WA 98362
(360) 417-2221
elections@clallamcountywa.gov

Clark County

1408 Franklin St
Vancouver, WA 98660
(564) 397-2345
elections@clark.wa.gov

Columbia County

341 E Main St, Ste 3
Dayton, WA 99328
(509) 382-4541
auditor_elections@
co.columbia.wa.us

Cowlitz County

207 4th Ave N, Rm 205
Kelso, WA 98626
(360) 577-3005
elections@cowlitzwa.gov

Douglas County

213 S Rainier St
Waterville, WA 98858
(509) 888-6402
elections@co.douglas.wa.us

Ferry County

350 E Delaware Ave, Ste 2
Republic, WA 99166
(509) 775-5225 ext. 1139
delections@co.ferry.wa.us

Franklin County

1016 N 4th Ave, Ste A206
Pasco, WA 99301
(509) 545-3538
elections@franklincountywa.gov

Garfield County

789 Main St
Pomeroy, WA 99347
(509) 843-1411
mlueck@co.garfield.wa.us

Grant County

35 C St NW, Rm 203
Ephrata, WA 98823
(509) 754-2011 ext 2704
elections@grantcountywa.gov

Grays Harbor County

100 Broadway Ave W, Ste 2
Montesano, WA 98563
(360) 249-4232
elections@graysharbor.us

Island County

400 N Main St
Coupeville, WA 98239
(360) 678-8290
elections@islandcountywa.gov

Jefferson County

1820 Jefferson St
Port Townsend, WA 98368
(360) 385-9119
elections@co.jefferson.wa.us

King County

919 SW Grady Way
Renton, WA 98057
(206) 296-8683
elections@kingcounty.gov

Kitsap County

619 Division St
Port Orchard, WA 98366
(360) 337-7128
auditor@kitsap.gov

Kittitas County

205 W 5th Ave, Ste 105
Ellensburg, WA 98926
(509) 962-7503
elections@co.kittitas.wa.us

Klickitat County

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Goldendale, WA 98620
(509) 773-4001
voting@klickitatcounty.org

Lewis County

351 NW North St
Chehalis, WA 98532
(360) 740-1164
elections@lewiscountywa.gov

Lincoln County

450 Logan St
Davenport, WA 99122
(509) 725-4971
elections@co.lincoln.wa.us

Mason County

411 N 5th St
Shelton, WA 98584
(360) 427-9670 ext 470
elections@masoncountywa.gov

Okanogan County

149 3rd Ave N, Rm 104
Okanogan, WA 98840
(509) 422-7240
elections@co.okanogan.wa.us

Pacific County

300 Memorial Dr
South Bend, WA 98586
(360) 875-9317
elections@co.pacific.wa.us

Pend Oreille County

625 W 4th St
Newport, WA 99156
(509) 447-6472
elections@pendoreille.com

Pierce County

2501 S 35th St, Ste C
Tacoma, WA 98409
(253) 798-VOTE (8683)
elections@piercecounywa.gov

San Juan County

55 2nd St, Ste A
Friday Harbor, WA 98250
(360) 378-3357
elections@sanjuanco.com

Skagit County

700 S 2nd St, Rm 201
Mount Vernon, WA 98273
(360) 416-1702
scelections@co.skagit.wa.us

Skamania County

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Stevenson, WA 98648
(509) 427-3730
elections@co.skamania.wa.us

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3000 Rockefeller Ave, MS 505
Everett, WA 98201
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elections@snoco.org

Spokane County

1033 W Gardner Ave
Spokane, WA 99260
(509) 477-2320
elections@spokanecounty.org

Stevens County

215 S Oak St, Rm 106
Colville, WA 99114
(509) 684-7514
elections@stevenscountywa.gov

Thurston County

2400 Evergreen Park Dr SW
Olympia, WA 98502
(360) 786-5408
elections@co.thurston.wa.us

Wahkiakum County

64 Main St
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(360) 795-3219
elections@co.wahkiakum.wa.us

Walla Walla County

315 W Main St, Rm 203
Walla Walla, WA 99362
(509) 524-2530
elections@co.walla-walla.wa.us

Whatcom County

311 Grand Ave, Ste 103
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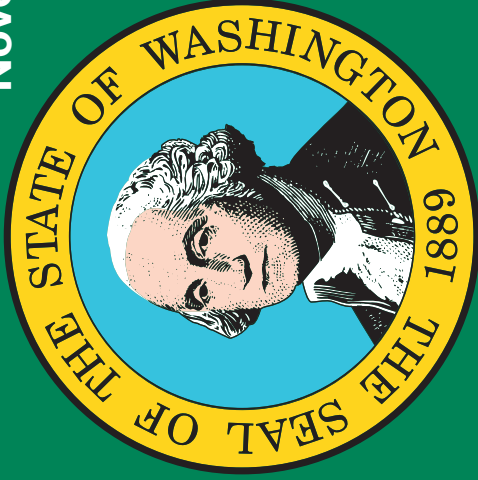
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