



Civic Engagement in Your Classroom



★ ★ ★ Student Mock ELECTION ★ ★ ★

Opens every October!

- Students vote on candidates and issues just like they will in the future.
- Participants learn about the unique vote-by-mail elections process used in our state.
- Non-partisan and free to all public, private, tribal, and homeschool K–12 students.
- No pre-registration needed.

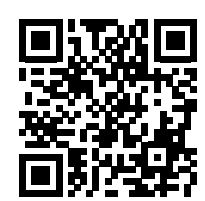
Free resources for educators:

- “I Voted” stickers for your students.
- Teacher toolkit includes print-friendly Voters’ Pamphlet, quick lessons to teach elections at each grade level, posters, and coloring sheet.

Visit sos.wa.gov/mockelection or email electionsoutreach@sos.wa.gov for information and to request resource materials.

Want to be notified of the next Student Mock Election?

Scan to sign up.



Future Voter Program

We can help prepare future voters at your school.

Elections staff can virtually visit your school to discuss:

- The importance of civic engagement.
- How elections work and why we vote.
- How to register and vote.
- What it means to be an informed voter.
- How to register voters and conduct a voter registration drive.

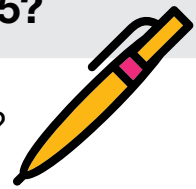
Visit sos.wa.gov/civics or contact electionsoutreach@sos.wa.gov, 360-902-4180.



Will you be 18 by
November 5?

Will I vote?

I will vote!



If so, register to vote in the General!



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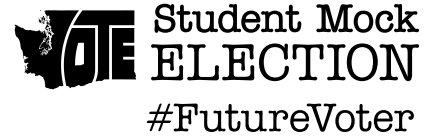
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Email

elections@sos.wa.gov

Official Mock Election Ballot

November 5, 2024



Instructions to voters: Fill in the oval next to your choice like this:

If you make a mistake: Draw a line through the mistake like this: ~~George Washington~~
 You then have the option of making another choice if you wish.

When you finish voting: Fold in half to keep your ballot secret, then read and sign the Student Voter's Pledge on the back and turn it in.

Precinct _____

Initiative Measure No. 2066

Initiative Measure No. 2066 concerns regulating energy services, including natural gas and electrification.

This measure would repeal or prohibit certain laws and regulations that discourage natural gas use and/or promote electrification, and require certain utilities and local governments to provide natural gas to eligible customers.

Should this measure be enacted into law?

- Yes
 No

Governor

4-year term

Vote for one

- Bob Ferguson
 (Prefers Democratic Party)
 Dave Reichert
 (Prefers Republican Party)
 Write-in

Attorney General

4-year term

Vote for one

- Pete Serrano
 (Prefers Republican Party)
 Nick Brown
 (Prefers Democratic Party)
 Write-in

U.S. President & Vice President

4-year term

Vote for one

- Kamala D. Harris & Tim Walz
 Democratic Party Nominees
 Donald J. Trump & JD Vance
 Republican Party Nominees
 Robert F. Kennedy Jr. & Nicole Shanahan
 We The People Party Nominees
 Jill Stein & Rudolph Ware
 Green Party Nominees
 Claudia De la Cruz & Karina Garcia
 Socialism and Liberation Party Nominees
 Rachele Fruit & Dennis Richter
 Socialist Workers Party Nominees
 Joseph Kishore & Jerry White
 Socialist Equality Party Nominees
 Chase Oliver & Mike ter Maat
 Libertarian Party Nominees
 Cornel West & Melina Abdullah
 Justice For All Party Nominees
 Shiva Ayyadurai & Crystal Ellis
 Independent Candidates
 Write-in

Commissioner of Public Lands

4-year term

Vote for one

- Jaime Herrera Beutler
 (Prefers Republican Party)
 Dave Uptegrove
 (Prefers Democratic Party)
 Write-in

Superintendent of Public Instruction

4-year term

Vote for one

- Chris Reykdal
 (Nonpartisan)
 David Olson
 (Nonpartisan)
 Write-in

1 Student Voter's Pledge: I do swear or affirm that I am: a Washington state student; an engaged and respectful student; an informed student voter; voting only once in this student mock election; and not forging a signature or casting another person's ballot, attempting to vote more than once, or falsely signing this pledge.

2 Sign & Date



Signature of voter (*Required*)

Date

Check if this signature matches your Washington driver's license, permit, or ID. In an actual election, your county elections office will compare signatures to verify your identity and move your ballot forward in the process.

*This is not a legal document.

Official Mock Election Ballot Tabulation
November 5, 2024



**Student Mock
ELECTION**

#FutureVoter

Election Official (teacher) _____

Tabulator Name(s) _____

Number of Total Voters _____

Initiative Measure No. 2066	Result:	Governor	Result:
Yes		Bob Ferguson	
No		Dave Reichert	
U.S. President & Vice President	Result:	Write-ins	Result:
Kamala D. Harris & Tim Walz		Attorney General	
Donald J. Trump & JD Vance		Pete Serrano	
Robert F. Kennedy Jr. & Nicole Shanahan		Nick Brown	
Jill Stein & Rudolph Ware		Write-ins	
Claudia De la Cruz & Karina Garcia		Commissioner of Public Lands	Result:
Rachele Fruit & Dennis Richter		Jaime Herrera Beutler	
Joseph Kishore & Jerry White		Dave Upthegrove	
Chase Oliver & Mike ter Maat		Write-ins	
Cornel West & Melina Abdullah		Superintendent of Public Instruction	Result:
Shiva Ayyadurai & Crystal Ellis		Chris Reykdal	
Write-in		David Olson	
		Write-ins	



**Student Mock Election
Ends November 5**

2024
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VOTERS' PAMPHLET

Washington State Elections

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WASHINGTON
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Welcome to your 2024 Student Mock Election Voters' Pamphlet!

The Student Mock Election is a nonpartisan event that helps teach you about the elections process and how to become an informed voter. You'll vote on candidates and issues that may be important to you.

In a real election, your ballot will include items based on where you live. From national, statewide, and local positions to tax levies, initiatives, and referenda, selecting elected officials and voting on critical issues are decisions that impact your daily life and therefore require an informed decision.

We designed this Student Mock Election Voters' Pamphlet to provide you with information on the items included on your ballot. This includes explanations of each issue, the impact each would have, and arguments for and against just like the actual Voters' Pamphlets mailed statewide.

Please take time to read through this Voters' Pamphlet to learn about the issues being decided this year. If you discuss your opinion with other students, remember to be respectful of their choices. Then fill out your Student Mock Election ballot and return it as instructed to have your vote counted.

Voting is one of the greatest ways to make a difference in your community. To participate in real elections, adult Washington citizens must be registered to vote, which can be done online at **VoteWA.gov**, by mail, or in person. Voter registrations completed online or mailed must be received by Oct. 28. After that, they have until 8 p.m. on Nov. 5, Election Day, to register, vote, and return a ballot in person at a county elections office or voting center.

If you are at least 16 years old, you can sign up as a Future Voter and be automatically registered to vote when you qualify. Tell your friends that you've signed up by using #FutureVoter and tag the Office of the Secretary of State!

Thank you for your time and participation in this introduction to the political process. As an informed voter, you'll soon be able to make an impact in your community and our state by voting in every election!

Sincerely,

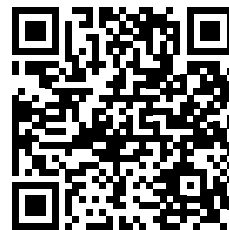
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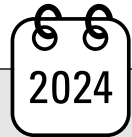
Is your school participating?

Scan to see if your school is listed on the statewide Student Mock Election Dashboard!

<https://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/k12map>

If not, ask your teacher to sign up!





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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

? Who donates to campaigns?

View information on financial contributors for presidential candidates:

Federal Election Commission
 www.fec.gov
 Toll Free 1 (800) 424-9530

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

Deadlines

Ballots mailed to voters by: October 18
 Register by mail, received by: October 28
 Register online by: October 28
 Register in person by: November 5, 8 p.m.
 Election Day: November 5

Local Candidates and Measures



This pamphlet contains information for federal candidates, state candidates and state measures.

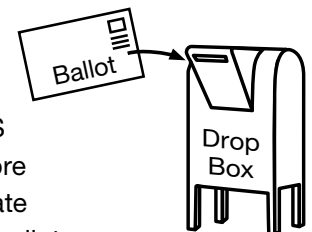
You will receive a Local Voters' Pamphlet from your county elections office with information on local candidates and issues.

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 Voter Guide.

Voter tip:

Use an official drop box before 8 p.m. on Election Day. Or, if you choose to mail your ballot, the USPS recommends a week before Election Day. Don't let a late postmark disqualify your ballot.



Candidates submitted their information for this pamphlet prior to printing. For the most current information, sign in to **VoteWA.gov**.

How do I register to vote?

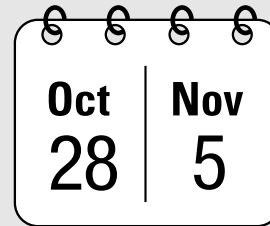
Online: Register at VoteWA.gov.

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 28.

In person: Visit a local voting center no later than 8 p.m. on November 5.

Check your registration info at VoteWA.gov.

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 for a felony.



What if I'm not 18 yet?

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

Sign up with your Washington state driver's license, permit, ID, or the last four digits of your Social Security number. You'll be automatically registered to vote when you qualify.

Future Voter

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.

Moved? Update your voting address

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



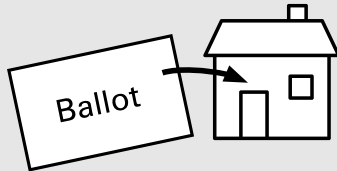
By October 28: Have your application received by mail or updated online.

Or

By November 5: Visit a local voting center in person.

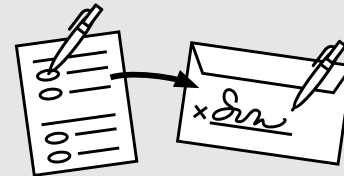
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If you're registered to vote, there is no need to request a ballot. Your ballot will be mailed by **October 18** to the address you provided on your voter registration. If you need a replacement ballot, contact a county elections office listed at the end of this pamphlet.



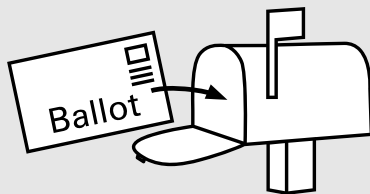
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Vote your ballot and sign your return envelope. We need your signature to accept your ballot. You are not required to vote every race on your ballot. We encourage using this pamphlet to help you decide.



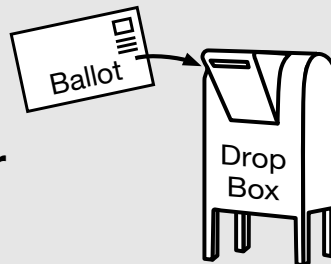
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Return your ballot by mail, no stamp needed. If mailed, your ballot must be postmarked by **November 5**. Don't let a late postmark disqualify your ballot. The USPS recommends that you mail a week before Election Day.



Or




Or, return your ballot to an official ballot drop box. Drop boxes are open until 8 p.m. on **November 5**. Find drop box locations at **VoteWA.gov**.



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

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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 are unofficial until certification.

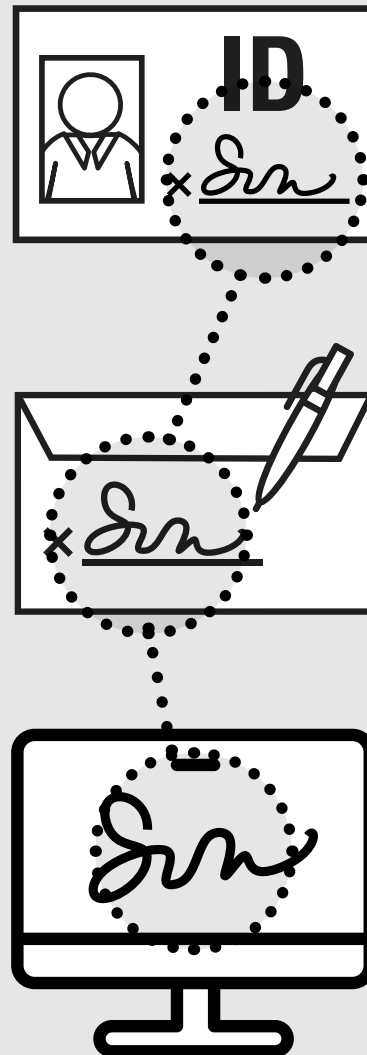
Your signature is needed to make sure your ballot gets counted.

The signature on your return envelope is compared to the signature on your voter registration record. Trained election officials are responsible for verifying 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 results are certified**. 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.

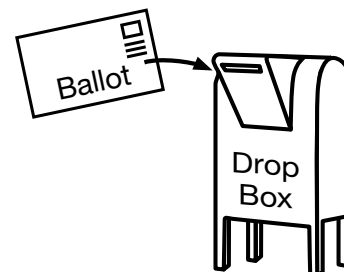
Voters can track and check their ballot status at **VoteWA.gov**.



Your county receives your ballot

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Deposit your ballot in an official drop box by 8 p.m. on 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:

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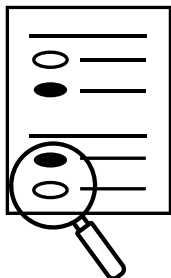
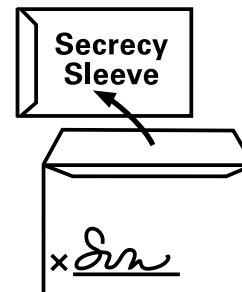
Your signature is verified

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.

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Envelopes and sleeves are separated

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



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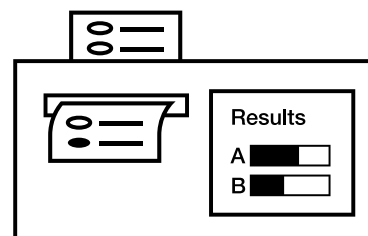
Your ballot is reviewed and scanned

The ballot is removed from the secrecy sleeve and election staff verify that it can be successfully scanned. Each voting system is certified and tested before every election.

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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.



Before an Election

Voting systems certification and testing



Ballot counting equipment is tested and certified by an independent testing authority and the State of Washington.

Voting systems are not connected to the internet.

Pre-election audit: logic & accuracy tests

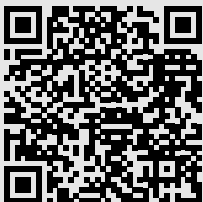
Before every election, counties test their voting systems to make sure the machines are correctly set up and accurately counting votes.

Voter registration database

Washington's statewide voter registration database is constantly maintained and updated as voters become registered, move, change their name, pass away, or are no longer eligible to vote.

All eligible voters are automatically mailed ballots. Only one ballot per voter is accepted.

Contact your local county elections office to learn more



During an Election

Paper ballots



Voting on paper ballots allows election officials to audit results of an election after votes are counted.

Signature verification

Trained election officials compare your signature to your voter registration file to confirm your identity and eligibility.

If your signature is missing or doesn't match, your ballot is "Challenged" and you are notified. Once your signature is verified, your ballot status will update to "Accepted".

VoteWA

Check the status of your ballot at VoteWA.gov. Once your ballot status is updated to "Accepted," your ballot will be opened and scanned. Only one ballot per voter is accepted.

Chain of custody

Ballots are sealed in secure, tamper-evident containers and at least two staff are present whenever your ballot is handled.

Scanning and tabulation

Ballot scanners and vote counting machines are physically secured in locked rooms. Election staff sign in and out each time the room is opened, and always in groups of two or more.

After an Election

Post-election random batch audits



Your local election officials hand count randomly selected precincts or ballot batches and compare those numbers to the voting system totals to make sure the vote counting machines counted correctly.

Post-election risk-limiting audit

Your local election officials examine a statistically significant, randomly selected sample of ballots to help ensure the reported outcome is correct.

Full ballot reconciliation

Your local election officials keep detailed records of the steps taken to process each ballot or group of ballots, creating an audit trail.

A final report at the end of the process includes a summary of the ballots received and counted.

Initiatives and referenda are used by the people to create state laws.

Initiative

Any registered voter may propose an initiative to create a new state law or change an existing law.

Initiatives to the People are proposed laws submitted directly to voters.

Initiatives to the Legislature are proposed laws submitted to the Legislature.

Before an **Initiative to the People** or an **Initiative to the Legislature** can appear on the ballot, the sponsor must collect...



324,516
registered voters'
signatures

8% of all votes in the last Governor's race

Referendum

Referendum Bills are proposed laws the Legislature has referred to voters.

Referendum Measures are laws recently passed by the Legislature that voters have petitioned to be referred to the ballot.

Any registered voter may petition that a law proposed by the Legislature be referred to voters before taking effect.

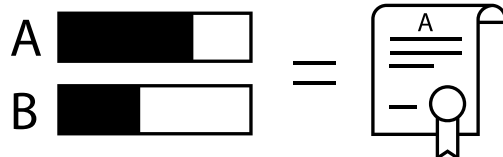
Before a **Referendum Measure** can appear on the ballot, the sponsor must collect...



162,258
registered voters'
signatures

4% of all votes in the last Governor's race

Initiatives and referenda become law with more than 50% of the vote.



Initiative Measure No.

2066

Initiative Measure No. 2066 concerns regulating energy services, including natural gas and electrification.

This measure would repeal or prohibit certain laws and regulations that discourage natural gas use and/or promote electrification, and require certain utilities and local governments to provide natural gas to eligible customers.

Should this measure be enacted into law?

Yes

No

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The Secretary of State is not responsible for the content of statements or arguments (WAC 434-381-180).

Explanatory Statement

Written by the Office of the Attorney General

The Law as It Presently Exists

Earlier this year, the Washington Legislature passed a law that regulates Puget Sound Energy (PSE), a large utility that provides gas and electricity to customers. That law is known as the “Washington Decarbonization Act.”

The Decarbonization Act consolidates PSE’s numerous reporting and planning requirements into a single plan, which must be submitted to the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC). The plan must forecast customer energy demand and provide proposals for reducing greenhouse gas emissions from its operations. PSE’s plan must explain how it will transition from natural gas to electricity in a cost-effective way and how it will coordinate with local utilities when it targets an area for further electrification. In deciding whether to accept or reject the plan, the UTC must consider whether it reduces greenhouse gas emissions, meets energy efficiency targets, and results in a reasonable cost to customers.

The Decarbonization Act further prohibits PSE from offering customers rebates or incentives to buy appliances that use natural gas. Instead, PSE must educate its customers about the benefits of transitioning to electricity and the availability of rebates or incentives for energy efficient electric appliances.

The Decarbonization Act also sets requirements for how the UTC determines rates for PSE customers. For example, it would change how the UTC must calculate the depreciation of gas plants when determining rates.

The Effect of the Proposed Measure if Approved

If approved, Initiative Measure No. 2066 would repeal or amend certain provisions of the Decarbonization Act. Specifically, Initiative Measure No. 2066 would prohibit PSE rate plans that restrict access to gas service and any planning requirements that render gas service cost-prohibitive. It would allow PSE to offer rebates to purchase natural gas appliances or equipment and PSE would not be required to educate customers about the benefits of electrification or the availability of rebates for energy efficient appliances. It would also remove requirements that PSE target certain areas for electrification and coordinate with local utilities to further electrification.

The measure would also require gas utilities and local governments to provide natural gas to customers who demand it, even if other energy services or energy sources are available. It would further prohibit local governments, air pollution control agencies, and the State Building Code Council from prohibiting, penalizing, or discouraging the use of gas.

Fiscal Impact Statement

Written by the Office of Financial Management
For more information visit www.ofm.wa.gov/ballot

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY

If voters approve Initiative 2066, there will be a net increase in state costs for rulemaking activities at state agencies of approximately \$29,100. There could be an increase in state revenues due to gas utilities needing to purchase additional carbon auction allowances and increased public utility tax revenue, but the amount of increased revenue is unknown. Local governments will have increased costs to redo some Growth Management Act planning work, but the total costs of doing so are indeterminate. Two cities that operate gas utilities could have increased costs for carbon auction allowances, but those costs are also indeterminate.

General Assumptions

- The effective date of the initiative is December 5, 2024.
- The provisions of the initiative apply prospectively, not retroactively.
- The estimates use the state’s fiscal year (SFY) of July 1 through June 30. State fiscal year 2025 is July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025

State Revenue

Department of Ecology

Under the Climate Commitment Act, the Department of Ecology administers the Cap-and-Invest Program, which sets a cap on overall carbon emissions in the state and requires businesses to obtain carbon emission allowances equal to their covered greenhouse gas emissions. Under the program, any gas utility that is responsible for 25,000 metric tons or more of carbon dioxide-equivalent emissions per year is required to acquire emissions allowances equal to its emissions. Gas utilities currently receive free emission allowances to help ease the cost burden of transitioning away from fossil fuels. In 2024, the utilities receive emission

allowances equal to 86% of their utility’s emissions, and that amount decreases by 7% per year ongoing.

Initiative 2066 would prohibit natural gas utilities from offering incentives to customers to terminate their natural gas service and requires utilities providing natural gas to offer natural gas service to those who demand it. This change could result in utilities being required to buy more emission allowances than anticipated under current law, resulting in greater demand at allowance auctions, which could increase the prices paid for allowances and thereby generate increased carbon allowance auction revenues for the state. Because the future demand for natural gas is unknown, any change in revenue to the state is indeterminate.

Department of Revenue

Under the initiative, there could be an impact to public utility taxes collected. The Department of Revenue cannot determine how many customers would use natural gas or how long it would take for utilities to offer it to all users in their service area; therefore, the total impact to state public utility tax revenue is indeterminate.

State Expenditures

State agency expenditures are estimated to be a net total of \$29,100 over five state fiscal years as a result of the initiative. Costs and savings by agency are:

Table 1. Expenditures, by agency (State General Fund and Public Services Revolving Account)

(See Table 1 on page 12.)

State Building Code Council

The initiative would require the State Building Code Council (SBCC) to amend various energy and building codes that limit the use of natural gas. To amend those codes, the SBCC would convene technical advisory group meetings, committee meetings, council meetings, and public hearings in various locations in the state. The Department of Enterprise Services estimates the total cost of these activities would be \$49,100

Utilities and Transportation Commission

Current state law (Chapter 351, Laws of 2024) requires the Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) to initiate rulemaking. If the initiative passes, currently required rulemaking activities related to the cost of decarbonization and electrification measures would no longer be required. This would reduce UTC costs for that rulemaking by approximately \$20,000.

Department of Revenue

The department may have minimal administrative costs, which are indeterminate at this time.

Local Expenditure

Local Programs

Revenue and expenditure impacts on local governments are indeterminate.

The initiative would impact Growth Management Act (GMA) planning of the 108 largest cities and counties. To achieve greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction goals required by the GMA, cities and counties have been assuming the phase out of natural gas in their plans. If the initiative passes, they can no longer assume the phasing out of natural gas to achieve the GHG emissions goal. Therefore, the GMA planning work completed by cities and counties on the GHG emissions reduction goal would need to be redone. The revisions would include marketing and outreach about the new GHG emission targets, revising and implementing local ordinances, and amending local plans, which will vary by city and county. Since too many variables are unknown, the costs are indeterminate.

Two municipalities in Washington are natural gas providers and are required to participate in the Climate Commitment Act’s cap-and-invest program: the City of Enumclaw and City of Ellensburg. If I-2066 passes, these cities may need to purchase additional carbon emission allowances to meet their obligations under the Climate Commitment Act to reduce greenhouse gas emissions over time. However, the total impact on these utilities cannot be known at this time.

Table 1 – Expenditures, by agency (State General Fund and Public Services Revolving Account)					
	SFY 2025	SFY 2026	SFY 2027	SFY 2028	SFY 2029
State Building Code Council	\$5,400	\$43,700	\$0	\$0	\$0
Utilities and Transportation Commission	(\$20,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	(\$14,600)	\$43,700	\$0	\$0	\$0

Argument for

Vote “Yes” to Protect Energy Choice and Stop Gas Bans

You deserve the choice to use clean and efficient natural gas for *heating* and *cooking*. The state and big energy companies are striking deals to ban natural gas service from all homes and businesses. I-2066 *protects your* ability to use natural gas – giving *you* control over your energy choices.

Gas Bans Hurt Everyone

Gas bans will impact everybody, whether you own or rent your home. They drive up energy bills, which is devastating for people with low and fixed incomes. Current law requires homeowners to pay *all* conversion costs to switch from gas to electric appliances—an average of \$40,000/home. Nobody should ever be *forced* to switch to all-electric appliances. Voting “Yes” on I-2066 stops forced conversions and lets people choose for themselves whether they want gas or electric appliances at home.

Small Businesses Need Natural Gas

Thousands of businesses rely on natural gas. Countless restaurants, breweries, cultural cuisines, manufacturers, and others require gas to make the world-class food and products Washington is known for. I-2066 keeps these businesses open, protects jobs, and brings down costs for consumers.

Clean Natural Gas Is Safe and Reliable

Protect access to heating and cooking when the power goes out. Corporate energy companies have notified customers they will cut electricity when (not if) the electric grid is overloaded, even in the cold, dark winter. Washington needs clean and reliable natural gas to stay warm and cook. Vote “Yes!”

Rebuttal of argument against

I-2066 is very simple. It protects your choice to have natural gas service. The opposition wants to confuse you. They don’t mention natural gas because they know it’s a popular consumer choice. They want to ban this clean energy source and have you pay the costs. What will you do when the power goes out? Gas bans are already happening, so vote “Yes” on I-2066 to protect the option of gas for heating and cooking.

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Argument against

Vote No To Prevent Higher Energy Bills

2066 would mean more expensive energy bills. It would require utility companies to continue investing in outdated technology and aging infrastructure, and the costs would be passed onto families and businesses. *Voting “No” will make energy more affordable, protecting all Washingtonians, including seniors and families living on low incomes.*

Vote No to Protect Energy Efficiency

2066 would roll back sensible modern standards that make homes and businesses more energy efficient. Efficient buildings lower utility bills and help the power stay on during storms, extreme weather, and increasing heat waves. *Voting “No” will lower costs for families, keep people safe, keep homes comfortable, and ensure a reliable power supply.*

Vote No To Defend Clean Energy and Clean Air

2066 would undermine our path to clean energy and weaken our Clean Air Act, threatening health protections against harmful air pollution. It would prohibit local communities and utility companies from making responsible plans to reduce the use of dirty fossil fuels. The time to start planning is now: *Voting “No” will keep us on the path to cleaner, more affordable energy.*

Vote No To Put Communities First and Stop Powerful Interest Groups

2066 is part of a nationwide effort by fossil fuel corporations and well funded interest groups who want to make as much money as possible while Washington families pay higher energy bills. *Voting “No” will prevent powerful interests from increasing their profits at our expense.* 2066 is bad for Washington.

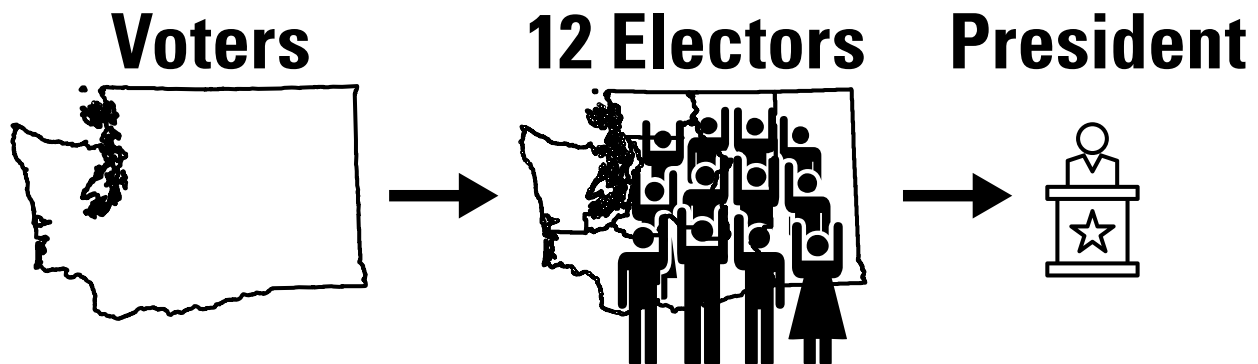
Rebuttal of argument for

State law already guarantees people can have natural gas if they want it. The powerful interest groups paying for 2066 will say anything to make money off of us. What this confusing initiative would actually do is stop towns, cities and counties from making decisions that work best for their communities. It would raise costs, threaten energy efficiency, and harm families. That’s why nurses, small businesses, and builders say vote “No” to protect energy affordability.

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The Electoral College is a process, not a place

When you vote for President and Vice President, you determine a group of people called electors (also known as a slate) to represent Washington state in the Electoral College. The electors gather in December to cast votes for President based on the state's election results.

Each major political party chooses their own electors through the caucus and convention process.

Washington has 12 presidential electors

Every state starts with two because every state has two U.S. Senators. Based on population, each state receives an additional elector for every U.S. House Representative.

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 2 \text{ U.S. Senators} \\
 +10 \text{ U.S. House Representatives} \\
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 =12 \text{ Total electors}
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The magic number

There are a total of 538 electoral votes in the nation. A presidential ticket needs at least 270 electoral votes nationwide to win. If no presidential ticket receives a majority of electoral votes, the U.S. House of Representatives elects the President and the U.S. Senate elects the Vice President.

How electoral votes are distributed

Washington state is one of 48 states that uses a "winner-take-all" system; the presidential ticket that wins the popular vote in the state is entitled to all 12 of Washington's electoral votes.



Qualifications & Responsibilities


Except for the President and Vice President, all federal officials elected in Washington must be residents of the state.

President & Vice President

The President must be at least 35 years old and a natural born U.S. citizen. Voters indirectly elect the President through the Electoral College. The President is elected to a four-year term and cannot serve more than two elected terms.

The chief duty of the President is to ensure the laws of the nation are faithfully executed. This duty is largely performed through appointments for thousands of federal positions, including secretaries of cabinet-level agencies and federal judges (subject to confirmation by the Senate). The President is the commander in chief of the U.S. armed forces, has the power to sign and veto (reject) laws passed by Congress, and makes treaties with foreign governments (with Senate approval).

The Vice President serves as the presiding officer of the Senate. The Vice President becomes President if the office is vacated.

 The order of major political parties is determined by the number of votes cast in this state for the President of the United States at the last presidential election. In 2020, the Democratic Party received the highest number of votes in Washington state and must appear on the ballot first.

Independent and minor party candidates follow major parties in the order of their qualification with the Secretary of State. (RCW 29A.36.161)

Congress

The United States' Senate and House of Representatives have equal responsibility for declaring war, maintaining the armed forces, assessing taxes, borrowing money, minting currency, regulating commerce, and making all laws and budgets necessary for the operation of government.

United States Senator

Senators must be at least 30 years old and citizens of the U.S. for at least nine years. Senators serve six-year terms. The Senate has 100 members; two from each state.

The Senate has several exclusive powers, including consenting to treaties, confirming federal appointments made by the President, and trying federal officials impeached by the House of Representatives.

United States Representative

Representatives must be at least 25 years old and citizens of the U.S. for at least seven years. Representatives are not required to be registered voters of their district, but must reside in the state. Representatives serve two-year terms.

The House of Representatives has 435 members, all of whom are up for election in even-numbered years. Each state has a different number of members based on population.



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**Kamala D.
Harris**

Democratic Party Nominee
President

Elected Experience

Vice President of the United States (from 2021 through the present), US Senator for California (from 2017 to 2021), Attorney General of California (from 2011 to 2017), District Attorney of San Francisco (from 2004 to 2011)

Other Professional Experience

No information submitted

Education

University of California College of the Law, San Francisco (J.D.); Howard University (B.A.)

Community Service

No information submitted



**Tim
Walz**

Democratic Party Nominee
Vice President

Elected Experience

Governor of Minnesota (from 2019 through the present), U.S. Representative for Minnesota's 1st Congressional District (from 2007 to 2019)

Other Professional Experience

U.S. Army National Guard (from 1981 to 2005), Teacher and Coach (from 1989 to 2006)

Education

Chadron State College, B.Sc., 1989

Community Service

No information submitted

Statement

Vice President Harris is a fighter for the people. From her days as a prosecutor to her service as Vice President, she has defended the rights of everyday people by standing up to predators, scammers, and powerful interests. She has been fearless in taking on anyone who threatens the rights and freedoms of Americans.

As a prosecutor, she put murderers and abusers behind bars, standing up for women and children. As California Attorney General, she cracked down on transnational gangs trafficking drugs and guns across the border to make communities safer. She also took on the big banks that committed mortgage fraud, winning back billions in relief for homeowners. As a Senator and Vice President, she took on the big drug companies to cap the cost of insulin for seniors and led the fight for reproductive freedom. She has also advanced America's interests on the world stage, including by taking on Russian leader Vladimir Putin and standing with NATO.

As president, she would make strengthening the middle class a defining goal of her presidency. She will confront price gouging, work to lower costs, and expand opportunity so that every American has the chance to not just get by, but get ahead. And she will continue fighting to restore our freedoms, from reproductive rights to voting rights.

Governor Tim Walz is a champion for working families. He served 24 years in the Army National Guard. After attending college thanks to the GI Bill, Walz was a high school teacher and football coach – taking his team to the state championship for the first time in the school's history. He was a member of Congress in a Republican-leaning district, with a record of bipartisanship. As Governor, Walz cut taxes for working families, lowered the cost of insulin, and protected women's right to choose.

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**Donald J.
Trump**

Republican Party Nominee
President

Elected Experience

45th President of the United States of America

Other Professional Experience

Businessman, real estate mogul, television star, and author.

Education

Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia; New York Military Academy

Community Service

45th President of the United States



**JD
Vance**

Republican Party Nominee
Vice President

Elected Experience

Elected to United States Senate from the state of Ohio in 2022

Other Professional Experience

Enlisted in U.S. Marine Corps with service in the Iraq War

Education

Ohio State University; Yale Law School

Community Service

No information submitted

Statement

Eight years ago, Donald J. Trump ran on a promise to put America First, and he remains committed to that vision. With Vice President nominee JD Vance, our mission is stronger than ever.

Donald J. Trump will stand up to the radical left that seeks to weaken our nation. He is dedicated to strengthening our borders to stop illegal immigration and ensuring that we put America First. The current administration's failures have led to runaway inflation, crippling the economy and burdening hardworking families. Donald J. Trump will implement policies to bring down inflation, create better trade deals, and prioritize American jobs and industries.

Donald J. Trump believes in a strong and prosperous America. He will restore economic stability, secure our borders, and make America a leader on the world stage again. The threats we face from adversaries abroad, like China and other foreign powers, will be met with decisive action to protect our nation's interests.

Our movement to Make America Great Again is the only force that can bring safety, prosperity, and peace back to our country. We will stand up to powerful special interests, end foreign wars, and ensure that every American has the opportunity to thrive. Together, we will put America First and return power to the American People.

Vote to put America First and to Make America Great Again. Vote Donald J. Trump for President.

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**Robert F.
Kennedy Jr.**

We The People Party
Nominee
President

Elected Experience

N/A

Other Professional Experience

Named Time Magazine's "Hero for the Planet," Robert F. Kennedy Jr. has accomplished more for clean water than anyone in American history. Working as an environmental attorney for 40 years, Kennedy won lawsuits against corrupt government agencies to defend the constitutional rights and freedoms of Americans and protect our air, soil, food and health from corporate polluters.

Education

Harvard University, Bachelor of Arts; University of Virginia School of Law, Juris Doctor; Pace University, Master of Laws

Community Service

Kennedy co-founded the Waterkeeper Alliance, the world's largest clean water advocacy group, and Children's Health Defense, to end childhood chronic disease.

Statement

Robert F. Kennedy Jr. is running for president as an independent to end the corrupt merger between corporations and government and fix the broken two party system that has undermined the American way of life. Kennedy proposes a "unity government" in which all parties are represented. Nicole Shanahan joined the ticket to bring power back to the people.

As president, Kennedy will end the foreign wars, reign in the military industrial complex and reinvest the trillions saved at home to restore the middle class. He has plans to: 1) redirect 20% of government contracts away from megacorporations that offshore our economy and into small businesses, creating millions of jobs and an economic boom; 2) offer a new GI Bill to anyone willing to serve their community in our domestic Peace Corps, providing corps members with enough life-changing assets to pay their way through college, put a downpayment on a home, or start a small business; 3) assist homebuyers with government-guaranteed 3% mortgages; and 4) cap childcare at 10% of income, so families can achieve the American dream of homeownership and affordable parenthood.



**Nicole
Shanahan**

We The People Party
Nominee
Vice President

Elected Experience

N/A

Other Professional Experience

Nicole Shanahan is an attorney and tech entrepreneur. She founded ClearAccessIP in 2013, revolutionizing patent management with AI technology. She is the recipient of the CALI Excellence For The Future Award and has been recognized as a Top 50 Femtech Healthcare Influencer & Longevity Leader.

Education

University of Puget Sound, Bachelor of Arts; Santa Clara University, Juris Doctor

Community Service

Shanahan established the Bia-Echo Foundation, which supports innovative changemakers addressing major global challenges such as reproductive and metabolic health, criminal justice reform and community safety, environmental sustainability with a focus on regenerative agriculture, and more.

As vice president, Shanahan will work with President Kennedy to solve the chronic disease epidemic, protect our children and secure medical freedom.

Kennedy and Shanahan will champion regenerative agriculture. By promoting farming practices that restore soil health and enhance biodiversity, they will advance a resilient food system, benefitting people and the planet.

Kennedy and Shanahan will secure the southern border and end the migrant crisis that undermines our city budgets. They will address the epidemic of drug addiction and protect reproductive rights.

Restoring honest governance, Kennedy and Shanahan will eradicate corruption and ensure transparency and accountability. They will give the American people a voice in guiding legislation through direct democracy initiatives. #AmericaStrong

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Jill Stein

Green Party Nominee
President

Elected Experience

Town Meeting Member, Lexington MA

Other Professional Experience

Doctor of Internal Medicine, Harvard Medical School
Instructor of Medicine

Education

Harvard Medical School

Community Service

Jill Stein is a longtime environmental health advocate and organizer. As the Green presidential candidate in 2012 and 2016, she led the way on critical issues from a Green New Deal to ending student debt. She has long fought for an end to endless war, an economy that works for working people, and a livable future for our children. She is now running for president as the only anti-genocide, pro-worker, climate action candidate with a path to the White House.

Statement

The political system is broken. The two Wall Street parties are bought and paid for. Both are abandoning working people, worsening the climate crisis, undermining democracy, and squandering trillions on the endless war machine while tens of millions of Americans lack housing, food, healthcare and more.

Over 60% of us now say the two-party system has failed and we need a party that serves the people. I'm running for President to offer that choice for the people. Our campaign is the only anti-war, anti-genocide, pro-worker, climate action choice with a path to the White House.

Political insiders smear voters who want better choices. But without freedom of choice in elections, there is no democracy. So forget the elites who tell you to ignore your struggle and to keep voting for the politicians who caused it. Change won't come from them; it has to come from the people.



Rudolph Ware

Green Party Nominee
Vice President

Elected Experience

None

Other Professional Experience

Since 2004 Professor Ware has been a full faculty member at Northwestern, Michigan, and now UC Santa-Barbara, teaching in History, Black Studies, and Islamic Studies.

Education

University of Minnesota '91; PhD (History) UPenn '04.

Community Service

Professor Ware is a lifelong educator specializing in the history of empire, colonialism, genocide and revolution. For the past two decades he has organized teach-ins, community education curricula, and other activist and organizing initiatives. He has worked across the country and worldwide to challenge imperialism, ethnic cleansing, and endless war, and to build sustainable, just, peaceful alternatives rooted in African, Indigenous, and Abrahamic traditions.

If we come together, we can create an economy that works for all of us with living-wage jobs, healthcare, housing, food, childcare, debt-free education, and guaranteed livable income as human rights. We can create a Green New Deal with millions of jobs to fight climate collapse, secure clean air, water, and food, and protect Mother Earth.

We can end endless war, rampant militarism, and genocide, and launch a new foreign policy based on diplomacy, international law, and human rights. We can revive our democracy with ranked-choice voting, proportional representation, and public campaign financing to get big money out of politics. We can end mass incarceration, fix our immigration system, and ensure our rights, freedoms, and justice for all.

We have the power to do all this and more - and we can use it in 2024 to start building an America and a world that works for all of us.

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**Claudia
De la Cruz**

Socialism and Liberation
Party Nominee
President

Elected Experience

No information submitted

Other Professional Experience

Claudia De la Cruz is a mother, popular educator, community organizer and theologian.

Education

City University of New York, Columbia University and Union Theological Seminary

Community Service

Born in the South Bronx to immigrant parents from the Dominican Republic, she began her political organizing work when she was 13 at her home church, grounding her work on principles of liberation theology. She actively participated in campaigns to free political prisoners; to get the U.S. Navy out of Vieques, Puerto Rico; to end the U.S. blockade against Cuba; for the freedom of Palestine; and against police terror — to name a few.

Statement

Humanity is experiencing a massive existential crisis — climate catastrophe, massive job losses, and war between the U.S. and other nuclear-armed powers. The capitalist government has no answers to these crises, and is in fact driving them forward, acting as a servant for the Big Banks, Big Tech, Big Oil and the Military-Industrial Complex. In every crisis that the people face, whether it's hurricanes, wildfires or pandemics, the government has proven itself to be totally inept and to only care about profit. They can't steer us away from crises — they are part of them.

Most people in the country are living paycheck to paycheck, the cost of everything has skyrocketed, and the ten richest men have doubled their fortunes. But both major, pro-capitalist parties are saying that nothing can be done — that this is just how the economy works. We disagree!



**Karina
Garcia**

Socialism and Liberation
Party Nominee
Vice President

Elected Experience

No information submitted

Other Professional Experience

Karina is a mother, Chicana organizer and popular educator.

Education

Columbia University

Community Service

As one of the founders of the Justice Center en El Barrio in New York City and member of the Central Committee of the Party for Socialism and Liberation, Karina has dedicated her life to her work as a socialist organizer. As the daughter of immigrants, her family's story inspires her to grow with the courage and determination to fight for a better world.

The resources exist to resolve the problems humanity faces. The only things that stand in the way are the politicians that manage affairs for the billionaires who generate super-profits from workers all over the globe.

We stand for socialism — a system where poor and working people hold political and economic power and use it to meet the needs of all people and to preserve the planet. Every gain working people have attained has been through organized struggle and mass movements. We are part of building a movement of working class people committed to eradicating the dictatorship of the billionaires, and building the future we deserve. Join the movement, vote socialist 2024!

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**Rachele
Fruit**

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Nominee
President

Elected Experience

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Other Professional Experience

Active in industrial unions over decades, currently hotel worker in Miami Beach, member of UNITE/HERE Local 355.

Education

Participant in movements against the Vietnam War, against Jim Crow segregation and for women’s emancipation, learned that the working class must replace capitalism and fight for political power as workers and peasants did in the 1959 Cuban Revolution.

Community Service

Speaking out across the U.S. for the working-class to form a party of labor, independent of the capitalist parties, and to oppose all acts and threats of Jew hatred while defending Israel’s right to exist as a refuge for Jews worldwide.

Statement

We live in a deeply class-divided country ruled by a handful of billionaire families and their government. Working people are facing the devastating effects of high prices, lack of good paying jobs, unsafe working conditions and schedules that often make political, family, social and union life impossible. Life expectancy is at the lowest in a quarter century and the birthrate has been cut in half since 1950.

Today workers are in a mood to fight, organizing, and using their unions to defend their lives and livelihoods.

We need to fight for a public works program to put millions to work at union scale wages, for wages and cost of living increases to meet price increases, and for workers control of production to guarantee safety on the job and reverse the profit-driven destruction of the environment.

We must defend constitutional freedoms won in struggle—freedoms of worship, speech, press, association, the right to bear arms and more. Frame-up attempts to jail and silence political opponents deal a blow to rights working people need.



**Dennis
Richter**

Socialist Workers Party
Nominee
Vice President

Elected Experience

No information submitted

Other Professional Experience

Airline food service worker and recent member of UNITE HERE union. Over five decades working as union industrial worker on the railroad, in steel, and in meatpacking.

Education

In high school in the 1960’s Richter was drawn to the massive Black-led proletarian movement that tore down Jim Crow segregation, strengthening the U.S. working class.

Community Service

Opponent of Washington’s world-wide imperialist exploitation of workers and farmers. Organized and participated in demonstrations against the U.S. rulers’ wars in Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan. Walked picket lines and built solidarity with UAW strike last year and locked-out Boeing firefighters in 2024.

Only the working class of all countries has the capacity to stop imperialism’s march toward fascism and world war by fighting in our common interests. From Vladimir Putin’s murderous invasion of Ukraine to deny its national sovereignty, to Hamas’ October 7 Jew hating pogrom, the U.S.-rulers’ dominated global order since World War II is coming apart. We defend Israel’s right to exist and defend itself as a refuge for the Jews in the face of growing attacks.

We need to build a party to unite all workers and exploited producers, based on the unions, that breaks from all collaboration with the ruling class, fights in our class interests, and wages a struggle for workers power.

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**Joseph
Kishore**

Socialist Equality Party
Nominee
President

Elected Experience

Socialist Equality Party candidate for US President in 2020.

Other Professional Experience

National Secretary of the Socialist Equality Party since 2008; senior writer for the World Socialist Web Site on US politics, social inequality, culture, education, science, workers struggles, the fight against war, and the history of the socialist movement.

Education

Bachelor's degree in mathematics and Master's degree in Industrial Operations and Engineering, both from University of Michigan

Community Service

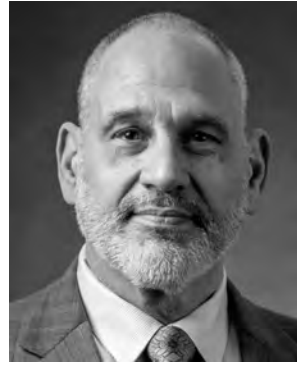
Twenty-five years experience in the socialist movement, fighting for the interests of the working class and the oppressed, in opposition to inequality and war.

Statement

The Socialist Equality Party calls for the socialist reorganization of society that ends the dictatorship of the corporate-financial oligarchy and transfers political power to the working class; establishes public ownership of and democratic control over multi-billion dollar corporations and financial institutions and, thereby, restructures the economy to meet the needs of mass society—full employment, workplace safety, the abolition of poverty, universal health care, affordable housing, high-quality education, child care, secure retirement, expansion of cultural and recreational facilities—rather than the accumulation of massive corporate profits and private fortunes; secures peace and democracy through the abolition of the military-industrial complex and the massive network of state intelligence agencies.

The Socialist Equality Party declares that the 2024 election is dominated by three critical issues:

First, the reckless militarism of the Democratic and Republican parties—seeking to secure the global interests of the financial-corporate oligarchy—has brought the United States to the very brink of World War III. The US-NATO war in Ukraine and the genocidal war in Gaza are part of a broader struggle for world domination.



**Jerry
White**

Socialist Equality Party
Nominee
Vice President

Elected Experience

Socialist Equality Party candidate for US President in 1996, 2012, and 2016; Socialist Equality Party candidate for Vice President in 2008; Socialist Equality Party candidate for Michigan's 12th Congressional district seat in 2006.

Other Professional Experience

Labor editor for the World Socialist Web Site since 1998; editor of the WSWS Autoworkers Newsletter since 2015; member of the Workers Inquiry into the Bankruptcy of Detroit.

Education

York College, City University of New York

Community Service

Forty-five years experience in the socialist movement, fighting for the interests of the working class and the oppressed, in opposition to inequality and war.

Second, democracy in the US is giving way to authoritarianism, in which the Democrats and Republicans are implicated. Political dictatorship is the outcome of unrestrained corporate economic power.

Third, social inequality has reached levels unprecedented in modern US history. This country has the highest concentration of billionaires in the world, whose collective wealth stands at a record \$5.2 trillion. The wealth of the 10 richest billionaires exceeds that of the collective wealth of half the US population. The SEP calls for the expropriation of billion-dollar fortunes and massive increase in taxation of seven-figure incomes.

Capitalism has failed and must be ended. Socialism is the future. Vote for Kishore and White.

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**Chase
Oliver**

Libertarian Party Nominee
President

Elected Experience

No experience raising taxes, sending our troops to fight unnecessary wars, waging the failed War on Drugs, interfering with free markets, or overspending taxpayers' hard-earned money.

Other Professional Experience

Experience in various industries, working up from dishwasher to business consultant and maritime logistics management for one of the world's largest shipping firms. Boardmember of a national LGBTQ educational non-profit.

Education

Twenty years of on the job training and knowledge.

Community Service

Join Chase in taking direct action to improve our communities, like park and road cleanups, donating to food banks and shelters, and volunteering and fundraising for organizations that supply direct aid to the unhoused.

Statement

For my entire life as a Millennial, both Major Parties have been complicit in making the American government unjust, unaccountable, and unsustainable. We're being dragged down by an institution that is the product of out-of-touch politicians. I have a different vision.

Let's protect the environment by cutting subsidies for oil producers, allowing safe nuclear energy, and eliminating crony capitalist protections for polluters. Let's restore justice by ending qualified immunity and prosecution of victimless crimes. Let's revive the American Dream by cutting regulations that increase the cost of home construction by over 25%. Let's empower those saddled with predatory student loans by making them interest-free and dischargeable in bankruptcy. Let's reduce healthcare costs by ending evergreen patents that keep prices of drugs like insulin high.

We must balance our budget for future generations. Decades of reckless spending have led to inflation harming every American. Let's end the wasteful War on Drugs, reform immigration, shrink the surveillance state, and close unnecessary overseas military bases.



**Mike
ter Maat**

Libertarian Party Nominee
Vice President

Elected Experience

Lifelong public servant.

Other Professional Experience

Mike's career in finance and economics included work with the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) as a financial economist, and as a consulting economist to three other federal and international agencies in the field of economic development. Mike was an advocate in DC for free markets in the financial services industry.

Education

BS in Aeronautical Engineering. MBA from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. MS and PhD degrees in Economics from The George Washington University.

Community Service

Mike is a former police officer who now advocates for comprehensive police reform.

Both Major Parties support tariffs which are a regressive tax on consumers. Tariffs lead to trade wars, which especially hurt families in Washington State where approximately 40% of jobs depend on international trade.

When goods stop crossing borders, armies will. America has long had the moniker 'leader of the free world.' It's time we earn that distinction by insisting that Peace is the way forward through trade agreements and diplomacy.

In all aspects of policy, Libertarians pursue reform with one goal: to empower people, not the government. When did rational ideas become radical ideas? If you're living your life and not using force, fraud, coercion or theft, your life's your life, your body's your body, your business is your business, and your property's your property; it's not mine, and it's certainly not the government's.

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Cornel West

Justice For All Party Nominee
President

Elected Experience

First political race.

Other Professional Experience

Former University Professor at Harvard University and Professor Emeritus at Princeton University. Written over 20 books including: Race Matters, Democracy Matters, and Brother West: Living and Loving Out Loud. Delivered the historic Gifford lectures at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland in Spring 2024. Produced three music albums.

Education

Graduated Magna Cum Laude from Harvard in three years, M.A. and Ph.D. in Philosophy from Princeton; First Black person to receive a Ph.D. in Philosophy from Princeton University.

Community Service

Dr. West has participated in numerous protests (for social, racial, environmental and worker justice) and taught in prisons for over 50 years.

Statement

The West/Abdullah Administration's Blueprint for Transformative Change

The West/Abdullah administration's first 100 days in office would usher in a paradigm shift in American politics, rooted in the tripartite pillars of truth, justice, and love. This comprehensive plan, aptly described as a "revolution of values," outlines a series of audacious initiatives designed to confront systemic inequalities and nurture a more equitable society.

Key initiatives: An executive order to prioritize homelessness and poverty; radical education reform (including a federal mandate to equalize per-pupil spending across districts) and environmental protection measures (beginning with declaring a climate emergency); bold steps on healthcare



Melina Abdullah

Justice For All Party Nominee
Vice President

Elected Experience

First political race; first Muslim to run for the vice-presidency.

Other Professional Experience

Professor of Pan-African Studies at California State University; leader in the California Faculty Association (the faculty union), locally and statewide. Author of numerous articles, book chapters; creator, host, and producer of the radio programs; recognized as an expert on race, gender, class, and social movements.

Education

B.A. in African American Studies (Howard University); Ph.D. in Political Science (University of Southern California).

Community Service

Co-Founder and Director of Black Lives Matter - Los Angeles and Black Lives Matter Grassroots.

access and gender equality (like publishing the Equal Rights Amendment and codifying abortion rights and body autonomy); transformative foreign policy and immigration reform (involving immediately halting all funding and weapons transfer to Israel); concrete actions on racial justice and democratic reform (including financial reparations and land back programs); and prioritization of workers' rights and labor protections (beginning with drafting a Worker's Bill of Rights).

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**Shiva
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Independent Candidate
President

Elected Experience

Candidate for United States Senate from Massachusetts 2018 & 2020.

Other Professional Experience

MIT PhD, The Inventor of Email, Systems Scientist, Engineer, Entrepreneur. Founder of seven successful businesses. Chairman & CEO of CytoSolve, Inc., EchoMail, Inc., Executive Director of International Center for Integrative Systems.

Education

Four MIT Degrees: PhD in Systems Biology, Masters in Mechanical Engineering, Masters in Visual Design, Masters in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. Fulbright Scholar.

Community Service

InnovationCorps.Org, Gifted 5,000+ Full Scholarships to children for Systems Science.

Statement

Since the 1970's, the policies of "The Swarm" - the tightly knit and decentralized elites across Left & Right defined at ShatterTheSwarm.com - have intentionally escalated the cost of living on everyday people and have destroyed the life expectancy of Americans.

If you have a child today, your son or daughter will have a shorter lifespan than you.

This is what happens when you keep voting for the "lesser of evils" thinking one of the evils will "save you." They have no interest in saving you, except killing you. The Solution - The truth is you must want to Save Yourself! We need a *systems overhaul*, which demands a bottoms-up movement by we the people, done by us, and for us. Shiva 4 President - When you vote for Shiva 4 President, you are acknowledging that the "Swarm" and its puppets are out to enslave you. You acknowledge that the only solution is Us, electing one of Us to be our leader.



**Crystal
Ellis**
Independent Candidate
Vice President

Elected Experience

Precinct Captain in 2020 Iowa Caucus

Other Professional Experience

Commercial and Residential Real Estate Operator, Jewelry Designer, Entrepreneur.

Education

Organizational Communication, Creighton University

Community Service

Volunteer for Siena Francis House, Hindu Temple of Omaha, and Truth Freedom Health®

The Swarm imposes their leaders on us. None of the alternatives are one of Us. Dr.Shiva is one of Us.

He came bottoms-up, escaping the degenerate and oppressive caste system of India. As a 14-year-old, he created the world's first email system, being awarded the first U.S. Copyright for Email, recognizing him as the legal and official inventor of email. He went on to receive four degrees at MIT, and started 7 successful companies, never taking any venture financing from the elites in Silicon Valley. Dr.Shiva has a history of delivering real solutions to transform the lives of everyday people.

Shatter The Swarm: The movement for Truth Freedom Health® and Shiva 4 President offers you the opportunity to Shatter The Swarm to win the life we need and deserve. Vote Shiva 4 President.

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Qualifications & Responsibilities

Statewide-elected executives must be registered Washington voters and are elected to four-year terms.

Governor

The Governor is the chief executive officer of the state and makes appointments for hundreds of state positions, including directors of state agencies (subject to confirmation by the Senate). The Governor has the power to sign or veto (reject) legislation, and annually submits a budget recommendation and reports on state affairs to the Legislature.

Lieutenant Governor

The Lieutenant Governor is elected independent of the Governor, and serves as the presiding officer of the state Senate. The Lieutenant Governor is first in line of succession and becomes Acting Governor whenever the Governor leaves the state or is otherwise unable to serve.

Secretary of State

The Secretary of State leads the state Elections Division, Corporations and Charities Division, state Archives and Library, and other programs and services. The Office of the Secretary of State manages corporation and charity filings, collects and preserves historical state records, and governs the use of the state flag and seal. The Secretary of State is second in line of succession for Governor.

State Treasurer

As the state's finance officer, the Treasurer manages the cash flow, investments, and debt of all major state accounts. The Treasurer serves on the State Investment Board, providing guidance for the management of long-term debt and investments, and Chairs the Public Deposit Protection Commission, ensuring the safety of public deposits in qualified banks.

State Auditor

The Auditor works with state and local governments to conduct independent financial and performance audits. The Auditor publicly investigates state employee whistleblower claims about agencies and reports of fraud, waste, and abuse of taxpayer money received through its citizen hotline.

Attorney General

The Attorney General serves as legal counsel to the Governor, members of the Legislature, state officials, and more than 200 state agencies, boards, commissions, colleges, and universities. The Office of the Attorney General protects the public by upholding the Consumer Protection Act and provides public information about consumer rights and scams.

Commissioner of Public Lands

The Commissioner of Public Lands is the head of the Department of Natural Resources, overseeing management of more than 5 million acres of state forest, agricultural, range, aquatic, and commercial lands. The Commissioner manages the state's largest on-call fire department, preventing and fighting wildfires on 13 million acres of private, state and tribal-owned forest lands.

Superintendent of Public Instruction

The Superintendent heads the state education agency and is chief executive officer of the state Board of Education. The Superintendent is responsible for the administration of the state's kindergarten through twelfth grade education program. The office certifies teaching personnel, approves and accredits programs, and distributes state and local funds.

Insurance Commissioner

The Insurance Commissioner regulates insurance companies doing business in Washington, licenses insurance agents and brokers, reviews policies and rates, examines the operations and finances of insurers, and handles inquiries and complaints from the public.



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Bob
Ferguson

(Prefers Democratic Party)

Elected Experience

Attorney General. Reelected with 67%, winning 37 of Washington's 39 counties. An independent leader, Bob manages Washington's largest law office. He protects the rights of all Washingtonians, prosecutes criminals, and stops price-gouging that harms families.

Other Professional Experience

Bob began his professional career in Eastern Washington. He worked with federal judges appointed by presidents of both parties. Bob represented taxpayers, local governments, and small businesses. Growing up, he worked delivering newspapers and washing dishes at a senior home.

Education

University of Washington; Law Degree, NYU.

Community Service

Bob served in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, managing an emergency services office assisting vulnerable individuals and tutoring kids.

Statement

Son of a special education public school teacher and a Boeing employee, Bob takes on the toughest fights, solves problems, and gets things done for you—not powerful interests. He is the only candidate who refuses campaign contributions from corporate PACs and large corporations. Never satisfied with the status quo, he'll protect your rights and deliver change for Washington.

As Governor, Bob's top priority is improving public safety. He'll hire more police officers to combat crime and fentanyl. He took on powerful drug companies, winning \$1.2 billion for increased treatment and first responders. Nurses, firefighters, and prosecutors endorse Bob because they trust him to combat public drug use and improve the mental health system. Bob worked alongside law enforcement to end the rape kit backlog and bring justice to survivors. He knows how to bring people together to solve big challenges.

Bob and his wife Colleen, who works at a community college, are raising teenage twins. Bob knows high housing prices make it hard for too many families. He'll work with both parties for commonsense solutions to address homelessness and rising housing costs—building 200,000 affordable homes in four years. Bob will increase opportunities for every Washingtonian to get ahead by investing in career education, skills training, and apprenticeships.

Bob understands our democracy is threatened and successfully blocked dozens of illegal Trump administration actions. As Governor, he'll defend our democracy and protect Washingtonians. A champion for reproductive freedom, Bob is the only candidate endorsed by Pro-Choice Washington and Planned Parenthood.

In contrast, Congressman Dave Reichert said, "I love Donald Trump's policies," and voted with Trump 92.5% of the time. Reichert repeatedly voted to impose a nationwide abortion ban that criminalizes doctors and to abolish the Affordable Care Act. Reichert opposes marriage equality.

Bob fights for us.

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Dave
Reichert

(Prefers Republican Party)

Elected Experience

King County Sheriff, 1997-2005; US House of Representatives, 2005-2019

Other Professional Experience

US Air Force Reserve (1971-1976). Joined the King County Sheriff's Office in 1972. In 1997 became King County's first elected sheriff in 30 years. Vice President, Gordon Thomas Honeywell from 2019 to 2023.

Education

Concordia Lutheran College, AA

Community Service

Served on King County's Domestic Violence Council. Board of Directors for The Borgen Project. Founder of King County Violent Firearms Coalition. Former Member of King County Committee to End Homelessness. Founder of King County Sheriff's Police Activities League. Youth coach and counselor. Two-time Washington Medal of Valor Recipient. National Sheriff of the Year.

Statement

For nearly 40 years our state has been lost in a wilderness of one-party rule. What has that gotten us? The highest violent crime rate in our history, friends and family dying from fentanyl, record homelessness, and the worst maintained roads, highways, and ferries in America. As your governor, I will work tirelessly to foster an economy that works for everyone, safe streets and neighborhoods, and ensure the children in our state get a world class education.

From the United States Air Force to the King County Sheriff's Office, I witnessed examples of selfless sacrifice, individuals who put others before themselves. That experience taught me what it means to have a servant's heart, honored by an opportunity to help, and driven to show the courage and humility it takes to get things done. As King County Sheriff, I arrested violent criminals and locked up human traffickers who preyed on women and children. On my watch crime was down as we enforced the law and everyone was accountable. This experience served me well when the people of Washington sent me to Congress where I worked with Republicans and Democrats to pass big and bold policies on everything from taxes to trade to protecting our beautiful environment.

We've been living in a state where our leaders have pit region against region, generation against generation, and yes even family against family. Dividing people is not the answer. We must work together, side by side, to tackle the issues we all face. I have been endorsed by nearly every sheriff in the state and people of all party affiliations – Republican, Independent, Democrat – are joining our campaign because they understand that business as usual is no longer an option.

I would be honored to have your support to be your next governor.

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Pete
Serrano

(Prefers Republican Party)

Elected Experience

Mayor of Pasco; City Councilmember since 2018.

Other Professional Experience

General Counsel, Silent Majority Foundation; Environmental Attorney, United States Department of Energy, Energy Northwest; Environmental Supervisor–New Nuclear Project, Energy Northwest; Adjunct Professor, Washington State University

Education

Vermont Law School, LLM—Environmental Law, 2010; Florida Coastal School of Law, Juris Doctorate, 2009; University of California, Davis, Bachelor of Arts, Italian, 2004

Community Service

Board Member, Franklin County Solid Waste Advisory Commission; Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts of America

Statement

Moving to Washington nine years ago was one of the best decisions of my life. I came to protect the environment through working at the Hanford Site as an environmental attorney. Since then, I've successfully fought to make Washington safer and to increase government transparency. I have challenged unconstitutional laws from Olympia and *won!* I have also *stopped* bad regulation in its tracks! I've led the City of Pasco as a councilmember, and now its mayor.

Washington has world class resources, but our politicians are failing. We lack safe streets; drugs, like fentanyl, fill the streets. As Attorney General, I will apply what I learned at Hanford to clean this mess.

According to the FBI, Washington is the 8th most dangerous state in the country. We have the resources to do better, but we need an Attorney General who will make sure Law Enforcement and County Prosecutors can enforce the law to make Washington Safe Again!

As your next Attorney General, my focus will be on Washington State, not Washington D.C. As Attorney General I will remove the partisan blinders to protect *all* Washingtonians. I look forward to representing you as your next Attorney General. Thank you for your vote!

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Nick
Brown

(Prefers Democratic Party)

Elected Experience

No information submitted

Other Professional Experience

U.S. Attorney for Western Washington; General Counsel to Governor Inslee; JAG Officer in U.S. Army, serving at Joint Base Lewis-McChord (WA), Fort Bliss (TX), received the Bronze Star for his time serving in Iraq; Partner, Pacifica Law Group.

Education

Harvard Law School (Harvard Law School Council, International Law Journal); Morehouse College, B.A. Political Science, Phi Beta Kappa, Magna Cum Laude (Army ROTC, Student Government)

Community Service

Campaign for Equal Justice, Board of Directors (2018-2021); Treehouse, Board of Directors (2014-2021); Seattle Works, Board of Directors (2007-2013); Commissioner, Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission (2019-2021); Soccer Coach for 11-year-old daughter, 9-year-old son.

Statement

Nick Brown was raised in Pierce County where his parents, a nurse and an Army veteran, taught him the importance of service and giving back to the community. Nick went to Morehouse College on an ROTC scholarship and after Harvard Law School, served as an Army JAG officer and federal prosecutor.

As General Counsel to Governor Inslee, Nick oversaw work to end the death penalty and coordinated the administration's response to Donald Trump's hateful Muslim ban. In 2021 President Biden appointed Nick as the first Black U.S. Attorney in state history. There, Nick prioritized addressing the fentanyl crisis, protecting consumers, cracking down on sex trafficking, and combatting violent crime.

As Attorney General, Nick will work to keep all Washingtonians safe – from crime, gun violence, discrimination, and the growing housing crisis. Nick believes Donald Trump poses an unprecedented threat to our country and will fight to protect our state from attacks on civil liberties. Nick believes the decision to have an abortion should be between a woman, her family, and doctor. He will fight any attempt to take away reproductive rights.

Nick is proudly endorsed by Governor Inslee, the Washington Education Association, Washington Conservation Action, and Washington State Labor Council.

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Jaime
Herrera Beutler

(Prefers Republican Party)

Elected Experience

U.S. Congress, 2011-2023, where I advanced bipartisan laws to improve our wildland firefighting capabilities, increase pay for firefighters, improve proactive and science-based forest management, improve forest roads and expand access to public lands, protect wildlife habitat and salmon runs, support shellfish habitat, protect family wage jobs and secure funding for Washington schools. Washington State House of Representatives, 2007-2010.

Other Professional Experience

Strategic Advisor, Children's Hospital Association. Senior Legislative Aide, U.S. House of Representatives.

Education

B.A., University of Washington, Communications.

Community Service

Recipient of the National Association of State Foresters' highest honor, the Bernard L. Orell Award for Partnership. Board of directors, National Kidney Foundation.

Statement

Decades of neglect have turned our forests into overcrowded, diseased tinderboxes. Fires scorch our forests and choke our communities every summer. They fill our lungs with smoke, destroy old growth and critical habitat, emit tons of carbon, drive up the cost of home insurance and make housing even more unaffordable. And they cause unimaginable heartache for those unfortunate enough to live in their path.

I won't leave our kids a legacy of burning forests and choking smoke. We can and will do better to remove dead and dying trees that serve as fuel, quickly fight fires when they occur, preserve jobs, and protect the lives and livelihoods of communities.

I'll lead our state Department of Natural Resources to withstand political pressures and overcome bureaucratic obstacles so that the brilliant foresters and environmental scientists who work there can do their jobs. Working with Tribes, scientists, landowners, sportsmen, the forest industry and conservation groups, I'll restore health to Washington's forests with science-based management practices so our diverse array of species and ecosystems can thrive. And I'll always preserve recreational access to public land for its owners -- the people of Washington.

Please vote Jaime Herrera Beutler for healthy forests and healthy air.

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Dave
Upthegrove

(Prefers Democratic Party)

Elected Experience

Chair, King County Council, first elected 2013; State Representative (33rd District), 2001-2013, Chair, House Environment Committee; Chair, House Select Committee on Puget Sound.

Other Professional Experience

Chair, King County Flood Control District; Natural Resources Policy Staff, Washington Senate Democratic Caucus; Basketball Referee, Pacific NW Basketball Officials Association.

Education

B.A. Environmental Conservation, University of Colorado; Graduate Certificate in Energy Policy, University of Idaho.

Community Service

Scoutmaster; Program Director, Camp Parsons BSA; Matt Griffin YMCA Board Member; Governor's Climate Action Team; Highline Citizens for Schools; Sponsor, Washington Voting Rights Act; Sponsor, Marriage Equality Legislation; Humane Society Legislative Leadership Award; NW Marine Trade Association Legislator of the Year.

Statement

A conservation leader strongly backed by the environmental community and Democrats across Washington, I am committed to protecting our clean air, clean water and habitat, improving wildfire prevention, and increasing recreational opportunities on state lands.

With the threat of climate change, wildfires, and droughts, running the Department of Natural Resources is a big, complicated job. I have both the experience and values to ensure our public lands support our high quality of life. As Lands Commissioner I'll bring bold new ideas to the table. I have a plan to protect Washington's 77,000 acres of critical legacy forests, and to launch a clean energy trust to help our climate and spur rural economic development. I'll honor tribal rights and restore Puget Sound to protect our iconic salmon and orca.

I'm the only candidate in this race not taking contributions from the timber industry. A former Washington Conservation Voters "Legislator of the Year," I'm the only candidate supported by Washington Conservation Action and the Sierra Club.

I invite you to join grassroots conservation leaders, former Lands Commissioner Peter Goldmark, Democrats and elected leaders across Washington in supporting this campaign to protect and enhance our public lands. I ask for your support.

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**Chris
Reykdal**

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

Superintendent of Public Instruction, Local School Board Director, State Legislator.

Other Professional Experience

Classroom Teacher, Higher Education Budget and Finance Executive, Fiscal Analyst for the Washington State Senate.

Education

Baccalaureate Degree in Social Studies and a Teaching Certificate, Washington State University. Master's Degree in Public Administration with an emphasis on Budget, Finance, and Performance Management, University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill.

Community Service

Parent volunteer in schools, youth soccer coach, local city planning commissioner, food bank volunteer, education foundation board member, education scholarship founder, and non-profit fundraiser.

Statement

Thank you Washington Voters! I am grateful to serve as your State Superintendent. This job requires experience and tested leadership to maintain our post-pandemic recovery. Our strong learning acceleration is at risk without sustained funding and a relentless focus on keeping our schools public and accountable to local voters. The paramount duty in our state is to fully fund our public schools. Investing in our public schools and our educators to empower student achievement is my number one priority!

Innovation drives our work with expanded career and technical education pathways, a record high graduation rate, a measurable improvement in student mental health following targeted investments, and free school meals for over 700,000 students. We are a top performing state in math and reading, and civics is once again a graduation requirement under my leadership!

Over two-thirds of our students now earn college credit while in high school, saving families over \$100 million per year in foregone tuition, and we've doubled our investments in rural school facilities. Every child deserves a high-quality, individualized, and equitable learning opportunity in every community!

Endorsed: Washington State Labor Council, Public School Employees, Washington Education Association, American Federation of Teachers-WA, Washington Conservation Action, and more.

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**David
Olson**

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience

Peninsula School Board Director (2013 – present); Pierce County Charter Review Commissioner (2016); Previously elected to the WSSDA Legislative and Resolutions Committees; served as school board Legislative Representative for 10 years.

Other Professional Experience

Finance and Banking; Defense Contractor; U.S. Navy Chief Warrant Officer (retired)

Education

SNHU, B.S. Organizational Leadership, Magna cum Laude; Officer Candidate School, U.S. Navy; Saturation Diver Training, U.S. Navy; Technical School, U.S. Navy

Community Service

Board Member, Greater Gig Harbor Foundation; Gig Harbor Rotary; President and Board Member, City Club of Tacoma; Vice President, Hilltop Business Association; Board Member, World Trade Center Tacoma

Statement

Less than 50% of Washington students can read and write at grade level yet your property taxes have skyrocketed. Your children and schools deserve better. OSPI is not fulfilling their duty to advocate for adequate school operational funding. As Superintendent, I will push to change the approach, ensuring resources reach the schools and students who need them most – regardless of race, ethnicity, or socioeconomic status.

Under the incumbent, chronic absenteeism has doubled, depriving children of crucial learning opportunities. Drawing from my district's success, where strong parental engagement has led to one of the state's lowest absentee rates, I will advocate for policies that encourage partnering with parents.

I am committed to restoring local control to school boards, empowering those who understand their communities' unique needs, ensuring a fair and effective education for all. *I will push to expand skilled trades programs, preparing our students for future diverse careers.*

To combat the distractions of the digital age, I will promote policies restricting cell phones and social media in schools, creating safer, more focused learning environments. *The Seattle Times stated the Superintendent is a "cheerleader for mediocrity." Average Is Not Good Enough! It is time for change. I'll appreciate your vote.*

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Road to the White House

Students will understand the unique process of electing the president of the United States.

(30-45 minutes)

Discussion

Someone who wants to be president must first win their party's nomination. There are currently two major parties, Republican and Democratic. Each state party holds a primary or caucus to select their choice for nominee.

The parties' presidential nomination process starts with the Iowa Caucus. A caucus is a small neighborhood meeting of the Democratic or Republican parties. At a caucus, party members talk about candidates and decide who they feel would be the best presidential nominee for their party. Caucus results are sent to state party headquarters where the results are tallied.

A presidential primary serves the same purpose. New Hampshire's constitution states that it's always the first state to hold a presidential primary. In a presidential primary, party members statewide vote for their favorite candidate. The winning candidate gains that state's votes for nomination at the party's national convention.

At the national conventions, each party selects a nominee. The convention itself is a roll call. Each state is called and the number of votes they have is announced (based on state population). The state's party delegates stand and declare their choice for presidential nominee. The candidates with the most votes wins the party's nomination and goes on to the General Election.

In the General Election, minor party nominees join the Republican and Democrat nominees on the ballot. Minor party nominees typically support certain causes or are simply a popular individual.

After the General Election, the winner is declared based on who earned the most electoral votes. Each state is given the same number of votes in the Electoral College as it has U.S. representatives and senators. After the 2010 Census, Washington gained a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives, making our total electoral votes 12. Electors are chosen by each state party before the election; if their nominee wins the state's popular vote, those electors will vote in the Electoral College.



Primary Sources

U.S. Constitution:

- [Article 2, Section 1](#)
- Amendments [12](#), [14](#), [20](#), [22](#), [23](#) & [25](#)

Federalist Paper No. 68:
The Mode of Electing the President (p. 4)

political party

a group of people who share common political views, working to elect members to government

major party

a political party that had federal or statewide candidates who received at least 5% of the vote in the previous presidential election

minor party

a political party not qualified to be a major party; also known as a "third party"

nominee

a candidate chosen by a political party

presidential primary
an election to select the state party's choice for presidential nominee; that state's delegates will vote for the Primary winner at their party's national convention

caucus
a meeting of party members to select their state's choice for a presidential nominee and delegates to their national convention

Super Tuesday
the day that many states hold presidential primaries and caucuses, the results of which generally predict the major parties' presidential nominees

national convention
a meeting of party delegates from each state to select the party's presidential nominee

Electoral College
presidents are not elected directly by voters; instead, they are elected by "electors" who are chosen by popular vote in each state; states get a number of electoral votes equal to their seats in Congress (Washington has 12 electoral votes)

inauguration
the ceremony in which a winning candidate takes office

Elementary Lesson

1. Ask students to write in their own words each step of the presidential election system on the blank "Road to the White House" worksheet (p. 5).

Electing the President (Middle & High School)

1. Read Federalist Paper No. 68 (p. 4) and applicable sections of the U.S. Constitution, then discuss the process. Ask students to write in their own words each step of the presidential election system on the blank "Road to the White House" worksheet (p. 5).
2. Divide students into groups of three or four. Have each group draw a song title out of a hat. Suggested song titles:

Yankee Doodle
You're a Grand 'Ole Flag
My Country 'Tis of Thee
This Land is Your Land
Battle Hymn of the Republic
Take Me Out to the Ball Game
3. Instruct each group to replace the words of the song with their own lyrics about the presidential election process. Students must include each step of the process, but may describe it in their own words.
4. Give the groups 20 minutes to work on their lyrics, then ask groups to perform their songs for the class.

Electoral College (Middle & High School)

1. Read Federalist Paper No. 68 (p. 4) and applicable sections of the U.S. Constitution, then discuss the process proposed there compared to the presidential election system we have today. Are the advantages Hamilton touted, such as the Electoral College, still the best solution today? Why or why not?
2. Ask students to complete the "Electoral College Calculator" map (p. 6) and list how many electoral votes each state is allotted.
3. If it's a presidential election year, have students fill in each state red or blue to indicate which nominee they think will win those electoral votes. What's the final tally? Who will win? (Teachers could offer a prize to students with the closest guess.)

Homework

Many people have debated the effectiveness of the Electoral College. Ask students to discuss the Electoral College with an adult, and write down their thoughts following the conversation.

What are the benefits of the Electoral College?

How is the Electoral College outdated or ineffective?

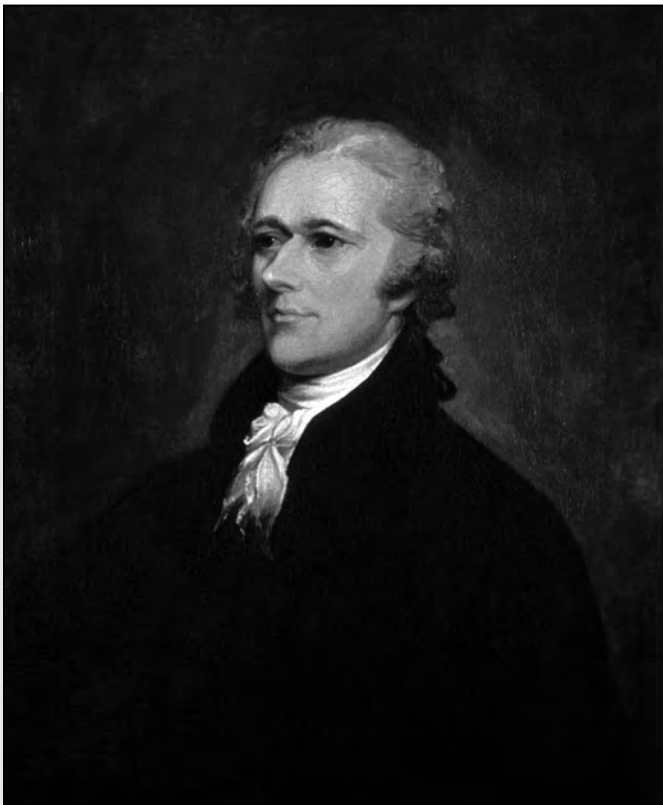
What is a different way we could select the president?

Assessment Questions

Elementary: The vote for the presidential election is one of the biggest decisions an adult can make. You are being asked if voting should be required. Interview someone who disagrees with your position and find out why.

Middle & High School (students may choose):

1. The Constitution forbids naturalized citizens from running for president or vice president. Based on Alexander Hamilton's quote below, should the Constitution be amended to give naturalized citizens the right to run for president?
2. Now that you've had a discussion about the Electoral College, can you think of an alternative for selecting the President of the United States?



“Constitutions should consist only of general provisions; the reason is that they must necessarily be permanent, and that they cannot calculate for the possible change of things.”

Alexander Hamilton

Federalist Paper No. 68 — The Mode of Electing the President

New York — March 14, 1788

To the People of the State of New York,

The mode of appointment of the Chief Magistrate of the United States is almost the only part of the system, of any consequence, which has escaped without severe censure, or which has received the slightest mark of approbation from its opponents... I venture somewhat further that if the manner of it be not perfect, it is at least excellent.

It was desirable that the sense of the people should operate in the choice of the [President]. This end will be answered by committing the right, not to any preestablished body, but to men chosen by the people for the special purpose...

It was also [particularly] desirable to afford as little opportunity as possible to tumult and disorder. This evil was not least to be dreaded in the election of a magistrate, who was to have so important a [role] in the administration of the government as the President of the United States. But the precautions which have been so happily concerted in the system under consideration, promise an effectual security against this mischief. The choice of several [men], to form an intermediate body of electors, will be much less apt to convulse the community with any extraordinary or violent movements, than the choice of one who was himself to be the final object of the public wishes. And as the electors, chosen in each State, are to assemble and vote in the State in which they are chosen, this detached and divided situation will expose them much less to heats and ferments than if they were all to be convened at one time, in one place.

Nothing was more to be desired than [to prevent] cabal, intrigue, and corruption. These most deadly adversaries of republican government might naturally have been expected [from] foreign powers [wanting] to gain an improper ascendant in our councils. How could they better gratify this, than by raising a creature of their own to the chief magistracy of the Union? But the [Constitution] guarded against all danger of this sort, with the most provident and judicious attention. [The Constitution] has not made the appointment of the President to depend on any preexisting bodies of men, who might be tampered with beforehand to prostitute their votes; but has referred it the people of America, to be exerted in the choice of persons for the temporary and sole purpose of making the appointment. And [the Constitution] excluded from eligibility all those who from situation might be suspected of too great devotion to the President in office. No senator, representative, or other person holding a place of trust or profit under the United States, can be of the numbers of the electors. Thus the [electors] will enter upon the task free from any sinister bias. Their transient existence, and their detached situation, afford a satisfactory prospect of their continuing so, to the conclusion of it. The business of corruption, when it is to embrace so considerable a number of men, requires time as well as means. Nor would it be easy, dispersed as they would be over thirteen States, to mislead them from their duty.

No less important was that the Executive should be independent for his continuance in office on all but the people themselves. He might otherwise be tempted to sacrifice his duty to his complaisance for those whose favor was necessary to the duration of his [term]...

“The people of each State shall choose a number of persons as electors, equal to the number of senators and representatives of such State in the national government, who shall assemble within the State and vote for some fit person as President... the person who may happen to have a majority of votes will be the President.”

All these advantages will happily combine in the plan devised by the [Constitution]; which is, that the people of each State shall choose a number of persons as electors, equal to the number of senators and representatives of such State in the national government, who shall assemble within the State, and vote for some fit person as President. Their votes, thus given, are to be transmitted to the seat of the national government, and the person who may happen to have a majority of the whole number of votes will be the President...

The process of election affords a moral certainty that the office of President will never fall to the lot of any man who is not in an eminent degree endowed with the requisite qualifications. Talents for low intrigue, and the little arts of popularity, may alone suffice to elevate a man to the first honors in a single State; but it will require other talents, and a different kind of merit, to establish him in the esteem and confidence of the whole Union, or of so considerable a portion of it as would be necessary to make him a successful candidate for the distinguished office of President of the United States. It will not be too strong to say, that there will be a constant probability of seeing the station filled by characters pre-eminent for ability and virtue... We may safely pronounce, that the true test of a good government is its aptitude and tendency to produce a good administration.

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(Alexander Hamilton)

Road to the White House

Describe each stage of the presidential election process.



State Primaries/Caucuses

Convention



General Election

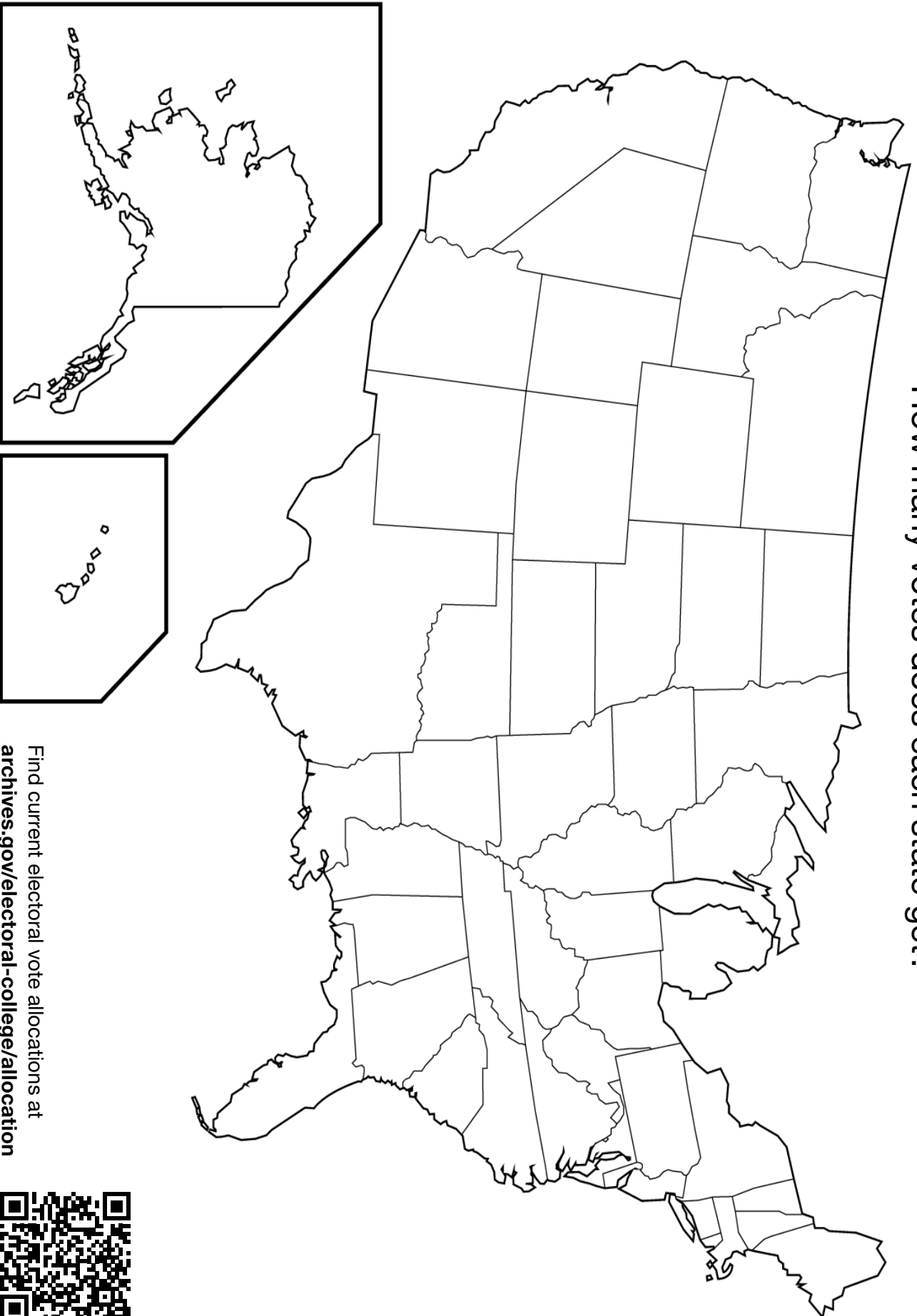
Electoral College

Inauguration



Electoral College Calculator

How many votes does each state get?



Find current electoral vote allocations at
[archives.gov/electoral-college/allocation](https://www.archives.gov/electoral-college/allocation)



Lesson:

Make a candidate profile

When the elections office approves a candidate's filing, they are notified to submit Voters' Pamphlet information. Statements are not publicly available until after the submission deadline.

Only candidates for open state offices will be included in the **Washington State Voters' Pamphlet**. Local positions only appear in each counties' local pamphlet.

Give it a try!

The following pages explain the rules for all four sections of the profile.

Please prepare the following:

- 1 Photograph
- 2 Biography (four headings)
- 3 Statement
- 4 Campaign contact information

1 Photograph

You may submit one photograph of your head and shoulders.

Clothing or insignias that suggest holding a public office are not acceptable (e.g., judicial robes, law enforcement or military uniforms).

Photos must be high resolution and may not be digitally altered.

A color photo is highly preferred. For best results, use a light-colored background, but not white. Photos must be no more than five years old.

2 Biography

You may provide a 100-word biography.

You must use the following headings, which do not count toward the word limit.

- Elected Experience**
- Other Professional Experience
- Education
- Community Service

Each heading has a separate text box that counts toward the 100-word limit. Headings left blank will display a "No information submitted."

**Judicial candidates will see Legal/Judicial Experience instead.

Sample of the printed voters' pamphlet

1



Candidate Name

Prefers Sample Party

2

Elected Experience

Virginia provincial legislature, representing Frederick County in the House of Burgesses. Former Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army during the American Revolutionary War. No formal education, but studied mathematics, trigonometry, and surveying.

Other Professional Experience

Virginia provincial legislature, representing Frederick County in the House of Burgesses. Former Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army during the American Revolutionary War. No formal education, but studied mathematics, trigonometry, and surveying.

Education

No formal education, but studied mathematics, trigonometry, and surveying.

Community Service

Virginia provincial legislature, representing Frederick County in the House of Burgesses. Former Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army during the American Revolutionary War.

3

Statement

George Washington, a retired general, had no wish or aspiration beyond the humble and happy lot of living and dying a private citizen at his Mount Vernon farm. However, his peers and the American people at large spread rumors declaring George Washington would likely be elected first President of the United States (much to the dismay of Washington himself). George Washington could not escape his conscience. In a formal letter of acceptance, Washington succinctly assented to what he had agonized over for more than a year. Washington concluded to obey the important and flattering call of his Country.

George Washington, as the first president, was well aware of the great responsibility of defining the American presidency. "I walk on untrodden ground," was a frequent comment he made in the days leading up to his first inauguration. Washington believed that the precedents he set must make the presidency powerful enough to function effectively in the national government, but at the same time these practices could not show any tendency toward monarchy or dictatorship. In addition to defining the actual powers of the office, Washington also needed to show the new nation how the leader of a democracy should behave socially.

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Contact Information

(202) 456-1776; info@georgewashington.com; www.georgewashington.com

Candidate Profile Instructions, continued

3 Statement

State law sets maximum word limits.

300 words, up to six (6) paragraphs

- U.S. Senator
- U.S. Representative
- Governor

200 words, up to four (4) paragraphs

- State Executive (except Governor)
- State Senator
- Supreme Court Justice*
- Court of Appeals Judge*
- Superior Court Judge*

100 words, up to two (2) paragraphs

- State Representative

No tables, lists, or bullets allowed.

We will combine lists with semi-colons.

Use only italics to emphasize words or phrases. Bold, underline, and all caps are not allowed.

Our office will convert incorrect format to italics.

Opponents or endorsements named in your statement will receive a mention notice from our office. This may result in court-ordered changes to your statement.

Correct

I approve of *justice* for all, *fairness* of the law, and *rehabilitation*.

Incorrect

- I approve of:
- JUSTICE for all
 - **Fairness** of the law
 - Rehabilitation

4 Campaign Contact Info

The campaign contact information submitted with your declaration appears with your statement. You may review the information in the submission tool.

- Campaign phone number
- Campaign email
- Campaign website
- Videos will not be displayed in the Online Voters' Guide.

Contact information does not count toward the word limits.

Long URL addresses are not allowed.

Update contact information deadline: **Friday after the Primary Election.**

Campaign finance info

Your campaign finance information is public information. A link to your campaign finance information will appear on your page in the Online Voters' Guide.

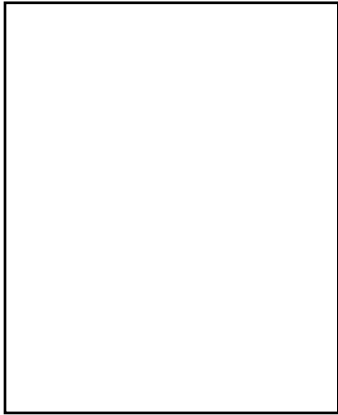
Candidates for state or local office should refer to the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission for reporting requirements. Information and links to filing systems are available at pdc.wa.gov.

Candidates for U.S. Senate or U.S. House of Representatives must report campaign finance information to the Federal Election Commission at fec.gov.

Tips from voters

- Treat this as a resume and edit carefully.
- Offer your vision. Be positive.
- What do you want to accomplish if elected?
- Describe what sets you apart from your opponent.
- Avoid criticism of your opponent.
- Who endorses your candidacy?
- Avoid technical terms and abbreviations.
- Keep it clean. Pamphlets are a teaching resource for our schools.

Position & Term:

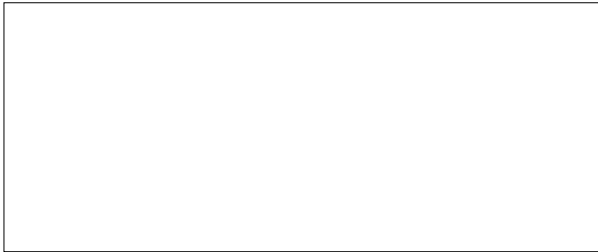


First name:

Last name:

(Nonpartisan)

Elected Experience



Other Professional Experience



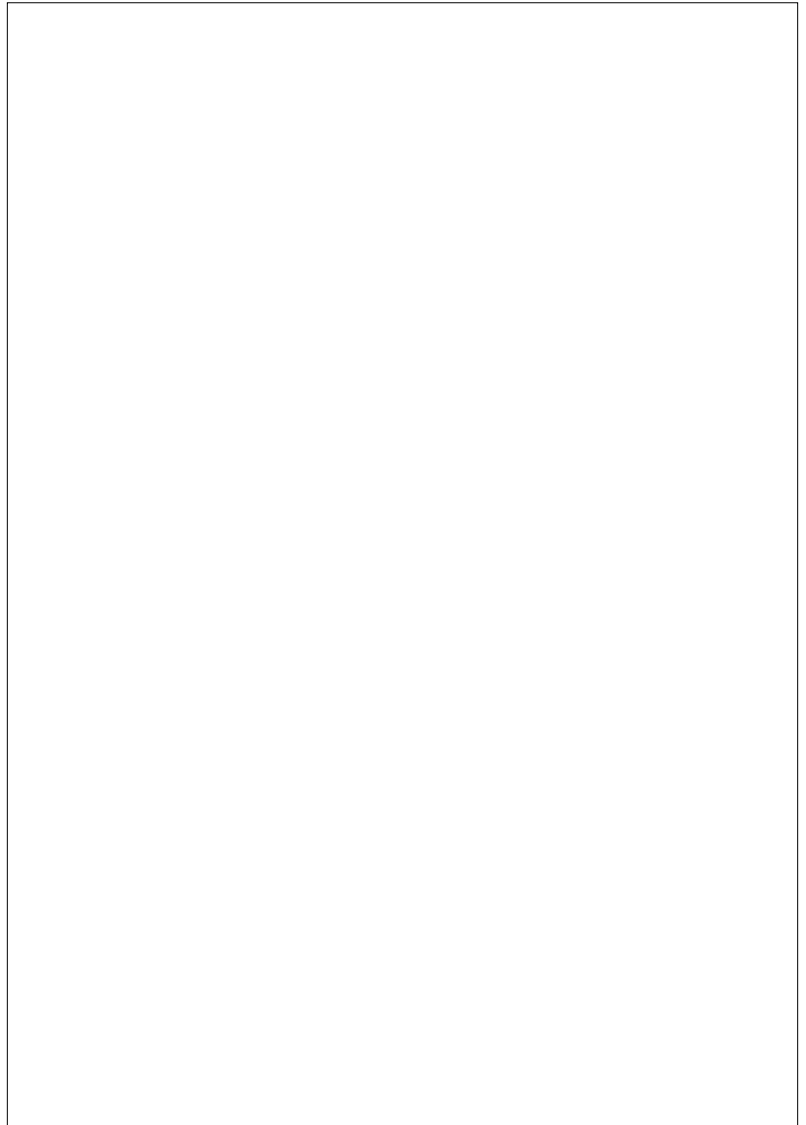
Education



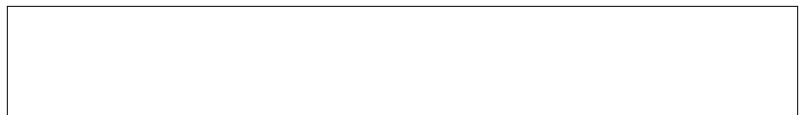
Community Service



Statement



Contact





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