

# VOTERS' PAMPHLET

Washington State Elections

General Election  
November 7



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**WASHINGTON**  
Secretary of State

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

## A message from Secretary of State Steve Hobbs



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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

Steve Hobbs  
Secretary of State

### Tracking your ballot is easier than ever!

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



### Student Engagement Hubs



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

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

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



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## What is the Voters' Pamphlet?

The first state Voters' Pamphlet was issued in 1914 to ensure Washington voters were well informed on any initiatives or referenda appearing on their ballots. Since then, it has taken on additional roles, and now you also find candidate statements, budget information, and other important election updates and reminders.

## Where are the candidates and measures?

This year, there are no statewide candidates or measures, so we're sending you this purely-educational edition. After all, the Voters' Pamphlet is more than just candidate statements and the arguments for and against ballot measures. It's a resource for teachers, a tool for learners of English, a reminder of important rights and responsibilities, and a signal that there's an election just around the corner.

## Where can I find trusted information on local candidates and measures?

Trusted information on local candidates and measures can be found in your local Voters' Pamphlet, issued by your county elections office. You can also log in to **VoteWA.gov** for your personalized Voters' Guide.

### Local Candidates and 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 Voters' Guide.

### Who donates to campaigns?

View financial contributors for state and local candidates and measures:



#### Public Disclosure Commission

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

### Deadlines



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



### 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

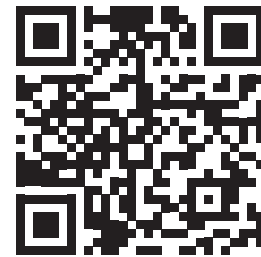
**i** During the 2023 session, the Legislature passed Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill (ESSB) 5082, which establishes a webpage with new, interactive budget information created by the Legislative Evaluation and Accountability Program (LEAP) Committee and the Office of Financial Management (OFM).

**WA Budget Summary:**

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

**Legislative Information Center:**

1 (800) 562-6000



**How can you access this new webpage?**

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

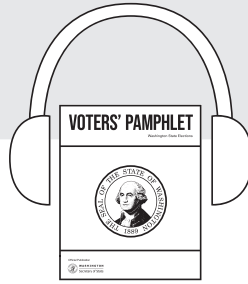
**What's in the budget?**

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

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

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

## Are accessible voting options available?



Audio and plain text voters' pamphlets available at [www.sos.wa.gov/elections](http://www.sos.wa.gov/elections)

### No internet access?

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

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

## Felony conviction?



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

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

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



## Are language services available?

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

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

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

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

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

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

金郡的選民可以索求中文版投票資料。

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

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

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

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

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

*The federal Voting Rights Act requires translated elections materials.*

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



### Keep your voting address confidential

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

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

To become a Protected Records Voter:

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

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

## What if I'm not 18 yet?



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

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

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

## Are you ready to vote?



### 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.

### How do I register to vote?

Register online, by mail, or in person.

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

### Moved?

Contact a county elections office to request a ballot at your new address (listed at the end of this pamphlet).

Check your registration info at [VoteWA.gov](http://VoteWA.gov)

## Why is my signature important?

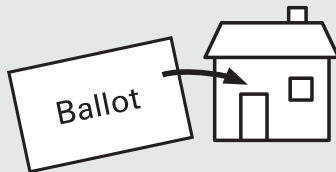
### Your signature is needed to make sure your ballot gets counted.

- The signature on your return envelope is compared to the signature on your voter registration record. Trained election officials verify each and every signature.
- If your signature is missing or does not match your voter registration record, the county elections office will contact you by mail **before certification**. They may call or email if you gave them this info.
- If you registered to vote online or through Department of Licensing, the signature from your driver's license, permit, or state ID will be on your voter registration record.
- Voters can track and check their ballot status at [VoteWA.gov](http://VoteWA.gov).



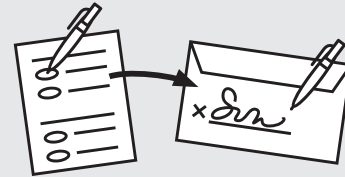
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If you're registered to vote, there is no need to request a ballot. Your ballot will be mailed by **October 20** to the address you provide on your voter registration. If you need a replacement ballot, contact a county elections office listed at the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



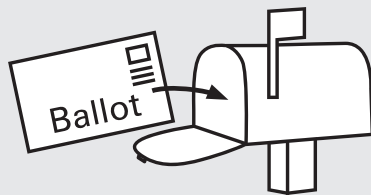
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Vote your ballot and sign your return envelope. We need your signature to accept your ballot. You are not required to vote every race on your ballot. We encourage using this pamphlet to help you decide.



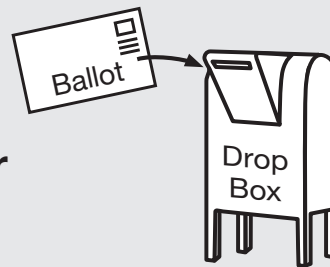
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Return your ballot by mail, no stamp needed. If mailed, your ballot must be postmarked by **November 7**. Don't let a late postmark disqualify your ballot. The USPS recommends that you mail a week before Election Day.



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

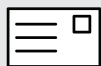
Or



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

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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 unofficial until certification.

**Adams County**

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

**Asotin County**

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

**Benton County**

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

**Chelan County**

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

**Clallam County**

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

**Clark County**

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

**Columbia County**

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

**Cowlitz County**

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

**Douglas County**

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

**Ferry County**

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

**Franklin County**

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

**Garfield County**

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

**Grant County**

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

**Grays Harbor County**

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

**Island County**

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

**Jefferson County**

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

**King County**

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

**Kitsap County**

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

**Kittitas County**

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

**Klickitat County**

205 S Columbus Ave, Rm 203  
Goldendale, WA 98620  
(509) 773-4001  
voting@klickitatcounty.org

**Lewis County**

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

**Lincoln County**

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

**Mason County**

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

**Okanogan County**

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

**Pacific County**

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

**Pend Oreille County**

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

**Pierce County**

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

**San Juan County**

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

**Skagit County**

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

**Skamania County**

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

**Snohomish County**

3000 Rockefeller Ave, MS 505  
Everett, WA 98201  
(425) 388-3444  
elections@snoco.org

**Spokane County**

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

**Stevens County**

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

**Thurston County**

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

**Wahkiakum County**

64 Main St  
Cathlamet, WA 98612  
(360) 795-3219  
elections@co.wahkiakum.wa.us

**Walla Walla County**

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

**Whatcom County**

311 Grand Ave, Ste 103  
Bellingham, WA 98225  
(360) 778-5102  
elections@co.whatcom.wa.us

**Whitman County**

304 N Main St  
Colfax, WA 99111  
(509) 397-5284  
elections@co.whitman.wa.us

**Yakima County**

128 N 2nd St, Rm 117  
Yakima, WA 98901  
(509) 574-1340  
iVote@co.yakima.wa.us