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Secretary of State

In Washington, we enjoy a unique tradition of promoting citizen involvement in our political system. Washingtonians enjoy the right to initiative and referendum, the right to recall elected officials, and the right to a state Voters' Pamphlet containing detailed information on ballot measures and candidates.

Even Washington's Presidential Primary law was citizen-driven, as it was adopted by the Legislature in 1989 as an Initiative to the Legislature. In our 2016 Presidential Primary on May 24, Washington voters will get an opportunity to express themselves, to vote on how they feel about who should be their party's nominee for president of the United States.

A Presidential Primary is a different kind of election, since voters will be asked to declare a party affiliation and to vote only on that party's list of candidates. The parties have a First Amendment right of association that limits access to their nominating process to their self-identified members. The question of what the parties do with the results is entirely up to the parties.

For voters and the elections community across the state, the emphasis will be on making sure this important election is administered in a fair, accessible, and accurate manner.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact our office's Elections Division. We will be happy to assist you.

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Washington State Elections Director

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Alternate document formats are available upon request.

Use this guide if you affiliate with the Republican or Democratic Party, you want to be a candidate of that political party, and you want to participate in Washington State's Presidential Primary.

Under Washington State laws, only major political party candidates appear on the Presidential Primary ballot. A major party is any party whose nominee for President received at least 5 percent of the total vote cast at the last Presidential election. In 2016, only the Democratic or Republican Party meet this threshold.

Important dates

February 24	initial list of candidates issued
March 10	last day to submit nominating petitions
March 18	last day for candidates to withdraw
March 19	candidates officially certified to ballot
May 6	18-day voting period begins
May 24	Presidential Primary

Minor party or independent candidates for President . . .

Presidential candidates not affiliated with the Republican or Democratic political parties should use the *Minor Party & Independent Candidates Guide to Washington State's 2016 Ballot*.

Accessing the ballot

Candidate names are placed upon a major political party ballot in two ways:

1. The **Secretary of State** compiles an initial list of candidates. The candidates must be recognized by national media.

The initial list will be issued to County Auditors no later than 90 days prior to the Presidential Primary.

2. Members of the political party may petition to have a candidate's name added to the official list.

Filing fees

There are no filing fees for the offices of President and Vice President.

Report campaign funding

All candidates expending or collecting funds for a federal office must register with the Federal Election Commission (fec.gov).

Campaign signs

Washington State and local jurisdictions have strict rules regarding campaign signs.

The Washington State Department of Transportation provides contact information (page 14) and guidance for campaign signage along state highways. For local highway and city street rules, contact the applicable county or city.

Candidate names may appear on a major political party ballot in two ways:

1. Based upon recognition by national media, a candidate's name will be listed by the Secretary of State.
2. After an initial list has been issued, political party members may **petition** to have a candidate's name added to the official list.

1. Initial list of candidates.

February 24, 2016. Review the Secretary of State's initial list of Presidential Primary candidates at vote.wa.gov.

Names listed will appear on the Presidential Primary ballot. Do not petition for a candidate if his or her name appears on the initial list issued by the Secretary of State.

Candidates appearing on the initial list should skip this page, and advance to the *Voters' Pamphlet Instructions* (page 8).

Members of a major political party may petition the Secretary of State to include the name of any candidate of that party on the Presidential Primary ballot.

2. Gathering petition signatures

Petitioning for access to the Presidential Primary ballot may begin immediately upon release of the initial list on February 24, 2016.

At least 1,000 registered Washington voters, declaring to be of the same political party as the candidate, must sign the nominating petition for a Presidential candidate.

Nominating petition sheets (page 7) must:

- Clearly identify the candidate's name and party as it appears on the Certificate of Nomination, the Consent of Nomination and all nominating petitions.
- Contain a statement that every person signing the petition is a registered Washington State voter and affiliates with the political party of the candidate.
- Provide space for each voter's signature, printed name, and address as current voter registration, including the county of residence.
- Not exceed 20 lines per page.

A sample petition sheet is available at vote.wa.gov.

Petitioning checklist

- Nominating Petition
- Consent of Nomination
- Signed petition sheets
- Voters' Pamphlet statement and photograph

3. Submission

The Secretary of State must receive certificates of nomination with all supporting documents no later than **5:00 p.m., March 10, 2016**. Submissions after this time and date are invalid and will not be accepted.

By mail

You may mail petition documents to:

Candidate Filing
Office of the Secretary of State
PO Box 40229
Olympia, WA 98504-0229

In person

The Office of the Secretary of State is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. at:

Elections Division
520 Union Avenue SE
Olympia, Washington 98501

Please call (360) 902-4180 to make an appointment.

Approval

The Secretary of State will notify filers of sufficiency of a petition.

If petition documents are sufficient and complete, the candidate's name will be added to the official list of candidates appearing on the Presidential Primary ballot.

If any certificate of nomination is found insufficient or invalid, supporters will be officially notified that the candidate's name shall not appear on the Presidential Primary. Documents submitted will remain with the Secretary of State.

Nominating Petition

2016 WASHINGTON STATE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

Political party: _____

Candidate's name: _____

Washington State contact (petition submitted by):

name/title _____

address _____

phone/email _____

Documents provided:

- Consent to Nomination for President
 - Notary Certificate
 - Signature of nominee
- Petitions with signatures
 - Valid received date _____
 - Number of pages submitted _____
 - Initial signature count _____
- Voters' pamphlet statement and photograph

OFFICE USE ONLY:

The number of valid signatures submitted on behalf of candidate : _____.

Notification of sufficiency/non sufficiency completed ____ / ____ / ____ .

Candidate's Consent of Nomination

2016 WASHINGTON STATE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

I, _____ residing at

(print name)

(residential address)

hereby consent to placement of my name on the Washington State Presidential Primary ballot as candidate of

the _____ Party.

(Democratic or Republican)

(signature of candidate for President)

(date of signing)

Notary Public's Certification (required)

I certify that I know, or have satisfactory evidence, that _____

(print name of candidate)

signed this instrument before me as a free act this _____ day of _____, 20__ at

_____ in the state of _____

Notary's Signature: _____

Name of Notary Public: _____

(print name)

Registered as notary at: _____

(street address)

(city/state)

My commission expires: _____

2016 Presidential Primary Nominating Petition Form

I, the undersigned, hereby declare under penalty of law, that I am a registered voter of the State of Washington, that I am affiliated with the _____ Party, and that I support _____ as a _____
(Democratic or Republican) (name of candidate)

nominee of the party for the office of President of the United States. I further declare that I have only signed one petition.

SIGNERS: Provide the correct address where you are registered to vote. Election officials use this information to verify your registration status. A mistake in your address could cause your signature to be disqualified and your candidate to fail accessing the ballot.

Signature Sign as Registered to Vote	Printed Name As Registered to Vote	Residential Address Where Registered to Vote	County
1)			
2)			
3)			
4)			
5)			
6)			
7)			
8)			
9)			
10)			

Online submission

If you are one of the initially listed candidates, or choose to submit your Presidential Primary Voters' Pamphlet information separately from your nominating petition, you will receive an email with a link. You may use this link to submit your statement and photo electronically.

The deadline is **5 p.m. on March 19, 2016**. Please prepare the following in advance:

- Photograph
- Biography
- Statement
- Campaign contact information

1. Photograph

You may submit one self-portrait of your head and shoulders.

Photos must be high resolution and no smaller than 2.5 x 3 inches. Your photo may not be digitally altered.

Clothing or insignia that suggest holding a public office are banned: for example: judicial robes, law enforcement or military uniforms.

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

2. Biography

In addition to your statement, you may provide a 100-word biography. You must use the following headings, which do not count toward the word limit. "No information submitted" will be inserted next to each heading left blank.

Elected Experience

Other Professional Experience

Education

Community Service

SAMPLE

of the printed voters' pamphlet

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Warren G. Magnuson

(Prefers Democratic Party)

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Elected Experience: Washington House of Representative, Legislative District 37.

Other Professional Experience: Farmer/Rancher, Owner of Hailey Company, Inc. our 4th generation family farm. Public service volunteer, Registrar and Attendance Specialist for North Franklin School District, Bailie Memorial Youth Ranch Foundation Board, Director, Past Director of Bailie Memorial Youth Ranch Board, former 4-H leader, PTA President, continuing classroom volunteer. Served as Regional Director for a US Senator.

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Warren advocated for in-home intervention, home health care, support and chore services for children with developmental or behavioral disabilities, seniors and the disabled. He worked to extend the property tax deferral program – helping people whose homes have increased in value, but have not had an increase in income.

He believes the WASL should only be one of several tools used to measure academic success. Warren is honored to represent you and he is and always will be, there for you.

Contact: (509) 123-4567; warren@magnuson.net
www.magnuson.com

3. Statement

State law sets maximum word limits. Hyphenated words count as two words. Statements exceeding the word limit will be shortened by deleting full sentences from the end.

300 words - 6 paragraphs

U.S. President

Proofread carefully. Your statement and biography will be printed exactly as submitted. Changes are not allowed unless requested by the Office of the Secretary of State or required by court order.

The statement you submit will be displayed online and printed in the Presidential Primary Voters' Pamphlet.

Use only *italics* to emphasize words or phrases. Bold, underline, and all caps are not allowed. Tables, lists, and bullets are not allowed. Text must be written in paragraphs.

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

Naming people, such as an opponent or endorsement, delays processing and could result in court-ordered changes to your statement. Obscene, profane, libelous, and defamatory language will be rejected.

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.

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4. Campaign contact information

The following campaign contact information will be published with your statement. Contact information does not count toward the word limits, but long web addresses such as Facebook or blogs are not allowed.

Campaign phone number

Campaign email

Campaign website

You may update your contact information at any time.

Campaign finance

Your campaign finance information will be provided to voters by the Federal Election Commission. A link to your campaign finance information will appear on your page in the online voters' guide.

Questions?

1-800-448-4881

voterspamphlet@sos.wa.gov

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Withdrawal of candidacy

Completed requests must be received no later than the close of business on March 18, 2016.

The Washington Secretary of State shall certify the

final list of candidates who will appear on the 2016 Presidential Primary ballot to Washington State County Auditors and major political party state and national chairpersons.

Withdrawal of Candidacy

RCW 29A.56.030

important information

Withdrawal of candidacy must be received by the Washington Secretary of State no later than 75 days before the Presidential Primary. Any withdrawal request received after the deadline will not be accepted.

A completed withdrawal of candidacy, once received by the Secretary of State, may not be rescinded.

office information

Presidential Primary Candidate

Democratic Party Republican Party

personal information

first name

middle name

last name

signature

I withdraw my candidacy for the office listed above. I understand that my name will not appear on the Presidential Primary ballot or in the Presidential Primary Voter's Pamphlet.

sign
here

date
here

Write-in Candidacy

qualifications

You may submit a declaration of write-in candidacy if you are eligible to assume office and not already on the ballot. There is no filing fee for President.

when to file

Declarations must be received no later than 18 days prior to the Presidential Primary.

where to file

Secretary of State, Elections Division
520 Union Avenue SE
PO Box 40229,
Olympia 98504-0229

qualifying

Names of write-in candidates will not appear on the Presidential Primary ballot or in any Presidential Primary Voters' Pamphlet.

campaign finance reporting

Report all campaign finances to the Federal Election Commission (fec.gov).

results

Write-in votes are only tabulated for individual write-in candidates if the total votes written in could potentially change the outcome. In that event, any recognizable variation of your name will be counted as a vote for you.

general election ballot

The major political parties may choose how to use the results of the Presidential Primary. Candidates appearing on the General Election ballot in the Presidential race are nominees selected by recognized political conventions.

how to complete the form

1. personal information

Enter your name and complete residential address .

You are responsible for ensuring that you meet all qualifications of the office.

2. ballot information

Indicate your political party affiliation. Only members of a major political party may participate in the Presidential Primary.

3. campaign information

A telephone number, email address, or website is not required, but recommended. Government office addresses may not be used for campaigns.

4. oath

Read, sign, and date the oath.

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Write-in candidates

Candidates not appearing on the official ballot may submit a Declaration of Write-in Candidacy for the Presidential Primary no later than 18 days before

the Presidential Primary. Write-in candidates must meet the same qualifications as any other candidate for that office.

This document becomes public information upon submission.

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	residential address		city/state/ZIP
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for office use only	date received		office code



**Washington State
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Dear Candidate:

The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) wishes to take this opportunity to advise political candidates about the placement of campaign signs and placards along state highways.

Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 47.42, the Highway Advertising Control Act, regulates signing on Interstate Highways, primary highways, and highways that are part of the Scenic and Recreational System. Signs erected on private property that are adjacent to these highways must comply with the Highway Advertising Control Act, rules contained in Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 468-66, and applicable local agency sign codes.

In accordance with WAC 468-66-050, Sign Classification and Specific Provisions, temporary political campaign signs are identified and regulated as a type of on-premise sign intended to express a property owner's endorsement of a political candidate or initiative. Prior to placing signs, WSDOT recommends checking with the property owner for approval, and to determine property line locations. Campaign signs are allowed under the following regulations:

- 1) Temporary political campaign signs are limited to a maximum size of thirty-two square feet.
- 2) Temporary political campaign signs must be removed within ten days following the election.
- 3) Sign installers must have permission of the underlying property owner prior to placing signs.
- 4) Temporary political campaign signs are subject to all other applicable provisions of RCW 47.42 and WAC 468.66 that pertain to Type 3 on-premise signs.

In addition to the above restrictions, the erection of temporary political campaign signs within the right-of-way of all state highways is prohibited. Accordingly, signs placed within the right-of-way of any state highway are subject to removal by the Washington State Department of Transportation.

Also, RCW 47.36.180(1) states in part that it is unlawful to erect any structure, sign, or device visible from a city street, county road, or state highway that simulates any directional, warning, or danger sign likely to be mistaken for such a sign. Therefore, a campaign sign cannot be designated in a manner that resembles an official traffic control sign.

If you should have any questions about placement of campaign signs along state highways, please contact Vicky Thorniley at 360-705-7282 or email at Thorniv@wsdot.wa.gov.

We sincerely hope that candidates for public office will observe the laws and regulations enacted to limit driver distraction, and protect and preserve the roadside beauty of our state. Thank you in advance for your courtesy in this matter.

Contact Your County Elections Department

Adams County

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

Asotin County

PO Box 129
Asotin, WA 99402
(509) 243-2084
dmckay@co.asotin.wa.us

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Prosser, WA 99350
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