Secretary of State

Kim Wyman

Presidential Primary Advisory #06
Preliminary List of Candidates
February 24, 2016

Today, Kim Wyman, Secretary of State, issued a **preliminary** list of Presidential candidates for the May 24, 2016, Presidential Primary. The names on the list (attached) are a compilation of candidates generally advocated or recognized by the news media. (RCW 29A.56.030).

The Secretary of State's preliminary list is the first of two ways for candidates to access the 2016 Presidential Primary ballot.

The Secretary of State will issue the final official certified list of candidates no later than March 19, 2016. (RCW 29A.56.030)

Petition process for candidates.

If a candidate's name does not appear on today's initial list, members of the political party may petition for a candidate's inclusion on the ballot. The Secretary of State's website guide, *Accessing the Presidential Primary,* describes how to petition in detail.

Candidates should be aware of the following deadlines:

March 10, 2016: Deadline for candidates to submit a petition with at least 1000 valid Washington voter signatures to the Secretary of State's Office. Petitions must meet form requirements described in WAC 434-219-090. Petitioners must also include the candidate's signed, notarized statement consenting to the nomination. (WAC 434-219-100)

March 18, 2016. Final day to withdraw from the Presidential Primary ballot. The name of any candidate submitting an affidavit of withdrawal will not appear on the final official certified list of candidates. (WAC 434-219-115)

March 19, 2016: Deadline for certification of the final candidate lists. The Secretary of State will add names of candidates with valid petitions to those on the preliminary list, and certify the final list of candidates to appear on the ballot. (WAC 434-219-120)

Washington State's Presidential Primary.

The Presidential Primary is for major political parties only—Republican and Democrat. The purpose of the Primary is to assist major political parties in selecting delegates to their national conventions. As private organizations, the parties are not required to use the results of the Primary for this purpose.

Minor parties and independent candidates do not participate in the Presidential Primary but follow a different convention process when accessing the General Election ballot.

The preliminary list of candidates (attached) is not final. The Secretary of State issues the official list of candidates for the Presidential Primary no later than March 19, 2016. Candidates appear alphabetically on the party ballot. In 2016, the Democrat ballot will appear first in the Presidential Primary consolidated ballot. (RCW 29A.36.161)

If you have any questions, please contact Libby Nieland at (360) 725-5770 or Sheryl Moss at (360) 902-4146.

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Presidential Primary Preliminary List*

Major Political Party Nomination for President of the United States

Democratic Party	Republican Party
Hillary Clinton	Ben Carson
Bernie Sanders	Ted Cruz
	John R. Kasich
	Marco Rubio
	Donald J. Trump

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* *This information is not for official ballot construction.*
The official final certification of candidates to the ballot will be available March 19, 2016.