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Same Day Registration for Address Confidentiality Program Participants

The Address Confidentiality Program has <u>updated guidelines</u> to process same-day registrations for ACP participants. If you have questions about these guidelines, please contact Leslie at 360-704-5252 or Colleen at 360-704-7135.

Social Media Assistance

If you would like assistance with creating your social media posts, please reach out to Kiran Boyal, the OSOS Website and Social Media Coordinator, at kiran.boyal@sos.wa.gov. If you have not already, please send her your social media account names so OSOS can follow you and boost your messaging during the upcoming elections.

2020 Virtual Elections Conference

Thank you all for participating last week! It was awesome to see everyone's faces.

Thank you to the Universal Registration team and the Student Hubs Committee for presenting. Great stuff! We hope you enjoyed the VoteWA sessions as well as our Reconciliation/Certification presentation. Many of you took advantage of the last virtual signature verification training and we even got to hear from some very cool experts on Voting Centers. What a great week! All the videos have been posted to our website and can be found here. The VoteWA videos are in service now. Planning is underway for the next phase in September!

Primary Election Daily Calls

Our daily calls for the primary began yesterday and will continue through the day before certification at 4:00 p.m. each day. We will start each call promptly beginning with mailing issues for the USPS representatives. If no one brings forward mailing issues, we will go on to other matters for the day. Kylee Zabel, the Secretary of State Communications Director, will also be part of our daily calls. Please join us by calling (877) 278-8686, pin 140770.

National Postal Forum (NPF) Virtual Summer Series Registration Information

On Thursday, July 23rd at 11:00 a.m. the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) and National Postal Forum (NPF) are partnering to host a FREE one-hour webinar. This is the first in a series covering a range of topics including Moving Forward: Fulfilling a Strategic Vision, Innovating the Customer Experience, Meeting Demand through Innovation, Informed Analytics and Leadership During Changing Times. Each webinar will be led by Postal officers with special guests who will discuss future trends and strategic direction.

You can register to attend any of the sessions

here: https://2020summerseries.npf.org/

Six Ballot Measures for the General Election Ballot

There will be four advisory votes on the General Election ballot, bringing the total number of measures to six. Until the measures are certified, translated and entered into VoteWA, we've posted a list of the ballot titles and full text here.

Welcome to OSOS, Elaine Taylor!

Elaine Taylor joined Elections this week. Though she came to OSOS from the Department of Ecology, she has experience working at King County Elections. A self-described "election nerd," Elaine is excited about the opportunity to once again work to ensure voters get what they need to feel confident in our elections. A graduate of the University of Iowa and an Air Force veteran, Elaine enjoys learning new things, and meeting new people and hearing their stories. Her German Shorthair Pointer, Millie, is a constant companion. Elaine traps-neuters-releases (TNRs) feral cats in her neck of the woods. Ask if she remembers the names of all 11 wild cats (so far!). Her husband, Carl, enjoys his work in the golf industry. Together they enjoy remodeling their home and working in the garden. Recently, they installed a Little Free Library at the edge of their property for all the neighbors to enjoy. Welcome Elaine!

Elections Jobs

- OSOS is hiring the Deputy Director of Elections. Details can be found here.
- King County Elections is hiring a term-limited temporary Communications
 Specialist III. Details can be found here.



Security Operations Center: COVID-19 Scams

Cybercriminals are using the hype and fear associated with COVID-19 concerns to take advantage of events to promote their activities. Malicious activity has come from email, texts, phone messages, social media, and misleading websites. Examples include:

- Fake tests or cures from individuals or business.
- Illegitimate health organizations posing as affiliates of the World Health Organizations
- Malicious websites claiming to have to share COVID-19 information will install malware, steal your personal information or cause other harm.

Recommendations

- Be vigilant.
- Use caution in handling any email with COVID-19 related subject lines, attachments or hyperlinks in emails, especially unsolicited ones.

- Only use trusted sources, such as government websites for accurate and fact-based information pertaining to the pandemic.
- Never give your personal information over the phone or email.

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