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VOTER PARTICIPATION IN ELECTION CAMPAIGNS

Any person who wishes to participate in the election campaign process through financial contributions, volunteer work or other types of involvement may contact the candidate or party of his or her choice for more information. The addresses and telephone numbers of the major and minor political parties with candidates on the general election ballot are listed below.

Washington State Democratic Party 1701 Smith Tower Seattle, WA 98104 (206) 583-0664	Citizens Party of Washington 145 N. 77th Street Seattle, WA 98103 (206) 784-9961	Libertarian Party of Washington 507 - 3rd Avenue, #1 Seattle, WA 98104 (206) 322-1475	Socialist Workers Party 5517 Rainier Avenue South Seattle, WA 98118 (206) 723-5330
Washington State Republican Party Nine Bellevue Drive, #203 Bellevue, WA 98005 (206) 451-1984	Communist Party 1408 - 18th Avenue Seattle, WA 98122 (206) 329-9171	New Alliance Party 311 - 17th Avenue East Seattle, WA 98112 (206) 324-9671	Workers World Party 1327 Yesler Way East Seattle, WA 98144 (206) 322-8272
	Independent Candidates 2031 Eastlake Avenue East Seattle, WA 98102 (206) 322-0006	Populist Party P.O. Box 33156 Seattle, WA 98133 (206) 771-7216	

DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO CANDIDATES AND POLITICAL COMMITTEES

Identification of Contributions: State law (RCW 42.17.120) provides that no contribution shall be made which in any manner conceals the identity of its source or in any other manner which effects concealment. State law (RCW 42.17.060) also provides that the campaign treasurer shall prepare and file with the public disclosure commission a statement containing the name of each person contributing the funds so deposited and the amount. Those not exceeding \$25 from any one person may be deposited without identifying the contributor.

State law (RCW 42.17.100) provides that any person who contributes in the aggregate amount of \$100 or more during the preceding 12-month period to any political committee not domiciled in the state of Washington or not otherwise required to report shall file with the commission within 3 days after the contribution was made a report signed by the contributor disclosing his or her name and address, the date, nature, purpose, amount and recipient of such contribution, and any instructions given as to its use or disbursement.

Candidate's and Treasurer's Duty to Report: On the day the campaign treasurer is designated, each candidate or political committee shall file with the commission and the county auditor of the county in which the candidate resides (or in the case of a political committee, the county in which the campaign treasurer resides) a report of all contributions received and expenditures made in the election campaign prior to that date, as provided by state law (RCW 42.17.080). Further reports shall be made on the 7th and 21st day immediately preceding the date of the election, within 21 days after the date of a primary election and within 21 days after the date of all other elections. This will be the final report if there is no outstanding debt or obligation and the campaign fund is closed.

The campaign treasurer shall maintain books of account reflecting all contributions within 3 business days of receipt. During the 8 days immediately preceding the date of the election, the books of account shall be kept current within 1 business day and be open for public inspection for at least 2 consecutive hours Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays, between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. For additional information, contact the Public Disclosure Commission, 403 Evergreen Plaza, FJ-42, Olympia, WA 98504, (206) 753-1111.

FEDERAL INCOME TAX CREDITS AND DEDUCTIONS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions or gifts made to political parties or candidates may not be deducted as business expenses. In addition, expenses paid or incurred to take part in any political campaign on behalf of a candidate for public office are not deductible business expenses. Also, indirect political contributions, such as advertising for a political party or admission to a program with proceeds going to a political party or candidate, are not deductible as business expenses.

Presidential Election Campaign Fund Checkoff: Individuals, however, can make deductible contributions. For example, the Presidential Election Campaign Fund checkoff. This fund was established to help pay for presidential election campaigns. \$1 may be taken (\$2 on a joint return) from an individual's taxes to go to a general fund, not for any specific party, to meet the expenses of the 1984 presidential election. The contribution will not increase your tax or reduce your refund and may not be claimed as a partial credit for political contributions.

Political Contributions Tax Credit: A person may take a tax credit of up to \$50 (\$100 on a joint return) for half the political contributions he or she makes during the year. Only individuals may claim this credit. This credit may not be taken for the \$1 or \$2 amount checked on a return to go to the Presidential Election Campaign Fund.

A political contribution that qualifies for the credit is a contribution of money during the year to a qualified candidate for nomination or election to any federal, state or local office who announces his or her candidacy before the end of the following calendar year and uses the money to further the candidacy; a campaign committee operated exclusively to further the election of one or more candidates to public office; a national, state or local committee of a national political party; or a newsletter fund established and maintained by a person who holds, has been elected to, or is a candidate for public office. A contribution to the newsletter fund must be used by that person in preparing and circulating the newsletter.

A written receipt is required to prove contributions. Cancelled checks will in most cases meet this requirement. If a book is bought from a committee of a national political party at a price greater than the fair market value of the book, the contribution that may qualify for the credit is the difference between the sales price and the fair market value of the book. The amount paid to a political candidate or campaign committee for a ticket for a raffle, lottery or similar drawing for valuable prizes does not qualify for the credit. Contributions for political activities not directly related to a nomination or election campaign does not qualify for credit. For additional information, contact the local office of the Internal Revenue Service.

INTRODUCTION TO THE 1984 VOTER'S PAMPHLET

FELLOW WASHINGTONIANS,

On November 6, you will have the opportunity to vote for President and Vice President of the United States, on three state ballot measures and federal and state offices. I know this pamphlet will be useful in helping you make your decisions on the critical issues and candidates facing all of us this election year.

Washington, in 1914, was one of the first states in the Union to prepare a voters' pamphlet for its citizens. We remain in the vanguard of voter information. Editions of the Voters' Pamphlet are available on tape cassette, in braille, and in a Spanish language version. For additional copies of any version of the Voters' Pamphlet or other voter information, please call our **Voter Information Hotline**, Monday through Friday, 12 noon to 8:00 p.m., **1-800-824-VOTE!**

I want to take this opportunity to thank the many Washingtonians who help with our elections — the hundreds of volunteer voter registrars, our county auditors and their staffs, the poll workers and election day volunteers, and others who work so hard to see that our elections run smoothly.

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