

**2017**

**Candidate and Election  
Guidebook**

Guía electoral y  
para candidatos



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Congratulations on making the decision to become a candidate for public office. Running for public office is oftentimes an exciting and unforgettable experience.

All of us in the elections division office know how important your decision to seek elected office can be to the residents of the Yakima Valley. By making the decision to be a candidate for public office you are accepting a great deal of responsibility and showing your commitment to serve this community. I wish you well on this journey.

Our elections division conducts all of the elections in Yakima County from the local level to the national level. We are available to provide you with information about the elections schedule, important dates and deadlines, voter registration forms, ballot processing tours, and many other election services detailed in this guidebook.

We all know that voting is one of the greatest rights we have as American citizens. We are committed to helping citizens become active participants in the election process and, most importantly, vote.

If you have questions or need additional information of any kind, please visit our website at [www.yakimacounty.us/vote](http://www.yakimacounty.us/vote) or call our Elections Division at 574-1340.

Sincerely,

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**Note:** The information in this manual is specific to the offices up for election at the time of publication. This manual is for informational purposes only and does not take the place of local, state, or federal laws. The material presented is subject to change due to new legislation, judicial determination, or additional office vacancies.

# 2017 Election Calendar

## Candidate calendar

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May 1	first day candidate filings accepted by mail
May 15	begin candidate filing
May 19	end candidate filing
May 22	lot drawing for ballot placement
May 22	last day for candidates to withdraw
May 26	candidate statements / pictures due for local voter guide
July 14	last day to file as write-in candidate for Primary
July 31	last day a void in candidacy causes that office to reopen for candidate filing
October 20	last day to file as write-in candidate for General Election

## Primary calendar

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May 12	resolutions due for special election in conjunction with the Primary
June 16	overseas and military ballots mailed
July 3	last day for mail-in and internet registration
July 3	last day for address changes via mail, phone or internet
July 14	ballots available
July 14	last day to file as write-in candidate for Primary
July 24	last day for in-person new registration (only for citizens not currently registered in Washington)
August 1	Primary
August 15	election certified by counties
August 18	last day for Secretary of State to certify the Primary

# 2017 Election Calendar

## General Election calendar

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August 1	resolutions due for special election in conjunction with the General Election
September 22	overseas and military ballots mailed
October 9	last day for mail-in and internet registration
October 9	last day for address changes via mail, phone or internet
October 20	ballots available
October 20	last day to file as write-in candidate for General Election
October 30	last day for in-person new registration (only for citizens not currently registered in Washington)
November 7	General Election
November 28	election certified by counties
December 7	last day for Secretary of State to certify the General Election
December 7	state ballots measures approved by voters declared law by Governor

## Other important dates

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April 23	regular legislative session scheduled to end
July 7	last day to submit signatures supporting initiatives to the people
July 22	last day to file referendum measure petition signatures
December 15	resolutions due for February 13, 2018 special election
December 29	last day to submit signature petitions supporting initiatives to the legislature
January 6	first day to file initiatives to the people with the Secretary of State 2018
January 8	regular legislative session begins 2018

## Holidays

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May 29	Memorial Day
July 4	Independence Day
September 4	Labor Day
October 9	Columbus Day (courthouse open; post office closed)
November 10	Veteran's Day observance
November 23	Thanksgiving

November 24	Day after Thanksgiving
December 25	Christmas
January 1	New Year's Day

# 2017 Offices up for Election

Candidate filing period: **May 15 - 19, 2017** (in person)  
**May 1 - May 19** (by mail)

RCW 29A.24.031-050

All offices file with the Yakima County Auditor

Office	Incumbent	Term length	Filing fee	PDC reporting
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## Judicial Nonpartisan Offices

### Yakima County Superior Court

Judge, Department 1	Kevin Naught	3 year unexpired term	\$1,658.70	F-1 & C- series
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## City & Town Nonpartisan Offices

### City of Grandview - 1 year residency required

Council, Position 1	Joan Souders	4 years	\$36.00	F-1
Council, Position 2	Javier Rodriguez	4 years	\$36.00	
Council, Position 3	Gloria Mendoza	4 years	\$36.00	

### City of Granger - 1 year residency required

Mayor	Jose A. Trevino	2 year unexpired	\$72.00	F-1
Council, Position 1	Magalie Roman-Estrada	4 year short/full	none	
Council, Position 2	Lilia O. Villarreal	4 years	none	
Council, Position 3	Julie Sharp	4 years	none	

### Town of Harrah

Council, Position 1	Peter Touhey	4 years	none	none
Council, Position 2	Patricia Krueger	4 years	none	

### City of Mabton - 1 year residency required

Mayor	Mario Martinez	4 years	\$60.00	none
Council, Position 1	Oping P. Hutson	4 years	none	
Council, Position 2	Sophie G. Sotelo	4 years	none	
Council, Position 3	Mark Gourneau	4 years	none	

### City of Moxee - 1 year residency required

Council, Position 1	David Roy	4 years	\$24.00	F-1
Council, Position 2	Leroy J. Lenseigne	4 years	\$24.00	

### Town of Naches

Council, Position 1	Wayne Hawver	4 years	none	none
Council, Position 2	Adam Kramer	4 years	none	
Council, Position 3	Kit Hawver	4 years	none	
Council, Position 5	Suzanne Williams	2 year unexpired	none	



# 2017 Offices up for Election

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Office	Incumbent	Term length	Filing fee	PDC reporting
<b>City of Selah - 1 year residency required</b>				
Council, Position 1	Laura Ritchie	4 years	\$39.00	F-1
Council, Position 2	Paul Overby	4 years	\$39.00	
Council, Position 3	Roy A. Sample	4 years	\$39.00	
<b>City of Sunnyside - 1 year residency required</b>				
Council, District 1	Theresa Hancock	4 years	\$48.00	F-1
Council, District 2	Dean R. Broersma	4 years	\$48.00	
Council, District 3	Ronald Stremmer	4 year short/full	\$48.00	
Council, District 4	Francisco J. Guerrero	4 years	\$48.00	
<b>City of Tieton - 1 year residency required</b>				
Council, Position 1	Matt Riddle	4 years	none	none
Council, Position 2	Larry Buchanan, Jr.	4 years	none	
Council, Position 3	Sharon Sedgwick	4 years	none	
<b>City of Toppenish - 1 year residency required</b>				
Council, Position 1	Derald D. Ortloff	4 years	none	F-1
Council, Position 2	Blaine R. Thorington	4 years	none	
Council, Position 3	Clara R. Jiménez	4 years	none	
Council, Position 4	Mark Oaks	4 years	none	
<b>City of Union Gap - 1 year residency required</b>				
Council, Position 1	Chad Lenz	4 years	\$72.00	F-1
Council, Position 2	Mark Carney	4 years	\$72.00	
Council, Position 3	Dan C. Olson	4 years	\$72.00	
Council, Position 7	Roger Wentz	4 years	\$72.00	
<b>City of Wapato</b>				
Mayor	Tony Guzmán	2 year unexpired	\$120.00	F-1
Council, Position 1	Richard Foss	4 years	none	
Council, Position 2	Rita Alvarado	4 years	none	
Council, Position 3	Goliah Elwell, Jr.	4 year short/full	none	
Council, Position 5	Stephen Diaz	2 year unexpired	none	
Council, Position 7 At-Large	Keith Workman	2 year short/full	none	
<b>City of Yakima</b>				
Council, District 2	Avina Cristal Gutiérrez	4 years	\$129.00	F-1 & C-series
Council, District 4	Bill Lover	4 years	\$129.00	
Council, District 6	Maureen Adkison	4 years	\$129.00	
<b>City of Yakima Municipal Court</b>				
Judge, Position 1	Kelley C. Olwell	4 years	\$1,500.27	F-1 & C-series
Judge, Position 2	Susan Woodard	4 years	\$1,500.27	

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**City of Zillah - 1 year residency required**

Mayor	Gary V. Clark	4 years	\$120.00	
Council, Position 1	Brian Williams	4 years	none	F-1
Council, Position 2	Jeff Miles	4 years	none	

**School District Nonpartisan Offices**

**Union Gap School District No. 2**

Director, District 3	Nicole Rivera	4 years	none	F-1
Director, Position 1 At-Large	Margarita Soto	4 years	none	

**Naches Valley School District No. Jt3**

Director, District 1	Marcie Carrell	2 year unexpired	none	F-1
Director, District 2	Bruce Drollinger	4 years	none	&
Director, District 3	Chad Christopherson	4 years	none	C- series

**Yakima School District No. 7**

Director, Position 1	Graciela P. Villanueva	4 years	none	F-1 & C- series
Director, Position 2	Donald Davis, Jr.	4 years	none	

**East Valley School District No. 90**

Director, District 2	Charlotte Layman	4 years	none	F-1
Director, District 4	Norm Walker	2 year unexpired	none	&
Director, District 5	Eric Farmer	4 years	none	C- series

**Grandview School District No. 116-200**

Director, District 2	Dale H. Burgeson	4 years	none	F-1 & C- series
Director, District 5	Scott McKinney	4 years	none	

**Selah School District No. 119**

Director, District 1	Jamie Morford	2 year unexpired term	none	F-1
Director, District 2	Kelliann Ergeson	4 years	none	&
Director, Position 1 At-Large	Norma Smith	4 years	none	C- series

**Mabton School District No. 120**

Director, District 3	Elsa Sanchez	4 years	none	F-1
Director, Position 1 At-Large	Carrie L. Herrera	4 years	none	

**Sunnyside School District No. 201**

Director, District 2	Michelle Emery Perry	4 years	none	F-1 & C- series
Director, District 3	Steven Winfree	4 years	none	

**Toppenish School District No. 202**

Director, District 2	Enedeo Garza, Jr.	4 years	none	F-1 & C- series
Director, District 3	Richard Lommers	4 years	none	

**Highland School District No. 203**

Director, District 2	David Barnes	4 years	none	F-1
Director, Position 1 At-Large	Nikki Keller	4 years	none	

# 2017 Offices up for Election

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Office	Incumbent	Term length	Filing fee	PDC reporting
<b>Granger School District No. 204</b>				
Director, District 1	Marcy L. Hull	4 years	none	F-1
Director, District 5	Kyle E. Shinn	4 years	none	
<b>Zillah School District No. 205</b>				
Director, District 1	Darrin Belton	4 years	none	F-1
Director, District 2	Chris Van Antwerp	4 years	none	
Director, District 5	Dennis L. Jones	4 years	none	
<b>Wapato School District No. 207</b>				
Director, District 1	Javier Vela	4 years	none	F-1 & C- series
Director, District 2	Myron Yolo	4 years	none	
<b>West Valley School District No. 208</b>				
Director, District 2	Michael Thorner	4 years	none	F-1 & C- series
Director, District 3	Mike Carey	4 years	none	
Director, District 4	Jeffrey Smith	2 year unexpired	none	
<b>Mt. Adams School District No. 209</b>				
Director, District 3	Gregory J. Bailey	4 years	none	F-1
Director, District 4	Carol Hull	4 years	none	
Director, District 5	Linda L. King	4 years	none	
<b>Fire Protection District Nonpartisan Offices</b>				
<b>Fire Protection District No. 1</b>				
Commissioner, Position 1	vacant	6 year short/full	none	F-1
<b>Fire Protection District No. 2</b>				
Commissioner, Position 1	Brad T. Helms	6 years	none	F-1 & C- series
<b>Fire Protection District No. 3</b>				
Commissioner, Position 1	Robert Tripp	2 year unexpired	none	none
Commissioner, Position 2	David A. Clark	4 year unexpired	none	
Commissioner, Position 3	Douglas Charles	6 year short/full	none	
<b>Fire Protection District No. 4</b>				
Commissioner, Position 1	Dan W. McNulty	6 years	none	F-1 & C- series
Commissioner, Position 3	David Ramynke	4 year unexpired	none	
<b>Fire Protection District No. 5</b>				
Commissioner, Position 1	Ernest William Gasseling	6 years	none	F-1 & C- series
<b>Fire Protection District No. 6</b>				
Commissioner, Position 1	Tom Robbert	6 years	none	F-1
<b>Fire Protection District No. 7</b>				
Commissioner, Position 1	Gordon King	6 year short/full	none	none

Office	Incumbent	Term length	Filing fee	PDC reporting
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### Fire Protection District No. 9

Commissioner, Position 1	Ted Vanderhouwen	6 years	none	none
Commissioner, Position 3	Tom Berndt	4 year unexpired	none	none

### Fire Protection District No. 10

Commissioner, Position 1	George Garcia	6 years	none	none
Commissioner, Position 2	Carl E. Cyr	2 year unexpired	none	none
Commissioner, Position 3	Gabe Bustos	4 year unexpired	none	none

### Fire Protection District No. 11

Commissioner, Position 1	Thomas J. Sevigny	6 years	none	none
Commissioner, Position 3	Mark Layman	4 year unexpired	none	none

### Fire Protection District No. 12

Commissioner, Position 1	Jim Borst	6 year short/full	none	F-1 & C- series
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### Fire Protection District No. 14

Commissioner, Position 1	Charlie Barr	6 years	none	none
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## Port District Nonpartisan Offices

### Port of Grandview

Commissioner, District 1	Richard Shenyer	6 years	none	F-1 & C- series
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### Port of Sunnyside

Commissioner, District 2	Jeffrey E. Matson	6 years	\$30.48	F-1 & C- series
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## Sewer District Nonpartisan Offices

### Cowiche Sewer District

Commissioner, Position 1	Nikki Hart	6 year short/full	none	none
Commissioner, Position 3	Rosa Barragan	4 year unexpired	none	none

### Terrace Heights Sewer District

Commissioner, Position 1	Frank M. Sliger	6 years	none	F-1
Commissioner, Position 2	Harold Sliger	2 year unexpired	none	F-1

## Park & Recreation District Nonpartisan Offices

### Naches Park & Recreation District

Commissioner, District 2	vacant	2 year unexpired	none	none
Commissioner, District 3	Wayne L. Hawver	4 years	none	F-1
Commissioner, District 5	Paul J. Stanton	4 year short/full	none	none

# Duties and Qualifications

Candidates must possess all requirements/qualifications of the office at the time of filing.  
WAC 434-215-170

## Superior Court Judge

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**Duties:** Superior Court has jurisdiction over civil matters, domestic relations, felony criminal cases, juvenile matters, and appeals from courts of limited jurisdiction.

**Qualifications:** Must be a registered voter in the state and admitted to practice law in the courts of record. State Constitution, Article IV, Section 17

## Municipal Court Judge

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**Duties:** Municipal court has exclusive original jurisdiction over traffic infractions arising under city ordinances and exclusive original criminal jurisdiction of all violations of city ordinances duly adopted by the city. RCW 3.50.020

**Qualifications:** Candidates must be registered to vote in Yakima County and be a lawyer admitted to the Washington State Bar. RCW 3.50.057, 3.34.060

## City and Town Council Members

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**Duties:** The City Council acts as the official legislative and policy making body for the City adopting all laws, ordinances, and resolutions, levying taxes, and approving contracts required by the City. The Council analyzes proposals to meet community needs, initiates action for new programs and determines the ability of the City to provide financing for City operations. The Council also reviews, modifies, and approves the annual budget. Additionally, the City Council performs other miscellaneous duties, including appointments to various boards and commissions, acts as liaison with other governmental bodies, and responds to community groups and individual constituents.

**Qualifications:** A candidate for city or town council must be a registered voter in the city limits for which they are filing. • A candidate for a city council *district* must be a registered voter in the city limits **and** reside within that council district.

\* Code cities require one year residency.  
RCW 35A.12.030, 35A.13.020

Grandview*	Code (Mayor/Council)
Granger*	Code (Mayor/Council)
Harrah	4 <sup>th</sup> Class Town (Mayor/Council)
Mabton*	Code (Mayor/Council)
Moxee*	Code (Mayor/Council)
Naches	4 <sup>th</sup> Class Town (Mayor/Council)
Selah*	Code (Mayor/Council)

Sunnyside*	Code (Council/Manager)
Tieton*	Code (Mayor/Council)
Toppenish*	Code (Council/Manager)
Union Gap*	Code (Council/Manager)
Wapato	2 <sup>nd</sup> Class (Mayor/Council)
Yakima	1 <sup>st</sup> Class (Council/Manager – Charter)
Zillah*	Code (Mayor/Council)

## School Board Directors

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**Duties:** School Boards work with their administrators to make decisions and set policies regarding a number of matters including bond and levy elections, budget adoption, facilities, curriculum adoption, fiscal planning and oversight, employee relations, and transportation.

**Qualifications:** A candidate for School Board must be a registered voter in the school district **and** reside within the director district for which they are filing. Candidates for At Large Positions may reside anywhere within the School District boundaries.  
RCW 28A.343.340, 29A.24.075

## Fire District Commissioners

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**Duties:** The Board manages the affairs of the fire protection district, including maintenance and preservation of facilities and systems. Commissioners insure that the district operates within statutory requirements and establish policies under which the district operates. The Board selects the Fire Chief and delegates authority to manage day-to-day operations of the Fire District.

**Qualifications:** Candidates must be residents and registered voters of their district. RCW 52.14.010, RCW 29A.24.075

## Port District Commissioners

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**Duties:** The primary objective of the Port District is to enhance the economic development within the boundaries of the District. The Port is organized to aggressively enhance the local economy by providing new and expanding business and industry access to industrial land, industrial infrastructure and assistance with funding sources. A Port District Commission sets policy and approves all major expenditures.

**Qualifications:** Port District Commissioners must reside within the commissioner district for which they are filing and be a qualified elector of the district. RCW 53.12.010

## Sewer District Commissioners

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**Duties:** Sewer Districts are dedicated to providing environmentally responsible wastewater collection and treatment. The Commissioners set policies to promote the efficiency and professional management of the district.

**Qualifications:** Candidates must be qualified electors of their district. RCW 29A.24.07

## Park & Recreation District Commissioners

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**Duties:** The Parks and Recreation Commission plans, supervises, and evaluates operations of the entire Parks and Recreation District; including advising on policy and budgets, plans and programs, and maintenance and operation of the District's parks. The Commission coordinates services for all recreation programs and activities for the District.

**Qualifications:** Candidates for Park & Recreation Districts must be qualified electors of the park district. RCW 29A.24.075

# Filing for office

## The Declaration of Candidacy

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All candidates, except those filing for President/Vice President of the United States, are required to submit a Declaration of Candidacy when filing for public elective office. Candidates must possess all requirements and qualifications of the office at the time of filing. These requirements include being properly registered to vote in the geographic area, district and/or division represented by the office. Each declaration is reviewed by the filing officer for compliance with this law. RCW 29A.24.075

## When to file

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Candidate filing begins the Monday two weeks before Memorial Day (May 15) and ends the following Friday (May 19).

Candidate filings are also accepted by mail beginning May 1, 10 business days before the regular filing period begins. Declarations received prior to May 1 will be returned and the candidate must re-submit their declaration during the filing period. Declarations received after May 19, regardless of postmark, are invalid. RCW 29A.24.081

## Where to file

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RCW 29A.24.070

### Secretary of State:

Federal offices  
State offices  
Legislative offices | multi-county  
Judicial offices | multi-county

### County Auditor:

Legislative offices | single county  
Judicial offices | single county  
County offices  
Cities and Towns  
School Districts  
Special Purpose Districts

## Filing Fees

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RCW 29A.24.091, 131

All declarations of candidacy must include the filing fee if applicable.

No salary ..... No filing fee  
Per-diem or by-meeting basis ..... No filing fee  
Annual salary under \$1,000 ..... \$10.00  
Annual salary over \$1,000 ..... 1% of salary



Filing fees are **not** refundable under any circumstance.

**Filing fee petitions:** A candidate who does not have sufficient assets or income may file a filing fee petition in lieu of the filing fee. The petition must have at least one valid signature for each whole dollar of the required filing fee. Valid signatures are verified signatures of registered voters who are eligible to vote on the office in the general election. All signatures must be submitted at the time of filing the Declaration of Candidacy. Additional signatures cannot be submitted at a later date. Petitions cannot be combined with money. RCW 29A.24.091, WAC 434-215-025

## Electronic Filing

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Declarations of Candidacy may be submitted by fax or email. However, the filing is not complete until the fee is received if one is required. Petitions may not be submitted electronically. RCW 29A.04.255, WAC 434-208-060

## Candidate names on the ballot

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A candidate may use a nickname by which he or she is commonly known as his or her first name, but the last name must be the same name as he or she is registered to vote.

Candidates may not use a nickname that: •implies present or past occupation, including military rank. •implies the candidate's position on issues or political affiliation; or •is designed intentionally to mislead voters. RCW 29A.24.060

## Party Preference – nonpartisan offices

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Candidates for nonpartisan offices do not state a political party preference.

## **Party Preference – partisan offices**

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Candidates for partisan office may choose to state a political party preference.

Candidates are not required to obtain the approval of a political party in order to appear on the ballot as a candidate for partisan office. WAC 434-230-055(2)

Party preference does not imply that the candidate is nominated or endorsed by a political party or that a political party approves of or associates with the candidate. WAC 434-215-120

There is no distinction between major party candidates, minor party candidates, or independent candidates filing for partisan offices. Party preference plays no role in determining how candidates are elected to public office. WAC 434-215-130, WAC 434-208-130

Party preference is limited to 16 characters. This includes punctuation.

Acronyms or initialisms are printed in all caps with or without periods however the candidate records it on the Declaration.

Party preference may not include obscene language.

The same party preference shall be printed on both primary and general election ballots. WAC 434-230-045 (4)(d)

## **No Double Filings**

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Excluding the office of precinct committee officer, a candidate's name shall not appear on a ballot more than once. RCW 29A.36.201

## **Withdrawal of Filings**

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RCW 29A.24.131, WAC 434-215-065

Filing fees are NOT refundable.

A candidate who wishes to withdraw their name from the ballot must submit a signed request to the same office where their Declaration of Candidacy was filed. The withdrawal form must be received by the filing officer no later than the Monday following the last day of the regular filing period, May 22. A request to withdraw cannot be revoked.

There is no withdrawal period for declarations filed during a special filing period.

## **Write-In Candidates**

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RCW 29A.24.311-320, 29A.60.021

A person who wants to be a write-in candidate may file a Declaration of Write-In Candidacy with the appropriate filing officer. This must be filed no later than 18 days prior to an election or primary. A filing fee must accompany the declaration in the same manner as required of other candidates filing for the office.

### **A person may not file as a write-in candidate if:**

- they were either a regular or write-in candidate for the same office in the preceding primary;
- they already filed as a write-in candidate for that primary or election;
- they already appear on the ballot as a candidate for another office, unless the other office is precinct committee officer; or
- the office is for precinct committee officer.

**Votes cast for write-in candidates:** If a Declaration of Write-In Candidacy was submitted, votes cast for that person need only specify the name of the candidate in the appropriate location on the ballot. Some variation of the name is permitted if voter intent can be determined. Write-in votes are also valid for candidates who did not file a Declaration of Candidacy; however, determining voter intent is more difficult. Write-in votes cast in the general election are not to be counted for any person who field for the same office as either a regular or write-in candidate at the preceding primary and failed to advance to the general election. WAC 434-262-160

# **More filing information**

## **Special Filing Periods**

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Candidate filing during a special filing period is conducted in the same manner and with the same filing officer as the regular filing period.

A special three-day filing period is held if a void in candidacy occurs before July 31. The filing date is set by the filing officer and candidates appear on the General Election ballot only. RCW 29A.24.181



## Special Filing Periods

continued

**If a vacancy occurs before May 15** in an office that was not scheduled to appear on the ballot that year, filings are accepted during the regular filing period. RCW 29A.24.171

**If a vacancy occurs May 15 or later** in an office that was not scheduled to appear on the ballot that year, the jurisdiction fills the vacancy by appointment and the election of the successor occurs at the next general election that the office is allowed by law to have an election.

If the filing officer is not notified of a vacancy that took effect before candidate filing week, managing the vacancy depends upon *when* the filing officer is notified. WAC 434-215-005.

If the filing officer is notified *before* the close of business on Tuesday of filing week, the vacancy opens immediately. If the filing officer is notified *after* Tuesday of filing week, filings are accepted during the special three day filing period.

There is no withdrawal period for declarations submitted during a special filing period. RCW 29A.24.131

## Voids in Candidacy

A void in candidacy occurs when: •no candidate has filed for a position; •all candidates who filed have withdrawn; or •all candidates who filed have been disqualified or have died. RCW 29A.24.141

There is no void in candidacy as long as there is at least one viable candidate.

## Vacancies

A vacancy occurs when a current office holder resigns, dies or is disqualified mid-term. This creates an unexpired term.

**Nonpartisan offices:** Unexpired terms for cities, towns, or special purpose districts are held in conjunction with the next regular election for that district. RCW 29A.52.240 The process for filling nonpartisan vacancies is addressed in RCW 42.12.070.

**School director vacancies:** Vacancies due to residency matters are addressed in RCW 28A.343.350.

**Partisan offices:** Elections for the unexpired term are held in an odd-numbered year. RCW 29A.04.321

a vacancy in...	is addressed in...
the State executive branch the State legislature a county partisan elective office	State Constitution Art. II, Sec. 15; Art. III, Sec. 13; RCW 42.12.040
the U.S. Senate a Congressional office	U.S. Constitution Art. 1, Sec. 2, clause 4; RCW 29A.28

## Judicial offices:

a vacancy in...	is addressed in...
Supreme Court	State Constitution Art. IV, Sec. 3; RCW 2.04.100
Court of Appeals	RCW 2.06.080
Superior Court	State Constitution Art. IV, Sec. 5; RCW 2.08.120
District Court	RCW 3.34.100 AGLO 1973 No. 76

## Lapsed elections, short terms

**Lapsed election:** If a position does not have any filings after the regular and/or special filing periods, the election for that position is lapsed and it does not appear on either the Primary or General Election ballot. The incumbent continues to serve in the position unless he/she resigns or until a successor is elected at the next election when the same types of positions are on the ballot. RCW 29A.24.201

**Short term:** A "short term" refers to the brief period of time that begins immediately after the general election is certified and ends with the start of the full term. It is applicable only when a position is held by an appointee filling a vacancy. A short term exists when a vacancy occurs after the last election at which the office could have been on the ballot for an unexpired term. Elections for the short term are always held in conjunction with elections for the full term. RCW 29A.04.169 There is never a short term associated with school directors. All school director regular terms begin as soon as the general election is certified.

# Local Voters' Guide

Yakima County posts an online Local Voters' Guide for both the Primary and General Elections. ([www.yakimacounty.us/vote](http://www.yakimacounty.us/vote))

The State Voter's Pamphlet is distributed by the Post Office to every postal customer in the county approximately 3 weeks prior to the General Election.

Rules for the local voters' guide are provided to candidates during the filing period and are posted on the Yakima County Election Division website.

Rules and deadlines are specific to the office for which you are a candidate.

## If you are a candidate for a ... contact ...

county partisan office, city or town position, school board director, or special purpose district

Yakima County Elections

federal office, state office, legislative office, or judicial position

Secretary of State

## Primary

A primary is a process of winnowing a field of candidates.

Candidate names appear on the ballot in an order determined by lot drawing. RCW 29A.36.131, WAC 434-230-045

The two candidates with the highest number of votes cast in a primary race advance to the general election. Candidates must also receive at least 1% of the total votes cast for that office. RCW 29A.36.170

**For nonpartisan offices**, there is only a Primary if three or more candidates file for the same position. Candidates are notified if there is not a Primary for their position. RCW 29A.52.220

**Sunnyside City Council:** Candidates for city council **district** positions appear only on ballots within the respective council district. RCW 35.18.020 2(b), 35A.12.180. At-Large council positions appear on all ballots within the City.

**Yakima City Council:** Candidates for city council positions appear only on ballots within the respective council district. Rogelio Montes, et al. v. City of Yakima, et al. NO: 12-CV-3108-TOR Final Injunction and Remedial Districting Plan February 2015

**School Districts:** School district directors are voted on district-wide and not by director district. RCW 28A.343.340, 29A.24.075

**Port Districts:** Port district commissioners are nominated by commissioner district in the Primary, and are elected district wide in the General Election. RCW 53.12.010

**Park Districts:** Regardless of the number of candidates, a Primary is not held for Park District Commissioners. All candidates appear on the General Election ballot and the person receiving the largest number of votes for each position is elected. RCW 36.69.090, RCW 29A.52.220(3)

**All partisan offices** participate in the Primary. The only exception to this rule is if: •the office is a partisan county office, •the election is filling an unexpired term, **and** •there is only one candidate after the deadline to withdraw. RCW 29A.52.112

**County partisan offices:** The names of candidates for County Commissioner appear **only** on the ballots within their commissioner district. RCW 36.32.040

**Judicial offices:** In 2013, state law was amended to bring consistency between judicial elections and other nonpartisan races. For all nonpartisan offices, including judicial offices, a primary is only held when three or more candidates file for a position.

# of candidates	Municipal Court	Superior Court
	RCW 29A.52.220 Primary	State Constitution, Article IV, Section 29 Primary
1	no	no certificate of election is issued after candidate filing
2	no	no
3 +	yes	yes

# General Election

All contests that did not appear on the Primary ballot will appear on the General Election ballot. Candidate names in those contests appear on the ballot in order determined by lot drawing. RCW 29A.36.131

The two candidates who received the highest number of votes cast in a primary race advance to the general election. The candidate who received the most votes will be listed first on the ballot and the candidate who received the next highest number of votes will be listed second. RCW 29A.36.170, WAC 434-230-045

**Sunnyside City Council:** All positions appear on all ballots within the city limits.

**Yakima City Council:** Candidates for city council positions appear only on ballots within the respective council district. Rogelio Montes, et al. v. City of Yakima, et al. NO: 12-CV-3108-TOR Final Injunction and Remedial Districting Plan February 2015

**Port Districts:** Commissioners are elected district-wide at the General Election. RCW 53.12.010

**In partisan offices,** the political party that each candidate prefers is irrelevant to the order in which the candidates appear on the ballot. WAC 434-230-045

**County partisan offices:** Candidates for County Commissioner appear on **all** ballots in the General Election. RCW 36.32.040

**Judicial offices:**

# of candidates	Municipal Court	Superior Court
	RCW 29A.36.170 <b>General</b>	State Constitution, Article IV, Section 29 <b>General</b>
1	yes	no certificate of election was issued after candidate filing
2	yes	yes
3 +	yes	yes

# Post Election Information

**Results**

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Unofficial election results for Yakima County are available at approximately 8:15 p.m. on election night at the Election Processing Center, Room B-16 of the county courthouse. Results are also posted on our website at [yakimacounty.us/vote](http://yakimacounty.us/vote). Statewide results can be found at [vote.wa.gov](http://vote.wa.gov).

Yakima County Election staff continue to verify, open, and tabulate ballots on a daily basis or as needed until certification of the election. Updates are typically posted by 3:30 p.m. RCW 29A.60.160

**Certification**

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Election results are official and certified 10 days after a Special Election, 14 days after a Primary and 21 days after a General Election. RCW 29A.60.190 This process includes a reconciliation of all voters credited for voting vs. all ballots counted. WAC 434-262-013

**State Measures:** Thirty days after the election, state ballot measures approved by the voters

become law upon proclamation by the Governor. RCW 29A.60.260, State Constitution Art. II, Sec. 1D

**Legislature Convenes:** Regular sessions of the legislature shall be held annually, commencing on the second Monday of January. RCW 44.04.010, State Constitution, Art. II, Sec. 12

January 2018 = 60 day session  
January 2019 = 105 day session

**Assuming office**

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Superior Court	2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday, January 2018 RCW 44.04.021, 43.01.020, 2.04.071, 2.06.070, 2.08.070, 3.34.070
Cities and Towns Special Purpose Districts	January 1, 2018 RCW 29A. 29A.60.270, 280
School Districts	First meeting after certification of the General Election RCW 28A.343.360, 29A.60.280

**Short/Full terms** are sworn in as soon as the General Election is certified, and again at the regular swearing-in to begin the new full term. RCW 29A.24.020, 29A.60.270

**Unexpired terms** assume office as soon as the General Election is certified. RCW 29A.60.270

## Oaths of office

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### Who may administer oaths of office?

Judges and Notary Publics	RCW 5.28.010
County Commissioners	RCW 36.32.120
County Auditors and Deputies	RCW 36.22.030
City and Town Clerks	RCW 35.27.220
School Officials	RCW 28A.343.360

### When may an oath be administered?

All officials must take an oath of office prior to commencing the duties of the office. RCW 29A.04.133

Elected officials of counties, cities, towns, and special purpose districts may take an oath up to ten days before the term of office begins or at the last regular meeting of the governing body for which they were elected. RCW 29A.60.280(3)

### Where are oaths of office filed?

Superior Court

written oath filed with Secretary of State  
State Constitution, Art. IV, Sec. 28, RCW 43.01.020, 43.08.020, 43.09.010, 2.04.080 2.06.085 2.06.085

Cities and Towns

School Districts

Special Purpose Districts

written oath filed with County Auditor

# Recounts

RCW 29A.64

## Mandatory recounts

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**By machine:** A mandatory machine recount occurs when candidates or statewide measures are separated by:

- less than 2,000 votes **and**
- less than one-half of one percent (.5%) of the total number of votes cast

**By hand – statewide contests:** A mandatory hand recount occurs in a statewide contest when candidates are separated by:

- less than 1,000 votes **and**
- less than one-fourth of one percent (.25%) of the total number of votes cast

**By hand – regional or local races:** A mandatory hand recount occurs in local contests when the candidates are separated by:

- less than 150 votes **and**
- less than one-fourth of one percent (.25%).

State law does not include any provision for mandatory recounts for local ballot measures.

**Primary recounts:** In a Primary, a mandatory recount may be ordered if the votes between the second and 3<sup>rd</sup> place candidates meet the necessary threshold. There is no recount between first and second place candidates because both candidates advance to the General Election.

## Requested recounts

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Any officer of a political party or any person for whom votes were cast may request a recount if the results are outside the thresholds of a mandatory recount.

In addition, any group of five (5) or more registered voters may file an application for a recount of any ballot measure.

Applications for a recount must be submitted within two (2) business days after the county canvassing board or secretary of state has declared the official results of the primary or election for the office or issue for which the recount is requested.

**Deposit and fees:** If a *manual* recount is requested, a deposit of twenty-five cents (\$.25) for each ballot cast in the jurisdiction or the portion of the jurisdiction to be counted is required. If a *machine* recount is requested, a deposit of fifteen cents (\$.15) for each ballot is required.

# Public Disclosure Reporting

In 1972, I-276 was adopted which gave the public the right to know the financial affairs of candidates and elected officials. The initiative also declared that the financing of election campaigns should be known and reported to the people.

**For state, county, and local offices**, specific questions regarding public disclosure reporting or contribution limits should be directed to PDC.

The Federal Election Commission has jurisdiction over Federal Offices. Contact [www.fec.gov](http://www.fec.gov) or 1-800-424-9530.

## Beginning your campaign reporting

Some Public Disclosure forms must be filed within 2 weeks (14 days) of the beginning of your campaign. According to Public Disclosure law, a citizen becomes a candidate when they: raise or spend money for a campaign, reserve space or purchase advertising to promote their candidacy, authorize someone else to do any of these activities on their behalf, state publicly that he or she is seeking office, or file a Declaration of Candidacy, whichever comes first.

## Required reports

Reporting requirements are based on the office, the size of the district as of the last general election, and campaign revenues.

County offices; District has 5,000+ voters; Will receive \$5,000+ in contributions	F-1 & C-series
District has 1,000 – 4,999 voters; Will not exceed \$4,999 in contributions	F-1
District has less than 1,000 voters; Will not exceed \$4,999 in contributions	no reporting

If you have a current F-1 on file for the same office for which you are filing, you do not need to submit another report.

## Electronic reporting

Candidates who expect to spend \$10,000 or more must file campaign finance reports electronically. RCW 42.17.3691 Visit [www.pdc.wa.gov](http://www.pdc.wa.gov) for instructions and information.

## Where to file PDC reports

All PDC reports are filed with the Public Disclosure Commission in Olympia.

## District size at 2016 General Election

Cities and Towns		School Districts		Fire Districts		Port Districts	
Grandview	3,417	East Valley #90	9,873	1	2,170	Grandview	5,480
Granger	1,001	Grandview #116-200	5,233	2	7,790	Sunnyside	8,441
Harrah	273	Granger #204	2,076	3	915		
Mabton	615	Highland #203	2,765	4	9,920		
Moxee	1,814	Mabton #120	1,078	5	15,295		
Naches	476	Mt. Adams #209	1,887	6	2,543		
Selah	3,981	Naches #Jt3	5,372	7	64		
Sunnyside	4,715	Selah #119	11,434	9	784		
Tieton	416	Sunnyside #201	8,141	10	434		
Toppenish	2,882	Toppenish #202	5,073	11	330		
Union Gap	2,631	Union Gap #2	1,539	12	7,808		
Wapato	1,459	Wapato #207	5,177	14	683		
Yakima	42,378	West Valley #208	19,689				
Zillah	1,461	Yakima #7	32,154				
		Zillah #205	2,675				


Sewer Districts	
Cowiche	126
Terrace Heights	3,906

Park & Recreation	
Naches	1,320

# Political Advertising

Political advertising includes any advertising displays, newspaper ads, billboards, signs, brochures, articles, tabloids, flyers, letters, radio or television presentations or other means of mass communication, used for the purpose of appealing, directly or indirectly, for votes or for financial or other support in any election campaign.

 Questions regarding political advertising should be directed to PDC.

### Public Disclosure Commission

711 Capital Way, Room 206  
PO Box 40908  
Olympia WA 98504-0908  
**toll free:** 1-877-601-2828  
**email:** [pdc@pdc.wa.gov](mailto:pdc@pdc.wa.gov)  
**web:** [www.pdc.wa.gov](http://www.pdc.wa.gov)

Sign installers must have the permission of private property owners or residents of the property prior to installing a sign.

A person who removes or defaces lawfully placed political advertising is guilty of a misdemeanor under RCW 9A.20.021. The defacement or removal of each item constitutes a separate violation. RCW 29A.84.040

Campaigning or gathering petition signatures within a voting center is forbidden during the voting period. RCW 29A.84.510, 29A.84.520

Obstructing the doors or entry to a building in which a voting center or ballot drop location is located or preventing free access to and from any voting center or ballot drop location is prohibited. RCW 29A.84.510

Within twenty-five feet of a ballot deposit site that is not located within a voting center, no person may electioneer, circulate campaign material, solicit petition signatures, or interfere with or impede the voting process. WAC 434-250-100(3)

## Political Sign Ordinances

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**State regulations:** ■Signs cannot exceed 32 square feet. ■They must be removed within 10 days after the election. ■It is illegal to post signs within the right-of-way of all state highways. ■Contact Department of Transportation (360) 705-7296.

**Pacific Power regulations:** Utility poles are private property and persons posting signs on Pacific Power poles are considered to be trespassing.

**County regulations:** ■Refer to County Code Chapter 19.20.040(10). ■Contact Yakima County Roads 574-2300.

Sign placement regulations are set by the geographical area's governing body. Check with the appropriate jurisdiction for placement and timeline regulations.

Grandview	882-9200	Tieton	673-3162
Granger	854-1725	Toppenish	865-2080
Harrah	848-2432	Union Gap	248-0432
Mabton	894-4096	Wapato	877-2334
Moxee	575-8851	Yakima	575-6037
Naches	653-2647	Zillah	829-5151
Selah	698-7328		
Sunnyside	837-3782		

# Ballots

Yakima County has conducted all elections by mail ballot since the 2005 General Election. Legislation in 2011 converted all of Washington State to vote by mail.

## When are ballots available?

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Ballots must be mailed to all eligible voters at least 18 days prior to any election. Ballots for service and overseas voters must be mailed at least 30 days before each special election and 45 days before each Primary or General election. RCW 29A.40.070

**Replacement ballots.** If a ballot is destroyed, spoiled, lost, or is not received by a voter, replacement ballots are available. Requests may be made in person, by phone, in writing or electronically by the voter, a family member, or a registered domestic partner. RCW 29A.40.070, WAC 434-250-080

## Ballot return options

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**By mail.** Mailing a ballot requires 1 first-class postage stamp. To ensure an on-time postmark, mail must be deposited in a USPS mailbox prior to the last indicated collection time.

**In person.** A ballot deposit box is located inside the courthouse entrance prior to the security checkpoint and is open Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm. A second ballot deposit box is located in the Auditor's office Room 117 and is open Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm. On election day, these deposit boxes are open from 7am-8pm.

**24/7.** Yakima County has two 24/7 ballot deposit locations. A drive-up ballot return box is located on the north side of E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd across from the courthouse, and another drive-up box is located in Sunnyside on the corner of 8<sup>th</sup> St and E Edison Ave by the Fire Station. On election day, these boxes close promptly at 8pm.

## e-ballots

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An online ballot solution is available to military and overseas voters. This solution is also available for out of town or traveling voters and for last minute replacement ballots. Through a secure URL, voters access their specific ballot style by using their name and date of birth credentials. This solution is not online voting.

The voted ballot and signed ballot declaration must be returned to the elections office by 8pm on election night.

In addition, non-military and overseas voters must return the hard copy original ballot packet from this system before certification of the election in order for their ballot to count.

## Deadline for returning voted ballots

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If a ballot is returned by mail, it must be postmarked no later than the day of the election in order to be valid for counting. If the postmark is missing or illegible, the date on the ballot declaration to which the voter has attested determines the date mailed. RCW 29A.40.110 Postage that includes a date, such as metered postage, does not qualify as a postmark. WAC 434-250-120

For service and overseas voters, the date of the signature is considered the date of mailing. RCW 29A.40.110(4)

## Accessible Voting

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An Accessible Voting Unit (AVUs) is available at the County Auditor's office for voters with language or physical disability needs.

The County Auditor's Office Accessible Unit is available for use 18 days prior to an election from 9am to 4pm and on election day from 7am to 8pm.

## Ballot processing

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**Signature verification:** RCW 29A.40.110(3), WAC 434-250-120 A ballot is only valid for counting if the ballot declaration is signed by the voter and compares with the signature in their registration file. Designated Canvassing Board representatives are instructed in the signature verification process established by the Washington State Patrol prior to canvassing any signatures.

**Unsigned ballots and mismatched signatures:** RCW 29A.60.165, WAC 434-261-050 If a voter doesn't sign the ballot declaration, they are notified by mail and by phone. In order for the ballot to be counted, the voter must either: •appear in person at the County Auditor's Office and sign a ballot declaration; or •return a signed copy of the declaration that was provided to them. This declaration may be returned electronically.

It must be received by the County Auditor no later than the day before certification of the election.

If the signature on a ballot declaration does not compare to the signature in the voter's registration file, the voter is notified by mail and by phone. In order for the ballot to be counted, the voter must either: •appear in person at the County Auditor's Office; •or return a signed signature update/ballot declaration form that was provided to them. The signature on the update form must match the signature that was returned with the ballot in order for the ballot to be valid. Otherwise, the determination made by the County Canvassing Board will stand.

### **Processing boards**

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RCW 29A.60.125, WAC 434-261-070

Processing boards open and inspect all voting response positions on every ballot to ensure it will be properly read by the vote tabulating system. Ballots that are physically damaged or contain marks considered unreadable or uncountable by the tabulation system are duplicated or referred to the County Canvassing Board. The voter's original ballot may not be altered.

Pursuant to *Bush v. Gore* (2000) and the Help America Vote Act (2002), the Washington Secretary of State's Office, in conjunction with County Auditors and County Canvassing Boards developed statewide standards for determining voter intent to ensure consistency across the state. These rules are codified in WAC 434-261-086.

### **Canvassing Board**

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The County Canvassing Board is comprised of the County Auditor, who is the chair, the County Prosecuting Attorney, and the Chair of the County Commissioners. The Board may adopt written rules that authorize and delegate the county auditor's staff to perform tasks assigned to them by law. They cannot; however, delegate the authority to reject ballots. RCW 29A.60.140, WAC 434-262-015

If a member of the canvassing board appears as a candidate on a ballot, they must designate a deputy to perform their duties whenever possible. RCW 29A.60.150

### **Public access**

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Interested members of the public, candidates or political party representatives may observe all aspects of ballot processing. All observers must sign in and adhere to established guidelines.

## **Voter Registration Information**

In compliance with the Help America Vote Act of 2002, a centralized statewide voter registration database (VRDB) was created. The statewide database is an interactive database connecting all 39 county voter registration databases. This allows the state to identify duplicate registration records between counties and perform list maintenance such as deceased voters by comparing records with information from the Washington State Department of Health and the Social Security Administration. Information is also exchanged with the Department of Corrections and the Office of the Administrator of the Courts. RCW 29A.08.520

### **Qualifications**

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**An individual must be:** ■A U.S. citizen. ■At least eighteen years old when he or she votes. ■Not under the supervision of the Department of Corrections for a Washington felony conviction. ■A resident of Washington for 30 days before the next election at which they vote. ■Not disqualified from voting due to a court order.

**Minimum information required:** Name, date of birth, residence address, a signature attesting to the truth of the information provided, and a mark in the check box confirming U.S. citizenship are required. If the driver's license or last 4 digits of the Social Security number provided by the applicant cannot be verified by DOL or SSA, or if identification is not provided, the applicant is considered to be provisionally registered to vote and their ballot will not be counted until the applicant confirms their identity. RCW 29A.08.010, 107



## Deadlines

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**Standard.** Applications or updates must be postmarked or submitted no later than the Monday four weeks before Election Day. (29 days prior to Election Day.) RCW 29A.08.140, 29A.08.020

**Late.** Registering in person at the County Auditor's Office continues through Monday one week before Election Day. (8 days prior to Election Day.) This registration period only applies to citizens not currently registered in Washington State. RCW 29A.08.140

**Missing the deadline.** If an individual missed the deadline to update their address, they can still vote a ballot specific to their previous address. RCW 29A.08.140(2) Applications and updates submitted after the deadline take effect after the current election.

## Where to register

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Voter registration can be done in person, by mail, or online. Forms are available at many locations:

- Yakima County Auditor's Office  
Courthouse Room 117
- City and Town Halls
- All Public Schools
- Most Libraries
- Fire Stations
- [www.yakimacounty.us/vote](http://www.yakimacounty.us/vote)
- [www.vote.wa.gov](http://www.vote.wa.gov)

The Department of Motor Vehicles also provides voter registration services when renewing or applying for a driver's license.



Since January 2008, qualified citizens who have a valid driver's license or state ID card can

register to vote online. A digital copy of the applicant's signature is obtained from the department of licensing and transmitted to the appropriate county.

## New residents to Yakima County

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A registration form must be completed to register or transfer a registration from another county or state. Any previous registration will be cancelled.

## Moving within Yakima County

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Voters moving within Yakima County must notify the County Elections Division.

**call:** (509) 574-1340, 1-800-833-0569

**email:** [ivote@co.yakima.wa.us](mailto:ivote@co.yakima.wa.us)

**online:** [www.vote.wa.gov](http://www.vote.wa.gov)

All address changes must be received or postmarked no later than the standard deadline of 29 days before an election in order to be valid for that election. RCW 29A.08.140(2)

## Name changes

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Voters who change their name must notify the County Elections Division. A voter registration application may be submitted or the voter may submit a notice that clearly identifies the name under which they are registered to vote, their new name, and their residence. A new signature must also be provided. RCW 29A.08.440

## Inactive voters

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If election mail is returned as undeliverable from the Post Office without an in-county address correction, the voter is placed on "inactive" status and is sent a forwardable postage paid notice to all known addresses. The voter is returned to "active" status if they vote or notify the Election Division of a current address. RCW 29A.08.620, 29A.08.630

## Canceling registration for failure to vote

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Federal and State law dictates that a voter's registration cannot be cancelled until the voter has been designated as "inactive" and has remained inactive through two federal general elections. RCW 29A.08.630

# Available Voter Data

The use of voter registration information is limited to non-commercial purposes. RCW 29A.08.720

## Estimated costs

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A minimum fee of \$10.50 is required when order is placed.

CD: \$11.79  
email: \$10.50  
copies: \$.15 cents per page  
maps: \$20.00  
matchbacks: \$10.50 + \$2/each file

## Placing an order

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A voter data request form must be completed and returned to the elections division with the appropriate fee. The signed request may be emailed to [iVote@co.yakima.wa.us](mailto:iVote@co.yakima.wa.us) however, payment is due before the order is processed. The elections division assumes no responsibility for orders that are not what the purchaser requested. Orders may require a 5 day turnaround time.

## Public information

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RCW 29A.08.710

- voter ID #
- name
- address (residence and mailing)
- precinct / levy | •gender
- date of birth | •date of registration
- voting history (by request from 2000 – present)

## Data options and format

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### Information can be requested by:

- an individual jurisdiction or precinct
- voters who participated in selected elections
- voters in a current election – either by voted or not voted

### Formats available:

- CD (Excel or text file)
- email (Excel or text file)

## Maps and election results

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**Maps:** Specific geographical area maps are available at the elections division office for \$20.00.

- Countywide
- Upper valley
- Mid valley
- East Yakima / Terrace Heights / Moxee
- Yakima urban
- Selah / vicinity
- Lower valley

These large format area maps are also available on the elections division website at [www.yakimacounty.us/vote](http://www.yakimacounty.us/vote).

Individual precinct maps are also posted to the elections division website.

Custom district maps are available for purchase through GIS in Room 116. 574-2990.

**Election results:** Please visit our website at [www.yakimacounty.us/vote](http://www.yakimacounty.us/vote) for current and past election results.

## Statewide database

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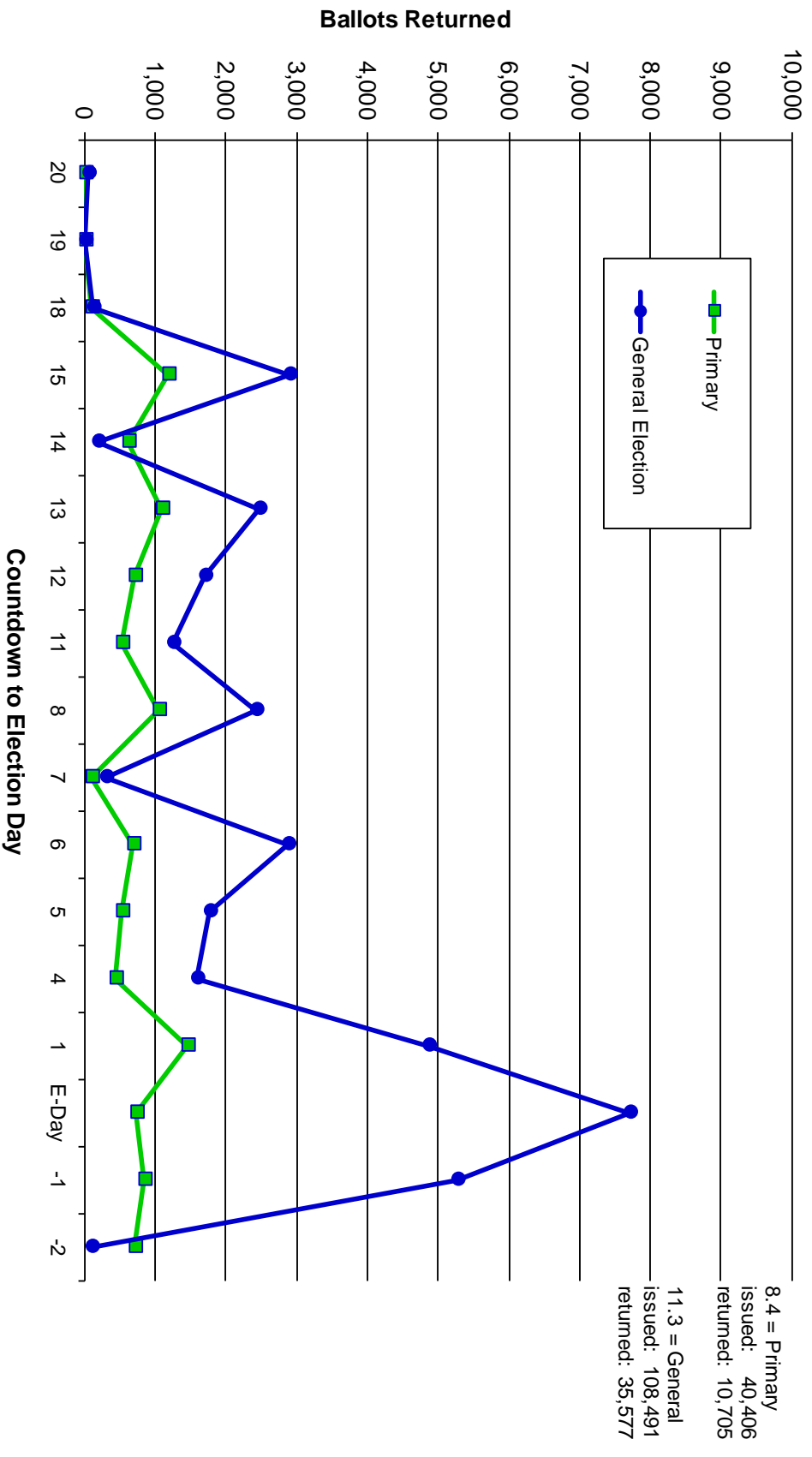
Statewide voter list information is available to order online at [www.vote.wa.gov](http://www.vote.wa.gov).

# Statistics

Election		Registered Voters	Ballots Cast	Turnout
2016	General	114,075	80,912	70.93%
	Primary	110,005	30,390	27.63%
2015	General	108,263	35,403	32.70%
	Primary	40,331	10,613	26.31%
2014	General	106,415	50,562	47.51%
	Primary	106,925	34,115	31.91%
2013	General	106,479	39,913	37.48%
	Primary	53,907	13,706	25.43%
2012	General	106,452	78,420	73.67%
	Primary	102,835	33,391	32.47%
2011	General	101,289	46,711	46.12%
	Primary	51,189	13,229	25.84%
2010	General	99,568	63,163	63.44%
	Primary	99,265	37,490	37.77%
2009	General	97,079	44,747	46.09%
	Primary	98,088	28,513	29.07%
2008	General	97,856	78,191	79.90%
	Primary	93,883	43,084	45.89%
2007	General	91,233	46,790	51.29%
	Primary	69,184	24,989	36.12%

5 year average turnout for odd year elections	
General	54.91%
Primary	31.84%

## Yakima County Ballot Rate of Return 2015 Primary and General Election



# 2017-18 election calendar

## Resolutions

To call for a special election in February or April, resolutions are due 60 days prior to the election date.

If the Special Election is to be held in conjunction with a Primary, resolutions are due no later than the Friday immediately before the first day of the regular candidate filing period.

Resolutions calling for a Special Election in conjunction with the General Election are due no later than the day of the Primary. RCW 29A.04.321

If a jurisdiction wishes to withdraw a resolution, a signed statement must be submitted to the elections division. The deadline to withdraw a resolution is the same as filing a resolution that calls for an election.

## Certification

Election results are certified 10 days after a special election in February or April, 14 days after a Primary and 21 days after a General Election.

## Candidate filing 2018

Candidate filing period for 2018 is May 14-18.  
RCW 29A.24.050

Election Date	Aug 1 2017	Nov 7 2017	Feb 13 2018	Apr 24 2018	Aug 7 2018	Nov 6 2018
Resolution Due	May 12	Aug 1	Dec 15	Feb 23	May 11	Aug 7
29 day registration and update deadline	July 3	Oct 9	Jan 15	Mar 26	July 9	Oct 8
8 day NEW registration deadline	July 24	Oct 30	Feb 5	Apr 16	July 30	Oct 29
Overseas/military ballots mailed	June 16	Sept 22	Jan 12	Mar 23	June 22	Sept 21
Ballots available	July 14	Oct 20	Jan 26	Apr 6	July 20	Oct 19
Election certified	Aug 15	Nov 28	Feb 23	May 4	Aug 21	Nov 27

**The 8 day in person voter registration deadline** is only for individuals who are not currently registered in Washington State. The applicant must appear in-person in the County Auditor's Office. RCW 29A.08.140

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