



2009 Election Information Report

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We congratulate you on deciding to run for public office. It's an experience you will never forget.

All of us in the Elections Division of the County Auditor's office know how important your decision can be for Yakima Valley. By being a candidate for public office, you are providing Yakima County residents a choice in the election process.

Our elections division runs all of Yakima County's elections from the local level on up to the national level. We are also responsible to provide candidates with information about the elections schedule along with the many services our office can provide for you.

As American citizens, we all know that voting is one of the greatest rights we have. We, in the Auditor's Office, have the responsibility to educate our citizens on how to register to vote, become an active participant in the election process and, most importantly, vote. Throughout the year, we do voter outreach and education to encourage Yakima Valley's citizens to take an active part in our election process.

Our office's mission statement says it all, "Our staff is a responsive, customer-focused team that provides a solid foundation by being knowledgeable, accountable and accurate in our work. Our customers are the key to our inspiration. Our people are the key to our success."

We are here to serve and assist you in your campaign for public office. If you have questions or need information of any kind, please contact our Elections Division at 574-1340.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Corky Mattingly'.

Corky Mattingly
Yakima County Auditor

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2009 / 2010 Election Calendar

Election Date	Aug 18, 09	Nov 3, 09	Feb 9, 10	Apr 27, 10	May 18, 10	Aug 17, 10	Nov 2, 10
Resolutions Due	May 26	Aug 11	Dec 24	Mar 12	Apr 2	May 25	Aug 10
29 Day Reg/Add Chg Deadline	Jul 18	Oct 5	Jan 11	Mar 29	Apr 19	Jul 19	Oct 4
8 Day NEW Registration Deadline	Aug 10	Oct 26	Feb 1	Apr 19	May 10	Aug 9	Oct 25
Ballots Available	Jul 29	Oct 14	Jan 20	Apr 7	Apr 28	Jul 28	Oct 13
Election Certified	Sep 2	Nov 24	Feb 24	May 12	Jun 2	Sep 1	Nov 23

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Notes

2 Position numbers assigned *RCW 29A.24.010*

15 Candidate filings accepted by mail *RCW 29A.24.081*

25 Holiday

26 Resolutions due for Special Elections in conjunction with the Primary
RCW 29A.04.321

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Notes

10 Last day to register to vote for Primary at Auditor's Office (8 day cutoff)

This registration period is for persons not already registered in Washington.

RCW 29A.08.140

11 Resolutions due for Special Elections in conjunction with the General Election

RCW 29A.04.330

17 Last day for write-in candidates to file Declaration of Candidacy for Primary

RCW 29A.24.311

17 Last day vacancy causes 3 day filing period

(names to appear on General Election ballot) *RCW 29A.24.181*

18 PRIMARY

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Top 2 Primary

The following are excerpts from Top 2 Primary Frequently Asked Questions published by the Secretary of State.

What offices are affected?

The Top 2 Primary applies to elections for **partisan** office. This includes the State Legislature and partisan county offices such as County Coroner and Prosecuting Attorney.

The Top 2 Primary does not apply to elections for nonpartisan offices such as judicial offices, municipal offices, or a junior taxing district such as fire district or school board.

What is a Top 2 Primary?

A Top 2 Primary allows voters to choose among all candidates running for each partisan office. Voters do not have to declare a party affiliation in order to vote in the primary.

The two candidates who receive the most votes in the Primary qualify for the General Election. Candidates must also receive at least 1% of the votes cast in that race in order to advance to the General Election. It is possible that both candidates who advance to the General Election prefer the same party.

What does the candidate's "party preference" mean in a Top 2 Primary?

Candidates for partisan office may state a party preference for a political party, which is listed on the ballot. Candidates do not have to be supported, nominated or endorsed by that party. This is strictly an expression of that candidate's preference. It does not denote or imply that the party prefers, endorses, or has nominated that candidate. For purposes of conducting elections, people running for office are not members of a particular party or candidates of a particular party. Rather, they are candidates running for office, and are provided the opportunity to express a preference for a political party.

Are minor party candidates still required to conduct conventions and collect signatures in order to run for office?

No. All candidates use the same procedures to file for office and appear on the Primary Election ballot. Candidates may list any party as the party that they prefer.

After candidate filing week, can a major party fill vacancies on the major party ticket?

No. This process was specifically repealed in I-872 because there is no major party ticket in a Top 2 Primary. All candidates are treated the same.

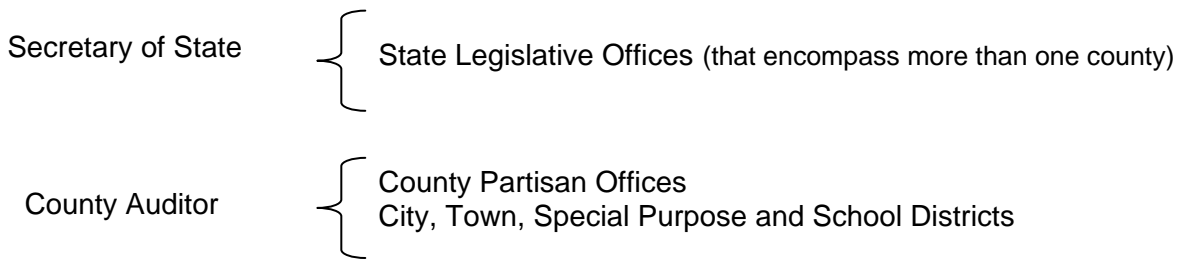
A race will only be reopened for a special filing period if there is a void in candidacy, meaning no candidates filed during the regular filing period.

If a candidate for partisan office who was one of the top two vote-getters in the Primary dies or is disqualified before the General Election, will the party be allowed to name a replacement?

No. In a Top 2 Primary, a candidate's party preference is purely for informational purposes and does not play any role in the administration of the election. Because the candidates are not representatives or nominees of a political party, a party is not allowed to name a replacement candidate. The laws that previously allowed the political parties to replace deceased or disqualified candidates were repealed in I-872. How a deceased or disqualified candidate for partisan office is now handled the same as for nonpartisan office.

Filing for Office

Where to File *RCW 29A.24.070*



Declaration of Candidacy

Candidate filing period starts on the first Monday in June and ends on the next succeeding Friday. (June 1-5) 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 office. A person filing for an office shall, at the time of filing, possess the qualifications specified by law for persons who may be elected to the office. The candidate must be properly registered to vote in the geographic area, district and/or division represented by the office at the time of filing. The officer with whom declarations are filed shall review each declaration for compliance with this law. *RCW 29A.20.021*

Candidate Names:

Candidates may not use a nickname that:

- Denotes present or past occupation, including military rank.
- Denotes the candidate’s position on issues or political affiliation;
- Is designed intentionally to mislead voters. *RCW 29A.24.060*

Party Preference:

Candidates are not required to obtain the approval of a political party in order to file a declaration of candidacy and appear on the ballot as a candidate for partisan office. *WAC 434-230-055(2)* Party preference for partisan offices:

- May not exceed 16 characters.
- May not include any obscene language.
- May not imply that the candidate is nominated or endorsed by a political party or that a political party approves of or associates with that candidate. *WAC 434-215-120(4)*

Filing by Mail

Any candidate may mail their declaration of candidacy starting with the 10th business day before the first day of filing week, and no later than the close of business on the last day of filing, regardless of postmark. Failure to meet the deadline renders the filing invalid and it will be returned. Friday, May 15 is the first day allowed for mail-in filings. Any declaration received prior to May 15 will be returned and the candidate will be permitted to re-submit their declaration during the filing period. *RCW 29A.24.081*

All declarations of candidacy **must be notarized** and **include the filing fee** (if applicable) if mailed or delivered by someone other than the candidate.

Electronic Filing

Candidates submitting Declarations of Candidacy with the Secretary of State may do so electronically via their website (www.secstate.wa.gov) beginning at 9 a.m. on the first Monday in June through 4 p.m. the following Friday.

Filing for Office

Filing Fees *RCW 29A.24.091, 131*

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

→ Filing fees are **not** refundable ←

Indigent Candidates:

A candidate who lacks sufficient assets or income may file a filing fee petition in lieu of the filing fee. The petition must contain valid signatures of registered voters in the candidate’s district equal to the number of dollars of the filing fee. It must be completed and submitted to the County Auditor no later than Friday of filing week. Allow enough time for the Auditor’s Office to verify signatures as *no additional signatures may be submitted after the close of filing on Friday*. Petitions cannot be combined with money. *RCW 29A.24.091*

Withdrawal of Filings

✘ Candidates wishing to withdraw their candidacy must do so in writing no later than Thursday, June 11. ✘ Filing fees are NOT refundable. *RCW 29A.24.120, 131* ✘ There is no withdrawal period for declarations filed during a special filing period.

Vacancies	Unexpired Terms	Short/Full Terms	Voids in Candidacy	Lapsed Elections
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Definitions:

A *vacancy* occurs when a current office holder dies or resigns, thus creating an *unexpired term* which has not yet been filled by election. If a vacancy occurs in a partisan office, the election for the unexpired term will be held in an odd-numbered year. *RCW 29A.04.321* Unexpired terms for cities, towns, or special purpose districts are held in conjunction with the next election for the respective district. *RCW 29A.52.240*

A *short term* exists when a vacancy occurs after the last election at which the office could have been voted upon for an unexpired term. This is the brief period of time beginning when the General Election is certified and ending at the start of the full term. It is applicable only when the incumbent is an appointee who is filling a vacancy. Elections for the short term are always held in conjunction with elections for the full term. *RCW 29A.04.169*

A *void* in candidacy occurs when if, after the last day for candidates to withdraw, no valid declarations of candidacy have been submitted for a position or all persons filing valid declarations have died or been disqualified. *RCW 29A.24.141*

If a position has no filings after the regular and/or special filing periods, the election for that position is considered *lapsed* and the position will not appear on either the Primary or General Election ballots. The incumbent will continue to serve until a successor is elected at the next election when such positions are voted upon. *RCW 29A.24.201*

Filing for Office

Special Filing Periods

If, on June 1, a vacancy occurs leaving an unexpired term to be filled by an election for which filings have not been held, a special three day filing period will be held. Candidates will appear on the ballot as if filed during the regular filing period. *RCW 29A.24.171*

If, between June 2 and August 17, a void in candidacy or vacancy occurs, a special three day filing period will be held. Candidates will appear on the General Election ballot only. *RCW 29A.24.181*

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

No Double Filings *RCW 29A.36.201*

Excluding the office of precinct committee officer, a candidate's name shall not appear more than once upon a ballot for a position regularly nominated or elected at the same election.

Write In Candidates *RCW 29A.24.311-320, 29A.60.021*

A person who desires 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 the day before the Primary or Election. A filing fee must accompany declarations of write-in candidacy in the same manner as required of other candidates filing for office.

A person may NOT file as a write-in candidate if:

- The person attempting to file during a General Election either filed as a regular or write-in candidate for the same office in the preceding primary.
- The person has already filed a valid Declaration of Candidacy for that Primary or Election.
- The name of the person already appears on the ballot as a candidate for another office.

Casting a vote for a write-in candidate:

If a Declaration of Write-In Candidacy **has** been filed, votes cast for that person need only specify the name of the candidate in the appropriate location on the ballot.

If a Declaration **has not** been filed, write-in votes are valid provided the voter writes in the candidate's name correctly.

2009 Offices up for Election

Candidate Filing Period: June 1 - 5, 2009 (in person)
 May 15 - June 5, 2009 (by mail)
 RCW 29A.24.031-050, 29A.80.051

State Legislative Partisan Office

15th Legislative District

Office	Incumbent	Length of Term	Filing Fee	PDC Reporting
Representative, Position 2	David Taylor (R)	1 Year Unexpired	\$421.06	F-1 & C-1 / Full option

County Partisan Offices

Yakima County

Office	Incumbent	Length of Term	Filing Fee	PDC Reporting
Coroner	Vacant (R)	1 Year Unexpired	\$726.36	F-1 & C-1 / Full option
Prosecuting Attorney	James Hagarty (R)	1 Year Unexpired	\$1,488.32	F-1 & C-1 / Full option

City & Town Nonpartisan Offices

City of Grandview 1 Year Residency Required

Office	Incumbent	Length of Term	Filing Fee	PDC Reporting
Council Position 1	Joan E. Souders	4 Years	\$36.00	F-1
Council Position 2	Jan McDonald	4 Years	\$36.00	F-1
Council Position 3	Pam Horner	4 Years	\$36.00	F-1
Council Position 6	Diana R. Jennings	2 Year Unexpired	\$36.00	F-1

City of Granger 1 Year Residency Required

Office	Incumbent	Length of Term	Filing Fee	PDC Reporting
Council Position 1	Lilia O. Villarreal	4 Years	None	None
Council Position 2	Donna Shipman	4 Years	None	None
Council Position 3	Natalie Ybarra	4 Years	None	None

Town of Harrah

Office	Incumbent	Length of Term	Filing Fee	PDC Reporting
Council Position 1	Peter Touhey	4 Years	None	None
Council Position 2	Santos Castilleja	4 Years	None	None

City of Mabton 1 Year Residency Required

Office	Incumbent	Length of Term	Filing Fee	PDC Reporting
Mayor	Velva Linda Herrera	4 Years	\$60.00	None
Council Position 1	Oping P. Hutson	4 Years	None	None
Council Position 2	Shelley D. Luther-Mireles	4 Years	None	None
Council Position 3	Angel Reyna	4 Years	None	None

2009 Offices up for Election

City of Moxee 1 Year Residency Required

Office	Incumbent	Length of Term	Filing Fee	PDC Reporting
Council Position 1	Maravell Gonsioroski	4 Years	\$21.00	F-1
Council Position 2	LeRoy J. Lenseigne	4 Years	\$21.00	F-1

Town of Naches

Office	Incumbent	Length of Term	Filing Fee	PDC Reporting
Council Position 1	Wayne Hawver	4 Year Short/Full	None	None
Council Position 2	Rick Carney	4 Years	None	None
Council Position 3	Charles "Chuck" Harris	4 Years	None	None

City of Selah 1 Year Residency Required

Office	Incumbent	Length of Term	Filing Fee	PDC Reporting
Council Position 1	Denise Nichols	4 Years	\$30.60	F-1
Council Position 2	Paul Overby	4 Years	\$30.60	F-1
Council Position 3	Keith M. Larson	4 Years	\$30.60	F-1
Council Position 5	Dave Smeback	2 Year Unexpired	\$30.60	F-1
Council Position 7	Kevin Jorgensen	2 Year Unexpired	\$30.60	F-1

City of Sunnyside 1 Year Residency Required

Office	Incumbent	Length of Term	Filing Fee	PDC Reporting
Council District 1	Theresa Hancock	4 Years	None	F-1
Council District 2	Jesse Hernandez, Jr.	4 Year Short/Full	None	F-1
Council District 3	Carol Stone	4 Years	None	F-1
Council District 4	Bill Gant	4 Years	None	F-1

City of Tieton 1 Year Residency Required

Office	Incumbent	Length of Term	Filing Fee	PDC Reporting
Council Position 1	Matt Riddle	4 Years	None	None
Council Position 2	Stacy Fordahl	4 Years	None	None
Council Position 3	Sharon Sedgwick	4 Years	None	None

City of Toppenish 1 Year Residency Required

Office	Incumbent	Length of Term	Filing Fee	PDC Reporting
Council Position 1	Derald Ortloff	4 Year Short/Full	\$48.00	F-1
Council Position 2	Blaine R. Thorington	4 Years	\$48.00	F-1
Council Position 3	Bill Rogers	4 Years	\$48.00	F-1
Council Position 4	Al Hubert	4 Year Short/Full	\$48.00	F-1

City of Union Gap 1 Year Residency Required

Office	Incumbent	Length of Term	Filing Fee	PDC Reporting
Council Position 1	Glenn C. Bateman	4 Years	\$72.00	F-1
Council Position 2	Dan Vanover	4 Years	\$72.00	F-1
Council Position 3	Dan C. Olson	4 Years	\$72.00	F-1
Council Position 7	Roger Wentz	4 Years	\$72.00	F-1

2009 Offices up for Election

City of Wapato

Office	Incumbent	Length of Term	Filing Fee	PDC Reporting
Council Position 1	Arnulfo (Chepe) Valdez, Jr.	4 Years	None	F-1
Council Position 2	Rita Zuniga	4 Year Short/Full	None	F-1
Council Position 3	Refugio A. Roa	4 Years	None	F-1
Council Position 4	Frank Jaime	2 Year Unexpired	None	F-1
Council Position 6	Vacant	2 Year Unexpired	None	F-1
Council Position 7 At-Large	Juan De La Torre	2 Year Short/Full	None	F-1

City of Yakima

Office	Incumbent	Length of Term	Filing Fee	PDC Reporting
Council District 1	Maureen Adkison	2 Year Unexpired	\$129.00	F-1 & C-1 / Full option
Council Position 5 At-Large	Sonia Rodriguez	4 Year Short/Full	\$129.00	F-1 & C-1 / Full option
Council Position 6 At-Large	Micah Cawley	4 Years	\$129.00	F-1 & C-1 / Full option
Council Position 7 At-Large	Bill Lover	4 Years	\$129.00	F-1 & C-1 / Full option

City of Zillah 1 Year Residency Required

Office	Incumbent	Length of Term	Filing Fee	PDC Reporting
Mayor	Gary V. Clark	4 Years	\$120.00	F-1
Council Position 1	Bob Gallagher	4 Years	None	F-1
Council Position 2	Jeff Miles	4 Years	None	F-1
Council Position 3	Vacant	2 Year Unexpired	None	F-1

Judicial Nonpartisan Offices

City of Yakima Municipal Court

Office	Incumbent	Length of Term	Filing Fee	PDC Reporting
Judge, Position 1	Kelley Olwell	4 Years	\$1,386.71	F-1 & C-1 / Full option
Judge, Position 2	Susan Woodard	4 Years	\$1,386.71	F-1 & C-1 / Full option

School District Nonpartisan Offices

Union Gap School District No. 2

Office	Incumbent	Length of Term	Filing Fee	PDC Reporting
Director District 3	Ron Jennings	4 Years	None	F-1
Position 1 At-Large	Lorraine Fernandez	4 Years	None	F-1

Naches Valley School District No. Jt3

Office	Incumbent	Length of Term	Filing Fee	PDC Reporting
Director District 2	Bruce Drollinger	4 Years	None	F-1 & C-1 / Full option
Director District 3	Stacy Young	4 Years	None	F-1 & C-1 / Full option

Yakima School District No. 7

Office	Incumbent	Length of Term	Filing Fee	PDC Reporting
Position 1	Raymond Navarro, Jr.	4 Years	None	F-1 & C-1 / Full option
Position 2	Walt Ranta	4 Years	None	F-1 & C-1 / Full option

2009 Offices up for Election

East Valley School District No. 90

Office	Incumbent	Length of Term	Filing Fee	PDC Reporting
Director District 2	Robert Price	4 Years	None	F-1 & C-1 / Full option
Director District 4	David McFadden	2 Year Unexpired	None	F-1 & C-1 / Full option
Director District 5	Rand Elliott	4 Years	None	F-1 & C-1 / Full option

Grandview School District No. 116/200

Office	Incumbent	Length of Term	Filing Fee	PDC Reporting
Director District 2	Zulma Reyes	4 Years	None	F-1
Director District 5	Paul D. Jepson	4 Years	None	F-1

Selah School District No. 119

Office	Incumbent	Length of Term	Filing Fee	PDC Reporting
Director District 1	Ryan Smith	4 Years	None	F-1 & C-1 / Full option
Director District 2	Leanne Liddicoat	4 Years	None	F-1 & C-1 / Full option

Mabton School District No. 120

Office	Incumbent	Length of Term	Filing Fee	PDC Reporting
Director District 3	Elsa Sanchez	4 Years	None	None
Position 1 At-Large	Jeannette Williams	4 Years	None	None

Sunnyside School District No. 201

Office	Incumbent	Length of Term	Filing Fee	PDC Reporting
Director District 2	Joanne Kilian	4 Years	None	F-1 & C-1 / Full option
Director District 3	Lorenzo Garza, Jr.	4 Years	None	F-1 & C-1 / Full option

Toppenish School District No. 202

Office	Incumbent	Length of Term	Filing Fee	PDC Reporting
Director District 2	William L. Rogers	4 Years	None	F-1
Director District 3	Richard R. Lommers	4 Years	None	F-1
Director District 5	Maryrose Gonzalez	2 Year Unexpired	None	F-1

Highland School District No. 203

Office	Incumbent	Length of Term	Filing Fee	PDC Reporting
Director District 2	Dee Dee Trepanier	4 Years	None	F-1
Position 1 At-Large	Nicole (Nikki) Keller	4 Years	None	F-1

Granger School District No. 204

Office	Incumbent	Length of Term	Filing Fee	PDC Reporting
Director District 1	Ray H. Hull	4 Years	None	F-1
Director District 5	Kyle E. Shinn	4 Years	None	F-1

2009 Offices up for Election

Zillah School District No. 205

Office	Incumbent	Length of Term	Filing Fee	PDC Reporting
Director District 1	Darrin Belton	4 Years	None	F-1
Director District 2	Barrie Carpenter	4 Years	None	F-1
Director District 3	Sandy Adams	2 Year Unexpired	None	F-1
Director District 5	Dennis L. Jones	4 Years	None	F-1

Wapato School District No. 207

Office	Incumbent	Length of Term	Filing Fee	PDC Reporting
Director District 1	Catherine E. Kehm	4 Years	None	F-1
Director District 2	Joanne Estes	4 Years	None	F-1

West Valley School District No. 208

Office	Incumbent	Length of Term	Filing Fee	PDC Reporting
Director District 2	Staci Verbrugge	4 Years	None	F-1 & C-1 / Full option
Director District 3	Michael J. Carey	4 Years	None	F-1 & C-1 / Full option

Mt. Adams School District No. 209

Office	Incumbent	Length of Term	Filing Fee	PDC Reporting
Director District 3	Gregory J. Bailey	4 Years	None	F-1
Director District 4	Kip R. Ramsey, Jr.	4 Years	None	F-1
Director District 5	Vern Stephenson	4 Years	None	F-1

Fire Protection District Nonpartisan Offices

Fire Protection District No. 1

Office	Incumbent	Length of Term	Filing Fee	PDC Reporting
Commissioner, Position 3	Rusty Tillett	6 Years	None	F-1

Fire Protection District No. 2

Office	Incumbent	Length of Term	Filing Fee	PDC Reporting
Commissioner, Position 3	Larry B. Davis	6 Years	None	F-1 & C-1 / Full option

Fire Protection District No. 3

Office	Incumbent	Length of Term	Filing Fee	PDC Reporting
Commissioner, Position 3	Andy R. Wright	6 Years	None	None

Fire Protection District No. 4

Office	Incumbent	Length of Term	Filing Fee	PDC Reporting
Commissioner, Position 3	Joseph H. Gendron	6 Years	None	F-1 & C-1 / Full option

Fire Protection District No. 5

Office	Incumbent	Length of Term	Filing Fee	PDC Reporting
Commissioner, Position 3	Todd Lunning	6 Years	None	F-1 & C-1 / Full option

2009 Offices up for Election

Fire Protection District No. 6

Office	Incumbent	Length of Term	Filing Fee	PDC Reporting
Commissioner, Position 3	Mark Robert	6 Years	None	F-1

Fire Protection District No. 7

Office	Incumbent	Length of Term	Filing Fee	PDC Reporting
Commissioner, Position 3	Rhon Raschko	6 Years	None	None

Fire Protection District No. 9

Office	Incumbent	Length of Term	Filing Fee	PDC Reporting
Commissioner, Position 3	Andrew Evans	6 Years	None	None

Fire Protection District No. 10

Office	Incumbent	Length of Term	Filing Fee	PDC Reporting
Commissioner, Position 3	Ryan J. Omlin	6 Year Short/Full	None	None

Fire Protection District No. 11

Office	Incumbent	Length of Term	Filing Fee	PDC Reporting
Commissioner, Position 3	Vacant	6 Year Short/Full	None	None

Fire Protection District No. 12

Office	Incumbent	Length of Term	Filing Fee	PDC Reporting
Commissioner, Position 1	Jim Merritt	2 Year Unexpired	None	F-1 & C-1 / Full option
Commissioner, Position 3	Marshia E. Goss	6 Years	None	F-1 & C-1 / Full option

Fire Protection District No. 14

Office	Incumbent	Length of Term	Filing Fee	PDC Reporting
Commissioner, Position 3	George Cameron	6 Year Short/Full	None	None

Port District Nonpartisan Offices

Port of Grandview

Office	Incumbent	Length of Term	Filing Fee	PDC Reporting
Commissioner, District 2	Jim Sewell	6 Year Short/Full	None	F-1

Port of Sunnyside

Office	Incumbent	Length of Term	Filing Fee	PDC Reporting
Commissioner, District 3	St. Clair Woodworth	6 Years	\$24.00	F-1 & C-1 / Full option

2009 Offices up for Election

Sewer District Nonpartisan Offices

Cowiche Sewer District

Office	Incumbent	Length of Term	Filing Fee	PDC Reporting
Commissioner, District 3	Chuck Simmons	6 Years	None	None

Terrace Heights Sewer District

Office	Incumbent	Length of Term	Filing Fee	PDC Reporting
Commissioner, District 3	Robert Linker	6 Years	None	F-1

Park & Recreation District Nonpartisan Offices

Naches Park & Recreation District

Office	Incumbent	Length of Term	Filing Fee	PDC Reporting
Commissioner, District 2	Kathryn Thompson	2 Year Unexpired	None	F-1
Commissioner, District 3	Wayne L. Hawver	4 Years	None	F-1
Commissioner, District 5	Larry D. Dekker	4 Years	None	F-1

Duties and Qualifications

State Representative

Duties: Legislators introduce bills during each session that affect public policy. Public hearings are held, issues are debated, and votes are taken. Bills that pass both houses of the Legislature are sent to the Governor for signature. They provide for the levy and collection of taxes and other revenue to support state government and appropriate funds to local governments. The Senate has the exclusive power to confirm certain gubernatorial appointments. The House has the exclusive power to bring impeachment proceedings.

Qualifications: Candidates must be qualified voters in the legislative district from which they are chosen. *State Constitution, Article II, Section 7*

Coroner

Duties: It is the duty of the Coroner to assume jurisdiction over all bodies of deceased persons who come to their deaths suddenly and without medical attendance. This applies to circumstances which indicate death was caused by unlawful or unnatural means or where a death occurs under suspicious circumstances.

Qualifications: The Coroner must be a qualified elector of their district.
RCW 29A.20.021

Prosecuting Attorney

Duties: Major responsibilities include legal advisor, prosecutor of criminal matters, and a representative of the county in civil cases.

Qualifications: Candidates must be registered to vote in Yakima County and be a lawyer admitted to the Washington State Bar. *RCW 29A.20.021, 36.27.010*

Duties and Qualifications

City and Town Council Members

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*

Classification and Form of Government of Cities and Towns in Yakima County			
**Grandview	Code (Mayor/Council)	**Sunnyside	Code (Council/Manager)
**Granger	Code (Mayor/Council)	**Tieton	Code (Mayor/Council)
Harrah	4 th Class (Town) (Mayor/Council)	**Toppenish	Code (Council/Manager)
**Mabton	Code (Mayor/Council)	**Union Gap	Code (Mayor/Council)
**Moxee	Code (Mayor/Council)	Wapato	2 nd Class (Mayor/Council)
Naches	4 th Class (Town) (Mayor/Council)	Yakima	1 st Class (Council/Manager – Charter)
**Selah	Code (Mayor/Council)	**Zillah	Code (Mayor/Council)

School District Directors

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 in the School District boundaries. *RCW 28A.343.340, 29A.20.021*

Fire District Commissioners

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.20.021*

Duties and Qualifications

Port District Commissioners

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

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.20.021*

Park & Recreation District Commissioners

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.20.021*

Local Voters' Pamphlet

Yakima County distributes a General Election local voters' pamphlet to every voter household.

Information submitted for the Local Voters' Pamphlet is also published on the Election Division website for both the Primary and General Elections. (www.co.yakima.wa.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 and regulations for county offices are provided to candidates during the filing period. Candidates for Federal, Legislative, and Statewide offices should contact the Elections Division at the Office of the Secretary of State. (See page 31 for contact information.)

Participation in the local voters' pamphlet is mandatory for all districts with candidates and issues on the ballot unless otherwise waived by the Board of County Commissioners. *RCW 29A.32*

Primary

Partisan Offices

Candidates for partisan office may state a political party preference or not state a preference. If a candidate does not indicate a party that he or she prefers, that candidate's name will appear on the ballot as stating no party preference. *WAC 434-215-120*

Whenever it is necessary to hold an election in an odd-numbered year to fill an unexpired term of any office which is scheduled to be voted upon for a full term in an even-numbered year, no primary will be held if, after the last day allowed for candidates to withdraw, no more than two candidates have filed for an office to be filled. *RCW 29A.52.010*

The order of candidate names is determined by lot drawing. *WAC 434-230-045*

Following a primary, a candidate's name shall be entitled to appear on the General Election ballot if he or she receives the greatest or the next greatest number of votes for the office and additionally receives at least one percent (1%) of the total votes cast for that office. *WAC 434-230-060*

Nonpartisan Offices

A Primary is held only if three or more nonpartisan candidates file for the same position. If two or less candidates file for the office, they will not appear on the Primary ballot. Candidates will be notified if there is not a primary for their position. *RCW 29A.52.220*

Candidate names appear on the ballot in an order determined by lot drawing. *RCW 29A.36.131*

In a contested Primary, the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes advance to the General Election. Additionally, they must also receive at least 1% of the total votes cast for that office. *RCW 29A.36.171*

City Council Districts (Sunnyside and Yakima):

The names of candidates for a particular city council district appear ONLY on the ballots within their council district. *RCW 35.18.020 2(b), 35A.12.180* At-Large council positions appear on all ballots within the City.

School District Directors:

School district directors are voted on district-wide and not by director district. 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 in the School District boundaries. *RCW 28A.343.340, 29A.20.021*

Port District Commissioners:

Port district commissioners are voted on by commissioner district in the Primary, and district wide in the General Election. Candidates must be residents and registered voters in the commissioner district for which they are filing. *RCW 53.12.010*

Park District Commissioners:

Regardless of the number of candidates, a Primary will not be held. All persons filing and qualifying shall appear on the General Election ballot and the person receiving the largest number of votes for each position shall be elected. *RCW 36.69.090*

General Election

Based on the votes cast at the preceding primary, the top two candidates in a position will be certified as qualified to appear on the General Election ballot, unless only one candidate qualifies as provided in RCW 29A.36.170 (1% rule). *WAC 434-230-055, 060*

The candidate receiving the most votes in a contest will be listed first on the ballot. *RCW 29A.36.170, WAC 434-230-045*

All contests not appearing on the Primary ballot will appear on the General Election ballot. Candidate names will appear on the ballot in order determined by lot drawing. *RCW 29A.36.170, 131*

Partisan Offices

A candidate's political party preference is not used to determine which candidates advance to the General Election. *WAC 434-250-055*

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

Nonpartisan Offices

City Council Districts (Sunnyside and Yakima):

Voters of the entire city vote at the General Election to elect a council member of a district. *RCW 35.18.020 2(b), 35A.12.180*

Port District Commissioners:

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

Post Election Information

Unofficial election results for Yakima County are available at approximately 8:15 p.m. on Election night at the County Auditor's Office. They also can be found at www.co.yakima.wa.us/vote. Statewide results can be found at www.vote.wa.gov.

Yakima County Election staff will continue to verify, open, and tabulate ballots on a daily basis or as needed until certification of the election. Please contact the Election Division for the time (usually 4:00 p.m.) of the counts. *RCW 29A.60.160*

Certification

Election results are official and certified 15 days after a Special Election or 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*

Post Election Information

When Elected Officials Assume Office	
Office	Date
Washington State Legislators	2nd Monday in January, 2010 (RCW 44.04.021, RCW 2.04.071, RCW 2.06.070, RCW 2.08.070, RCW 3.34.070)
County Offices	January 1, 2010 (RCW 29A.20.040)
City/Town and Special Purpose Districts	January 1, 2010 (RCW 29A.20.040)
School Districts	At the first meeting after Certification of the General Election (RCW 28A.343.360)

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.20.040

Any candidate elected to an **unexpired term** shall assume office as soon as the General Election is certified. RCW 29A.20.030

Where Oaths of Office are Filed	
Office	Where Administered / Filed
Washington State Legislators	Verbal Oath upon convening of Legislature (State Constitution, Article III, Section 4)
County Officials	Written oath filed with County Auditor (RCW 36.16.060)
City/Town, School, and Special Purpose Districts	Written oath filed with County Auditor (RCW 36.16.060)

Who may administer oaths of office?

Any officer (Judge, County Auditor) or Notary Public is authorized to administer oaths. RCW 29A.04.133 School Officials are also authorized to administer all oaths pertaining to their respective offices. RCW 28A.343.360

When may an oath be administered?

For elected officials of counties, cities, towns, and special purpose districts, the oath of office may be taken up to ten days prior to the scheduled date of assuming office or at the last regular meeting of the governing body of the applicable district held before the winner assumes office. RCW 29A.20.040 (3)

Post Election Information

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 Article II, Section 1D*

Recounts *RCW 29A.64*

Mandatory Recounts:

A mandatory recount occurs when candidates or state 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. The recount of the contest will be conducted using the vote tally system.
RCW 29A.64.021(1), 29A.64.090

Manual (hand count) Recounts:

In a statewide election, if the difference in the number of votes cast for the apparent winner and the closest apparently defeated opponent is less than 1,000 votes and less than one-fourth of one percent (.25%), a *manual* recount will be conducted.

For local elections, if the difference in the number of votes cast for the apparent winner and the closest apparently defeated opponent is less than 150 votes and less than one-fourth of one percent (.25%) a *manual* recount will be conducted.

Requested Recounts:

An officer of a political party or any person for whom votes were cast may file an application for a recount for all candidates for nomination or election to that office. Any group of five (5) or more registered voters may file an application for a recount of any question or issue. Applications for a recount must be submitted within three (3) working days after the certification of the election is complete.

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.

Legislature Convenes

Regular sessions of the legislature shall be held annually, commencing on the second Monday of January. *RCW 44.04.010, State Constitution Article II, Section 12*

January 2010 = 60 day session

January 2011 = 105 day session

Public Disclosure Reporting

In 1972, Initiative 276 was adopted which gave the public the right to know the financial affairs of candidates and elected officials in order to gauge whether a conflict may exist with government duties. The passage of this initiative also declared that the financing of election campaigns should be known and reported to the people.

Beginning your campaign reporting

Public Disclosure forms must be filed within 2 weeks (14 days) of the beginning of your political candidacy or 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

Candidates for State and County Offices:

A Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1) and a Candidate Registration Form (C-1) must be filed within 2 weeks of becoming a candidate. 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. You may also be required to file contribution and expenditure reports during your candidacy.

Candidates for Local Offices:

PDC reporting requirements are based on the number of registered voters in the district at the previous General Election. At the 2008 General Election, did your jurisdiction have:

- Less than 1,000 registered voters? You have no reporting requirements.
- 1,000-4,999 voters? You must file a Personal Financial Affairs Statement (F-1).
- Greater than 5,000 registered voters? An F-1 and Candidate Registration (C-1) are required. If full reporting option is chosen, contribution and expenditure reports are also required.

NOTE: Any candidate, regardless of the size of the jurisdiction, must file all campaign reports if anticipated contributions accumulate to \$5,000 or more.

Public Disclosure Reporting

How many voters were registered in your jurisdiction at the 2008 General Election? Please refer to the following table:

Jurisdiction	Voters @ 2008 General
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Cities & Towns	
Grandview	2,690
Granger	693
Harrah	206
Mabton	488
Moxee	1,123
Naches	413
Selah	3,268
Sunnyside	3,622
Tieton	319
Toppenish	2,195
Union Gap	2,159
Wapato	1,069
Yakima	36,529
Zillah	1,207

School Districts	
#2 Union Gap	1,315
#Jt3 Naches Valley	5,037
#7 Yakima	27,937
#90 East Valley	8,163
#116/200 Grandview	4,374
#119 Selah	10,013
#120 Mabton	926
#201 Sunnyside	6,704
#202 Toppenish	4,075
#203 Highland	2,378
#204 Granger	1,638
#205 Zillah	2,376
#207 Wapato	4,283
#208 West Valley	17,292
#209 Mt. Adams	1,685

Jurisdiction	Voters @ 2008 General
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Fire Districts	
1	1,526
2	6,943
3	805
4	8,203
5	13,400
6	2,430
7	58
9	689
10	396
11	348
12	7,313
14	647

Port Districts	
Grandview	4,406
Sunnyside	6,961

Sewer Districts	
Cowiche	96
Terrace Heights	3,449

Park & Recreation Districts	
Grandview	4,196
Naches	1,218
Selah	9,982

Public Disclosure Reporting

Where to file PDC reports

The Financial Affairs Statement is filed ONLY with PDC in Olympia. Additionally, all original reports are filed with PDC. If you are not reporting electronically, a copy must also be provided to the County Auditor's Office.

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 for additional instructions and information. Electronic filers do not need to provide copies to the County Auditor. *RCW 14.17.080 (9)*

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.

Specific questions regarding political advertising should be directed to PDC.

General Requirements

Sponsor ID: Written ads must identify the sponsor's name and address unless exempt.

Exempt from Sponsor ID: Yard signs (8'x4' or smaller) and some other items are exempt.

Broadcast Ads: Radio and TV ads must state the sponsor's full name, but not the address.

Party Preference: All forms of advertising must clearly state the candidate's party preference if the candidate is seeking partisan office. This requirement applies regardless of whether the ad is sponsored by the candidate or someone else.

Photographs: At least one photo must have been taken within the last 5 years and be no smaller than the largest candidate photo in the ad.

Office Sought: Not required to be in advertising.

Political Sign Ordinances

Signage regulations are set by the governing body of the location a sign is placed. Check with the appropriate jurisdiction for placement and timeline options.

City / Town Contact Information

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

Political Advertising

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 information: Department of Transportation Region Office
(509) 577-1989

Pacific Power Regulations

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

County Regulations

- Signs cannot be posted within County Right-of-Ways (the shoulder of the road, ditch or areas maintained by the County.)
- Contact Information: Yakima County Roads
574-2300

Political signs cannot be placed within 300 feet of any voting location. Such is the case with the County Courthouse 20 days prior to an election as this is the date that an Accessible Voting Unit becomes available for use. Electioneering is also forbidden. *RCW 29A.84.510, 29A.84.520, 29A.46.110-120*

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*



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Mail Ballots

In 2005, the Washington State Legislature gave counties the option (with authorization from the county legislative authority) to conduct elections entirely by mail ballot. *RCW 29A.48.010 (1)*

Beginning with the 2005 General Election, Yakima County has since conducted all elections by mail ballot.

When are ballots available?

Ballots are available and are mailed to all eligible voters 20 days prior to any election. *RCW 29A.40.070* Ballots for service and overseas voters are available 30 days prior to the election.

Ballots in Yakima County are not forwarded by the Post Office. If a voter is traveling or has recently moved, notification must be made to the Election Division. In special circumstances, e-mail and fax ballot options are available.

Replacement ballots:

If an eligible voter spoiled, lost, or did not receive a ballot, replacement ballots are available before 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. This request may be made by phone, in person, or electronically for themselves or a member of their immediate family. Exceptions can only be made for individuals who are a resident of a health care facility. *RCW 29A.40.080, RCW 29A.48.040*

Processing mail ballots

Signature verification: *RCW 29A.40.110 (3), WAC 434-250*

A ballot is only valid for counting if the voter affidavit is signed and compares with the signature of that voter 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*

If a voter neglects to sign the affidavit on the return envelope, they are notified by phone and by mail. In order for the ballot to be counted, the voter may appear in person at the County Auditor's Office or return a signed copy of the affidavit that was provided to them. This must be resolved no later than the day before certification of the election.

If the handwriting of the signature on a ballot affidavit does not compare to the signature on the voter's registration file, the voter is again notified by phone and by mail. In order for the ballot to be counted, the voter has two options: They must appear in person at the County Auditor's Office with identification and complete a signature update, or the voter can return a signed ballot affidavit provided to them by the Auditor's office along with a copy of their identification. The two signatures must compare to the original ballot affidavit in order for the ballot to be valid. Otherwise, the determination made by the County Canvassing Board will stand.

Mail Ballots

Mail Ballot Processing Boards *RCW 29A.60.125, WAC 434-261-070*

Unopened ballots are sorted by precinct for bi-partisan teams who open and inspect all voting response positions on every mail ballot to ensure it will be properly read by the vote tabulating system. Any ballot that is physically damaged, or contains marks considered unreadable or uncountable by the tabulation system are referred to the County Canvassing Board or are duplicated if so authorized by the 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.

Deadline for returning voted ballots *RCW 29A.48.050*

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 envelope to which the voter has attested determines the date mailed. *RCW 29A.40.110 (3)*

For service and overseas voters the date of the signature is considered the date of mailing. *RCW 29A.40.150 (2)*

Ballot Drop-Off and Disability Access Sites



Ballots may be deposited at the Auditor's Office or at an established designated drop-off site no later than 8:00 p.m. on the date of the election. Accessible Voting Units (AVUs) are also available at these sites for voters with language or physical disability needs. Current established disability access and ballot-drop off sites include:

Yakima County Auditor's Office 128 N 2nd St, Room 117 Yakima 98901	Toppenish High School 141 Ward Rd Toppenish 98948	Sunnyside Work Source 1925 Morgan Rd Sunnyside 98944
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The County Auditor's Office AVU is available for use 20 days prior to an election from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on election day from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. When an election is being conducted within geographic relativity to Toppenish High School or Sunnyside Work Source, those locations are available on election day from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. *RCW 29A.46.120, 29A.48.040*

County Canvassing Board

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 authorizing the county auditor's staff to perform any task assigned by law to the canvassing board. 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.

Public Access

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.08.651*

Qualifying to vote

An individual must be:

- A U.S. citizen.
- Eighteen years old on or before Election Day.
- Not presently denied their right to vote as a result of being convicted of a felony.
- A resident of Washington State for 30 days before the next election.

Minimum required information: *RCW 29A.08.010, 107*

Minimum information required on voter registration applications consists of the following: 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. If the driver's license or last 4 digits of the Social Security number provided by the applicant do not compare to the information maintained by DOL or SSA, or if the above mentioned 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.

When to register

Registrations are accepted at any time.

Effective July 26, 2009, Senate Bill 5270 changes voter registration deadlines. Beginning with the 2009 General Election, to be eligible to vote in an upcoming election, if submitted by mail, the registration application must be postmarked no later than 29 days before the day of the election. *RCW 29A.08.140, 29A.08.020* The "by mail" registration deadline for the 2009 Primary is 30 days prior to the election.

In person registration at the County Auditor's Office is accepted up to 8 days prior to an election. This registration period ONLY applies to persons' not currently registered in Washington State. *RCW 29A.08.140, WAC 434-324-075*

Where to register

Voter registration can be done in person or by mail. Forms can be obtained at:

- Yakima County Auditor's Office, Courthouse Room 117
- City and Town Halls
- All Public Schools
- Most Libraries
- Fire Stations
- www.co.yakima.wa.us/vote
- 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.

Voter Registration Information

New residents to Yakima County

If moving from another county or state, a registration form must be completed. Any previous registration will be cancelled.

Moving within Yakima County

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

- Call (509) 574-1340, (509) 574-1350 or 1-800-833-0569
- Fax (509) 574-1341
- Complete a registration form
- Submit the change on line at www.co.yakima.wa.us/vote or www.vote.wa.gov

All address changes must be received or postmarked no later than 29 days before an election in order to be valid for that election. *RCW 29A.08.140*

Name changes

A registration form must be completed with the voter's new name and previous name. All registration forms must be postmarked at least 29 days prior to an election to be valid for that election.

Inactive voters

If any mail from the Election Division or a jury summons is returned as "undeliverable" from the Post Office, the voter is placed on "inactive" status and is then sent a forwardable address confirmation postcard. The voter is returned to "active" status if they vote, notify the Election Division with a current address, or sign a petition. *RCW 29A.08.620, 29A.08.630*

Canceling voter registration for failure to vote

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 for two federal elections. *RCW 29A.08.630*

Available Voter Data

Estimated costs

- Voter data = minimum fee of \$10.50 (required when order is placed)
 - CD = \$11.79
 - E-mail = \$10.50
 - Copies = \$.15 cents per page
- Maps = \$20.00 (individual precinct maps are charged at photocopy rates)
- Daily ballot returns = minimum charge of \$10.50 plus \$2.00 per additional day(s)

Placing an order

The Elections Division will take orders over the phone; however, a deposit is required prior to fulfilling the request. We will assume no responsibility for orders that are not what the purchaser requested. A Public Records Request must be signed prior to receiving the information. Use of voter registration information is limited to non-commercial purposes. *RCW 29A.08.720*

Orders may require a 3 day turnaround time.

Available Voter Data

Public information includes *RCW 29A.08.710*

- Voter Name
- Precinct / Levy Code
- Date of Birth
- Voter ID
- Voter Address (residence and mailing)
- Gender
- Date of Registration
- Voting History (by request from 2000 – present)

Voter data options and format

Voter information can be requested by:

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

The following formats are available:

- CD
 - E-mail
 - Hard copy
 - Labels
- } Excel or delimited text file

Election results and maps

Past election totals and “by precinct” results are available on our website:
www.co.yakima.wa.us/vote.

Individual precinct maps are also available on-line at www.co.yakima.wa.us/vote.

Specific geographical area maps of the County are available for \$20.00

Countywide	Selah / Vicinity
Yakima Urban	Mid Valley
Upper Valley	Lower Valley
East Yakima / Terrace Heights / Moxee	

Customized district maps are available for purchase through GIS at 574-2990.

Statewide Database

Statewide voter list information is available to order at www.vote.wa.gov.

Statistics

Odd Year Election Statistics

Year	Election	Registered Voters	Mail-In Ballots Issued	Votes Cast	Turnout
2007	Primary	69,184	69,184	24,989	36.12%
	General	91,233	91,233	46,790	51.29%
2005	Primary	47,966	47,207	17,247	36.2%
	General	93,820	93,820	53,148	57.0%
2003	Primary	44,535	44,579	17,863	40.1%
	General	90,269	54,153	38,417	42.6%
2001	Primary	95,181	48,451	38,512	40.5%
	General	94,647	48,870	42,971	45.4%
1999	Primary	58,336	22,270	12,086	22.5%
	General	94,149	39,582	53,870	57.3%
1997	Primary	51,787	16,039	11,708	22.61%
	General	85,278	31,721	52,284	61.31%
1995	Primary	29,736	3,477	5,139	17.3%
	General	81,087	10,993	36,776	45.4%
1993	Primary	47,335	3,077	8,083	17.07%
	General	79,288	8,531	43,872	55.33%
1991	Primary	34,241	1,933	5,779	16.9%
	General	71,116	7,182	45,778	64.44%
1989	Primary	26,646	1,584	4,069	15.27%
	General	73,148	4,290	30,004	41.02%

Odd Year Elections Average Voter Turnout Statistics

Primary.....26.46%
General.....52.11%

Statistics

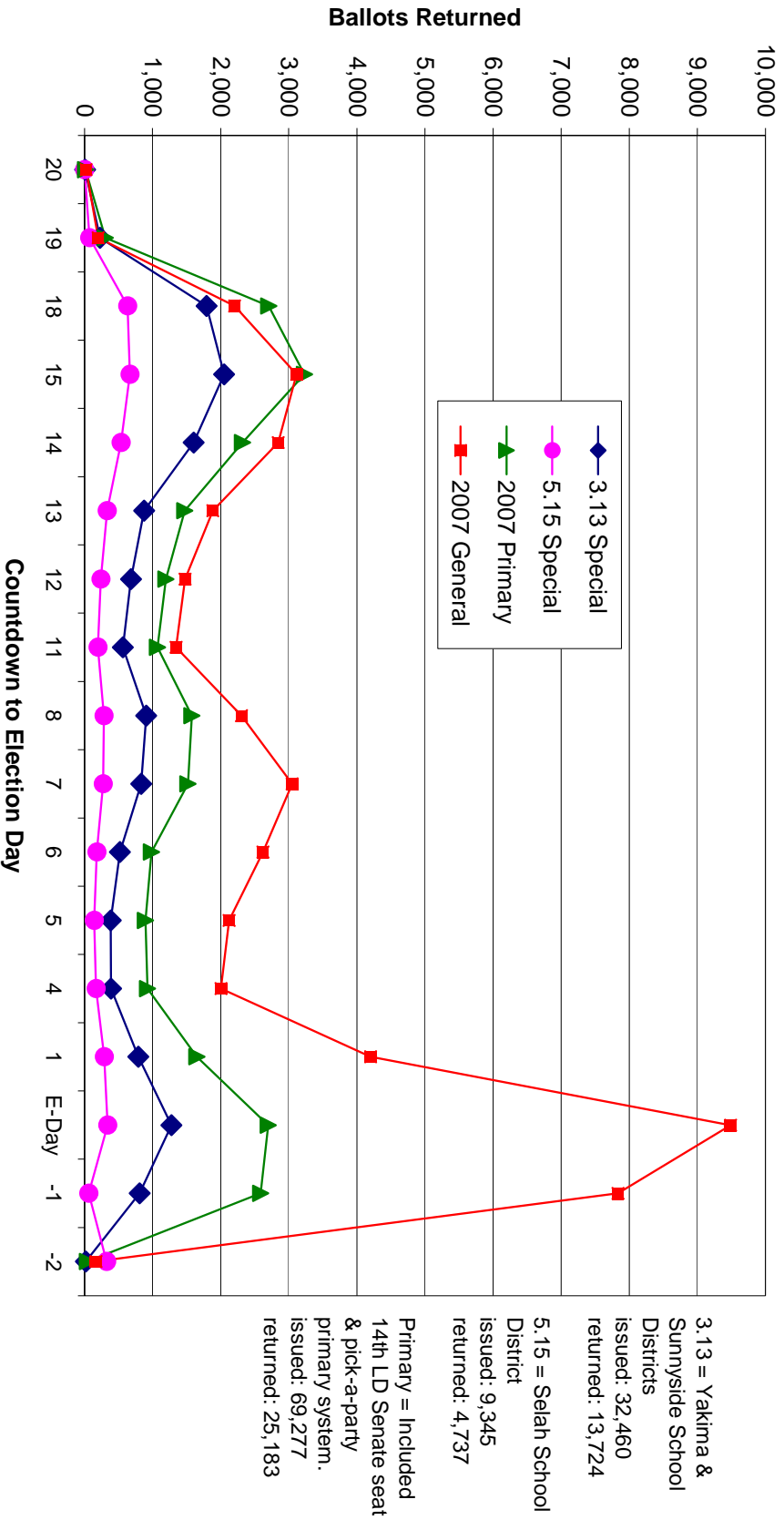
Voter Totals by District

May 2009

District	Voters
Countywide	97,866
15th Legislative District	29,755
City of Grandview	2,743
City of Granger	696
Town of Harrah	212
City of Mabton	506
City of Moxee	1,171
Town of Naches	410
City of Selah	3,295
City of Sunnyside	3,620
City of Sunnyside - District 1	670
City of Sunnyside - District 2	1,389
City of Sunnyside - District 3	724
City of Sunnyside - District 4	837
City of Tieton	328
City of Toppenish	2,164
City of Union Gap	2,199
City of Wapato	1,066
City of Yakima	36,160
City of Yakima - District 1	12,407
City of Yakima - District 2	8,531
City of Yakima - District 3	4,523
City of Yakima - District 4	10,699
City of Zillah	1,217
Union Gap School District #2	1,335
Naches Valley School District #Jt3	5,045
Yakima School District #7	27,663
East Valley School District #90	8,225
Grandview School District #116/200	4,268
Selah School District #90	10,037
Mabton School District #120	930
Sunnyside School District #201	6,660
Toppenish School District #202	4,026
Highland School District #203	2,413
Granger School District #204	1,668
Zillah School District #205	2,402
Wapato School District #207	4,292
West Valley School District #208	17,170
Mt. Adams School District #209	1,689

District	Voters
Fire District 1	1,546
Fire District 2	6,970
Fire District 3	790
Fire District 4	8,262
Fire District 5	13,399
Fire District 6	2,443
Fire District 7	58
Fire District 9	695
Fire District 10	398
Fire District 11	353
Fire District 12	7,260
Fire District 14	661
Port of Grandview - District 1	1,922
Port of Grandview - District 2	1,491
Port of Grandview - District 3	1,066
Port of Sunnyside - District 1	2,867
Port of Sunnyside - District 2	1,979
Port of Sunnyside - District 3	2,085
Cowiche Sewer District	96
Terrace Heights Sewer District	3,454
Naches Park & Recreation District	1,200

Yakima County Ballot Rate of Return 2007 Off Year Elections



2009 / 2010 Dates & Deadlines

To call for a special election, resolutions are due 45 days prior to the Special Election date. If the Special Election is to be held in conjunction with a Primary or General Election, resolutions are due 84 days prior to the election date. *RCW 29A.04.321*

Passed during the 2009 legislative session, ESHB 1018 reduces the number of spring special elections for 2010.

Candidate filing period for 2010 will be June 7-11.

2009 / 2010 Election Calendar

Election Date	Aug 18, 09	Nov 3, 09	Feb 9, 10	Apr 27, 10	May 18, 10	Aug 17, 10	Nov 2, 10
Resolutions Due	May 26	Aug 11	Dec 24	Mar 12	Apr 2	May 25	Aug 10
29 Day Reg/Add Chg Deadline	Jul 18 *	Oct 5	Jan 11	Mar 29	Apr 19	Jul 19	Oct 4
8 Day NEW Registration Deadline	Aug 10	Oct 26	Feb 1	Apr 19	May 10	Aug 9	Oct 25
Ballots Available	Jul 29	Oct 14	Jan 20	Apr 7	Apr 28	Jul 28	Oct 13
Election Certified	Sep 2	Nov 24	Feb 24	May 12	Jun 2	Sep 1	Nov 23

* SB 5270 effective date is July 26, 2009. Therefore, the registration/address change deadline for the Primary is 30 days prior to the election rather than 29 days.

Note:

The May special election date is limited to tax levies that failed previously in that calendar year and new bond issues.
RCW 29A.04.321 (2)(c)

The 8 day in person voter registration deadline is ONLY for persons who are not currently registered elsewhere in Washington State.

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711 Capitol Way #206
PO Box 40908
Olympia WA 98504-0908
(360) 753-1111
1-877-601-2828
www.pdc.wa.gov

Federal Election Commission
999 E Street NW
Washington DC 20463
1-800-424-9530
www.fec.gov

Washington State Legislature
1-800-562-6000
www.leg.wa.gov

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