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2019 Candidate and Election Guidebook

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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 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.

2019 Election Calendar

Candidate calendar	
April 29	first day candidate filings accepted by mail
May 13	begin candidate filing
May 17	end candidate filing
May 17	lot drawing for ballot placement
May 20	last day for candidates to withdraw
May 24	candidate statements / pictures due for local voter guide
August 5	last day a void in candidacy causes that office to reopen for candidate filing
August 6	last day to file as write-in candidate for Primary
November 5	last day to file as write-in candidate for General Election

Primary calendar	
May 10	resolutions due for special election in conjunction with the Primary
June 21	overseas and military ballots mailed
July 18	last day to file as a write-in candidate for Primary; no filing fee required
July 19	ballots available
July 29	mail-in and online registrations must be received in the elections office by this date
July 29	address changes submitted by mail, phone or online must be received in the elections office by this date
August 6; 8pm	last day for in-person registration and updates
August 6	Primary
August 6; 8pm	last day to file as write-in candidate for Primary; filing fee required
August 20	election certified by counties
August 23	last day for Secretary of State to certify the Primary

2019 Election Calendar

General Election calendar	
August 6	resolutions due for special election in conjunction with the General Election
September 20	overseas and military ballots mailed
October 17	last day to file as a write-in candidate for General Election; no filing fee required
October 18	ballots available
October 28	mail-in and online registrations must be received in the elections office by this date
October 28	address changes submitted by mail, phone or online must be received in the elections office by this date
November 5; 8pm	last day for in-person registration and updates
November 5	General Election
November 5; 8pm	last day to file as write-in candidate for Primary; filing fee required
November 26	election certified by counties
December 5	last day for Secretary of State to certify the General Election
December 5	state ballots measures approved by voters declared law by Governor

Other important dates	
April 28	regular legislative session scheduled to end
July 5	last day to file referendum measure petition signatures
July 27	last day to submit signatures supporting initiatives to the people
December 13	resolutions due for February 11, 2020 special election
January 3	last day to submit signature petitions supporting initiatives to the legislature
January 3	first day to file initiatives to the people with the Secretary of State 2020
January 13	regular legislative session begins 2020

Holidays			
May 27	Memorial Day	November 28	Thanksgiving
July 4	Independence Day	November 29	Day after Thanksgiving
September 2	Labor Day	December 25	Christmas
October 14	Columbus Day courthouse open, post office closed	January 1	New Year's Day
November 11	Veteran's Day observance		

2019 Offices up for Election

Candidate filing period: **May 13 - 17** (in person)
April 29 - May 17 (by mail)

RCW 29A.24.031-050

Office	Incumbent	Term length	Filing fee	PDC reporting
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State Legislative Partisan Offices

Legislative District 13

Representative, Position 2	Alex Ybarra	1 year unexpired	\$487.31	F-1 & C- series
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City & Town Nonpartisan Offices

City of Grandview - 1 year residency required

Mayor	Gloria Mendoza	4 year short/full	\$64.80	
Council, Position 3	Diana Jennings	2 year unexpired	\$36.00	
Council, Position 4	Gaylord Brewer	4 years	\$36.00	F-1
Council, Position 5	Bill Moore	4 years	\$36.00	
Council, Position 6	David Diaz	4 year short/full	\$36.00	
Council, Position 7	Mike Everett	4 years	\$36.00	

City of Granger - 1 year residency required

Mayor	Jose A. Trevino	4 years	\$90.00	
Council, Position 4	Juan Isirdia	4 years	none	F-1
Council, Position 5	Maria Gonzalez	4 years	none	

Town of Harrah

Mayor	Barbara Harrer	4 years	\$60.00	
Council, Position 1	Joseph Larez	2 year unexpired	none	
Council, Position 3	vacant	4 year short/full	none	none
Council, Position 4	Avelina Garcia	4 years	none	
Council, Position 5	Kathryn Henry	4 years	none	

City of Mabton - 1 year residency required

Council, Position 3	Mark Gourneau	2 year unexpired	none	
Council, Position 4	Vera Zavala	4 years	none	none
Council, Position 5	Arturo De La Fuente	4 years	none	

City of Moxee - 1 year residency required

Mayor	Greg La Bree	4 years	\$72.00	
Council, Position 3	Maravell A. Gonsioroski	4 years	\$30.00	
Council, Position 4	Tom L. Hatstrup	4 years	\$30.00	F-1
Council, Position 5	Lawrence Frank	4 years	\$30.00	

Office	Incumbent	Term length	Filing fee	PDC reporting
Town of Naches				
Mayor	Paul D. Williams	4 years	\$122.40	
Council, Position 2	vacant	2 year unexpired	none	none
Council, Position 4	Robert Weekes	4 years	none	
Council, Position 5	Suzi Williams	4 years	none	
City of Selah - 1 year residency required				
Mayor	Sherry L. Raymond	4 years	\$74.40	
Council, Position 1	Kevin Wickenhagen	2 year unexpired	\$39.00	
Council, Position 3	Jeremy Burke	2 year unexpired	\$39.00	
Council, Position 4	John H. Tierney	4 years	\$39.00	F-1
Council, Position 5	Roger L. Bell	4 years	\$39.00	
Council, Position 6	Diane L. Underwood	4 years	\$39.00	
Council, Position 7	Russell E. Carlson	4 years	\$39.00	
City of Sunnyside - 1 year residency required				
Council, Position 5	Julia Hart	4 years	\$48.00	
Council, Position 6	James A. Restucci	4 years	\$48.00	F-1
Council, Position 7	Craig A. Hicks	4 years	\$48.00	
City of Tieton - 1 year residency required				
Mayor	Dewane Ashbrooks	4 years	\$120.00	
Council, Position 4	Amy Oberrender	4 year short/full	none	none
Council, Position 5	Jacqueline Williams	4 years	none	
City of Toppenish - 1 year residency required				
Council, Position 5	Naila Prieto	4 year short/full	none	
Council, Position 6	J. Eligio Jiménez	4 years	none	F-1
Council, Position 7		4 year VKRUWID	none	
City of Union Gap - 1 year residency required				
Council, Position 4	David D. Butler	4 years	\$72.00	
Council, Position 5	Dave Matson	4 years	\$72.00	F-1
Council, Position 6	Julie Schilling	4 years	\$72.00	
City of Wapato				
Mayor	Dora E. Alvarez-Roa	4 year short/full	\$10.00	
Council, Position 1	Chuck Stephens	2 year unexpired	none	
Council, Position 2	Joel Torres	2 year unexpired	none	
Council, Position 4	Barbara Hilario	4 year short/full	none	F-1
Council, Position 5	Irasema Gonzalez Cantu	4 year short/full	none	
Council, Position 6	Brinda Quintanilla Bautista	4 year short/full	none	
Council, Position 7 At-Large	Keith Workman	2 years	none	
City of Yakima				
Council, District 1	Dulce Gutiérrez	4 years	\$129.00	
Council, District 3	Carmen Méndez	4 years	\$129.00	F-1 & c- series
Council, District 5	Kathy Coffey	4 years	\$129.00	
Council, District 7	Holly N. Cousens	4 years	\$129.00	

Office	Incumbent	Term length	Filing fee	PDC reporting
City of Zillah - 1 year residency required				
Council, Position 3	Douglas S. Stewart	4 years	none	
Council, Position 4	Janice Gonzales	4 years	none	F-1
Council, Position 5	Beth Husted	4 year short/full	none	

School District Nonpartisan Offices

Union Gap School District No. 2				
Director, District 1	Donald Mittlieder	4 years	none	
Director, District 2	Dianna K. Grunlose	4 years	none	F-1
Director, Position 2 At-Large	Maria G. Rosas	4 years	none	
Naches Valley School District No. Jt3				
Director, District 1	Marcie Carrell	4 years	none	F-1
Director, District 4	Patti Hyatt	4 years	none	&
Director, District 5	Todd Huck	4 years	none	C- series
Yakima School District No. 7				
Director, Position 3	Berenice Ponce	4 years	none	F-1
Director, Position 4	Raymond Navarro, Jr.	4 years	none	&
Director, Position 5	Martha J. Rice	4 years	none	C- series
East Valley School District No. 90				
Director, District 1	Matthew Byers	4 years	none	F-1
Director, District 3	Seth Basford	4 years	none	&
Director, District 4	Ray Wiseman	4 years	none	C- series
Selah School District No. 119				
Director, District 1	Sarah K. Michael	4 years	none	F-1
Director, District 3	Jeff Hartwick	4 years	none	&
Director, Position 2 At-Large	Kathy Lambert	4 years	none	C- series
Mabton School District No. 120				
Director, District 1	James Adams	4 years	none	
Director, District 2	Wendy Morrow	4 years	none	F-1
Director, District 3	Bill Roettger	2 year unexpired	none	
Director, Position 2 At-Large	Natalie Palomarez	4 years	none	
Grandview School District No. 200				
Director, District 1	Antonio Ernesto Sanchez	4 years	none	F-1
Director, District 3	Elizabeth Alba	4 years	none	&
Director, District 4	Jessica Trevino	4 years	none	C- series
Sunnyside School District No. 201				
Director, District 1	Rocky J. Simmons	4 years	none	F-1
Director, District 4	Sandra Linde	4 years	none	&
Director, District 5	Dylan Gardner	4 years	none	C- series

Office	Incumbent	Term length	Filing fee	PDC reporting
Toppenish School District No. 202				
Director, District 1	Clara R. Jimenez	4 years	none	F-1 & C- series
Director, District 4	Gonzalo Macias	4 years	none	
Director, District 5	Maryrose M. González	4 years	none	
Highland School District No. 203				
Director, District 1	Lupita Flores	4 years	none	F-1
Director, District 3	Matthew Barker	4 years	none	
Director, Position 2 At-Large	Carlos Lopez	4 years	none	
Granger School District No. 204				
Director, District 3	Dalia Chavez-Isiordia	4 years	none	F-1
Director, District 4	Paul D. Golob	4 years	none	
Director, Position 1 At-Large	Ron L. Fleming	4 years	none	
Zillah School District No. 205				
Director, District 3	Sandra Adams	4 years	none	F-1
Director, District 4	Jeff Brady	4 years	none	
Wapato School District No. 207				
Director, District 2	Sarah Divina	2 year unexpired	none	F-1 & C- series
Director, District 3	María Antonia Erickson	4 years	none	
Director, District 4	Alan B. Taylor	4 years	none	
Director, District 5	John M. Francisco	4 years	none	
West Valley School District No. 208				
Director, District 1	Michael A. (Mike) Meyer	4 years	none	F-1 & C- series
Director, District 4	Barb Smith Gilbert	4 years	none	
Director, District 5	Dave Jaeger	4 years	none	
Mt. Adams School District No. 209				
Director, District 1	Larry J. Garcia	4 years	none	F-1
Director, District 2	Todd G. Spencer	4 years	none	

Fire Protection District Nonpartisan Offices

Fire Protection District No. 1				
Commissioner, Position 2	Phil Nelson	6 years	none	F-1
Fire Protection District No. 2				
Commissioner, Position 2	Ken Pendleton	6 years	none	F-1 & C- series
Fire Protection District No. 3				
Commissioner, Position 1	Robert Tripp	6 year short/full	none	none
Commissioner, Position 2	David A. Clark	2 year unexpired	none	
Commissioner, Position 3	Douglas Charles	4 year unexpired	none	
Fire Protection District No. 4				
Commissioner, Position 2	Les F. Riel	6 years	none	F-1 & C- series
Fire Protection District No. 5				
Commissioner, Position 2	David R. Charvet	6 years	none	F-1 & C- series

Office	Incumbent	Term length	Filing fee	PDC reporting
Fire Protection District No. 6				
Commissioner, Position 2	Jeff Simmons	6 years	none	F-1
Fire Protection District No. 7				
Commissioner, Position 2	Tom Mains	6 years	none	none
Fire Protection District No. 9				
Commissioner, Position 2	Michael Norton	6 years	none	none
Fire Protection District No. 10				
Commissioner, Position 1	George Garcia	4 year unexpired	none	
Commissioner, Position 2	Gary Peterson	6 year short/full	none	none
Commissioner, Position 3	vacant	2 year unexpired	none	
Fire Protection District No. 11				
Commissioner, Position 2	Rocky Willette	6 years	none	none
Fire Protection District No. 12				
Commissioner, Position 2	Ken Eakin	6 years	none	F-1 & C- series
Fire Protection District No. 14				
Commissioner, Position 1	Wayne Frudd	4 year unexpired	none	
Commissioner, Position 2	Jon Harlan	6 years	none	none

Port District Nonpartisan Offices

Port of Grandview				
Commissioner, District 3	Frank A. Lyall	6 year short/full	none	F-1 & C- series
Port of Sunnyside				
Commissioner, District 1	Arnold Lee Martin	6 years	\$30.48	F-1 & C- series

Sewer District Nonpartisan Offices

Cowiche Sewer District				
Commissioner, Position 2	Joe N. Trepanier	6 years	none	
Commissioner, Position 3	vacant	2 year unexpired	none	none
Terrace Heights Sewer District				
Commissioner, Position 2	Harold Sliger	6 years	none	F-1

Park & Recreation District Nonpartisan Offices

Naches Park & Recreation District				
Commissioner, District 1	Lynn S. Alaqua	4 years	none	
Commissioner, District 2	Tammy K. Archer	4 years	none	
Commissioner, District 3	Wayne L. Hawver	2 year unexpired	none	F-1
Commissioner, District 4	Hazel Barnett	4 years	none	

Duties and Qualifications

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

State Senator & 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

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, 35A.13.020

Grandview*	Code (Mayor/Council)
Granger*	Code (Mayor/Council)
Harrah	4 th Class Town (Mayor/Council)
Mabton*	Code (Mayor/Council)
Moxee*	Code (Mayor/Council)
Naches	4 th 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 nd Class (Mayor/Council)
Yakima	1 st Class (Council/Manager – Charter)
Zillah*	Code (Mayor/Council)

School Board 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 within the School District boundaries.
RCW 28A.343.340, 29A.24.075

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.24.075

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.24.07

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.24.075

Filing for office

The Declaration of Candidacy

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. RCW 29A.24.075

When to file

Candidate filing begins the Monday two weeks before Memorial Day (May 13) and ends the following Friday (May 17).

Candidate filings are also accepted by mail beginning April 29, 10 business days before the regular filing period begins. Declarations received prior to April 29 will be returned and the candidate must re-submit their declaration during the filing period. Declarations received after May 17, regardless of postmark, are invalid. RCW 29A.24.081

Where to file

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
Fire Districts
Port Districts
Sewer Districts
Park Districts

Filing Fees

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

Declarations of Candidacy may be submitted by fax and 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

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

Candidates may not use any title, rank, or symbol instead of, or in conjunction with his or her name.

Party Preference – nonpartisan offices

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

Party Preference – partisan offices

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 printed on the ballot in parenthesis below the candidate's name. The first letter of each word or abbreviation is capitalized and acronyms or initialisms are printed in all caps with or without periods however the candidate records it on the Declaration. Party preference is limited to 18 characters. This includes punctuation.

Party preference may not include obscene language.

Changes to party preference between the Primary and General Election are not allowed. WAC 434-230-045 (4)(d)

No Double Filings

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

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 20. A request to withdraw cannot be revoked.

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

Write-In Candidates

RCW 29A.24.311-320, 29A.60.021, WAC 434-215-180

Write-in candidates must file a Declaration of Write-In Candidacy to have votes counted for a race.

This must be filed with the appropriate filing officer no later 8pm on the day of the primary or election.

Filing fees: No filing fee is required if the Declaration is filed after the close of the filing period and more than 18 days before the primary or election.

If the Declaration is filed on or after the 18th day before the primary or election and the office has a fixed annual salary of \$1,000 or more, a filing fee of 1% of the annual salary is required. For all other offices, a filing fee of \$25 is required.

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: Votes cast for properly filed write-in candidates need only specify the name of the candidate in the appropriate location on the ballot. Variation of the name is permitted if voter intent can be determined.

Write-in candidates are not included in the local voter guide unless they qualify to have their name printed on the General Election ballot.

Vacancy in Office and Void in Candidacy

Vacancies

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

If a vacancy is effective before May 13 in an office that was not scheduled to be on the ballot that year, filings are accepted during the regular filing period. RCW 29A.24.171

If the filing officer is not notified of a vacancy that was effective before candidate filing week, managing the vacancy depends on *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 3-day filing period.

If a vacancy is effective May 13 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.

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

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

Nonpartisan offices: Unexpired terms for cities and 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 are addressed in RCW 28A.343.350.

Judicial offices:

a vacancy in...	is addressed in...
Supreme Court	WA Constitution Art. IV, Sec. 3; RCW 2.04.100
Court of Appeals	RCW 2.06.080
Superior Court	WA Constitution Art. IV, Sec. 5; RCW 2.08.120
District Court	RCW 3.34.100 AGLO 1973 No. 76
Municipal Court	City Code 1.60.040F

Voids in Candidacy

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

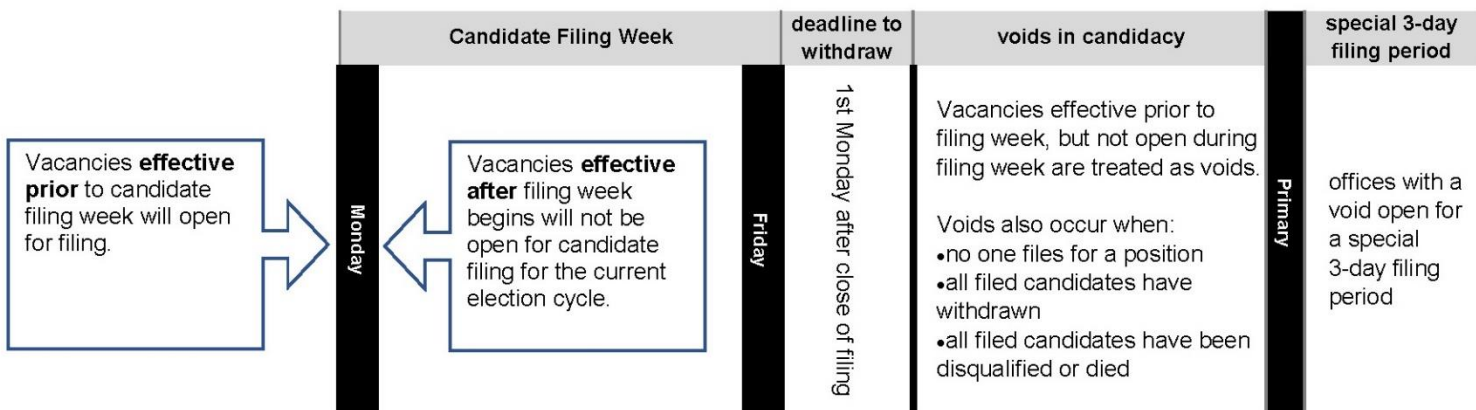
There is no void in candidacy if there is at least one candidate.

Special Filing Period

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 3-day filing period is held if a void in candidacy occurs before August 5. The filing date is set by the filing officer and candidates 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



Lapsed elections, short terms

Lapsed election: If there are no candidates for a position after the regular and special filing periods, the election for that position is lapsed and it does not appear on the 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” 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)

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,
special purpose district, or
District Court Judge position

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federal office,
state office,
legislative office, or
judicial position not mentioned
above

Secretary of
State

Primary

A primary is the 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)

Primary

continued

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

Judicial offices: A primary is only held when three or more candidates file for a position.

# of candidates	Supreme Court Court of Appeals District Court Municipal Court RCW 29A.52.220 Primary	Superior Court State Constitution, Article IV, Section 29 Primary
1	no	no certificate of election 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 Commissioner: Candidates for County Commissioner appear on **all** ballots in the General Election. RCW 36.32.040

Judicial offices:

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

Post Election Information

Results

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 the elections website at yakimacounty.us/vote. Statewide results can be found at vote.wa.gov.

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

Certification

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

2019 = 105 day session
2020 = 60 day session

Assuming office

State Legislators	2 nd Monday, January 2020 RCW 44.04.021
Cities and Towns Special Purpose Districts	January 1, 2020 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

Who may administer oaths of office?

Judges and Notary Publics	RCW 5.28.010
Clerks of the Courts	RCW 2.32.050
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?

State Legislators	verbal oath US Constitution, Art. VI, RCW 29A.04.133
Cities and Towns School Districts Special Purpose Districts	written oath filed with County Auditor RCW 35.27.120, 35.23.081, 35A.12.080, 28A.343.360, 52.14.070-080

There is no provision for mandatory recounts for local ballot measures or state advisory votes. Any group of five or more registered voters may file an application for a requested recount of any ballot measure. Requested recount fees are applicable.

by machine*			
all races and statewide measures	less than 2,000 votes...	... and less than	.5% of the total votes cast for both candidates

*It is the policy of the Yakima County Auditor to conduct all mandatory recounts by hand.

by hand			
statewide races and measures	less than 1,000 votes...	... and less than	.25% of the total votes cast for both candidates
regional or local races	less than 150 votes...	... and less than	.25% of the total votes cast for both candidates

Primary vs General	
Primary	conducted when the difference between the 2 nd and 3 rd place candidates meet the threshold
General	conducted when the difference between the 1 st and 2 nd place candidates meet the threshold

requested recounts
<p>Any political party officer or person for whom votes were cast may request a recount if the results are outside the threshold of a mandatory recount.</p> <p>Applications must be submitted within two business days after the canvassing board or secretary of state has certified the results of the primary or election for the office or issue for which the recount is requested.</p> <p>Deposit and fees. If a <i>hand</i> 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 <i>machine</i> recount is requested, a deposit of fifteen cents (\$.15) for each ballot is required.</p>

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 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 for instructions and information.

Where to file PDC reports

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

District size at 2018 General Election


Cities and Towns		School Districts		Fire Districts		Port Districts	
Grandview	3,444	East Valley #90	10,082	1	2,185	Grandview	5,468
Granger	1,034	Grandview #200	5,218	2	7,856	Sunnyside	8,633
Harrah	277	Granger #204	2,143	3	892		
Mabton	627	Highland #203	2,803	4	10,142		
Moxee	1,858	Mabton #120	1,101	5	15,459		
Naches	486	Mt. Adams #209	1,893	6	2,520		
Selah	4,056	Naches #Jt3	5,333	7	61		
Sunnyside	4,861	Selah #119	11,584	9	802		
Tieton	437	Sunnyside #201	8,341	10	430		
Toppenish	2,902	Toppenish #202	5,152	11	322		
Union Gap	2,715	Union Gap #2	1,554	12	7,878		
Wapato	1,557	Wapato #207	5,336	14	702		
Yakima	43,081	West Valley #208	20,124				
Zillah	1,508	Yakima #7	32,550				
		Zillah #205	2,710				

Sewer Districts	
Cowiche	130
Terrace Heights	4,069

Park & Recreation	
Naches	1,313

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. Yakima County Elections has no role in the regulation of campaign signs.

Public Disclosure Commission

711 Capital Way, Room 206
PO Box 40908
Olympia WA 98504-0908
toll free: 1-877-601-2828
email: pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov
web: www.pdcc.wa.gov

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

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

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?

Ballots must be mailed to all eligible voters at least 18 days prior to any election. Ballots for military 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, by email or in writing by the voter, a family member, or a registered domestic partner. RCW 29A.40.070, WAC 434-250-080

Ballot return options

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 three 24/7 ballot deposit locations. In Yakima, a drive-up ballot return box is located on the north side of E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd across from the courthouse. The Sunnyside box is located on the corner of 8th St and E Edison Ave by the Fire Station, and in Toppenish, the 24/7 box is at 401 Fort Rd – in the Yakama Nation Main Agency Offices parking lot, across the street from Legends Casino. On election day, these boxes close promptly at 8pm.

Community drop boxes. Each City and Town Hall throughout the county has a drop box inside their building. The boxes are open during the regular business hours of the city leading up to election day and are open until 8pm election night. The City of Wapato community drop box is located inside the Wapato Library next to City Hall.

e-ballots

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 website, voters can access their specific ballot style by entering their name and date of birth. This online solution is *not* online voting.

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

State election law prohibits the return of voted ballots by electronic means.

Deadline for returning voted ballots

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

Accessible Voting



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

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. Power of Attorney cannot be used to sign a ballot for someone else and it is against the law to forge a signature or cast another person's ballot. If a voter is not physically able to write their name, the voter must make a mark, witnessed by two other people. 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

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 cannot 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

The County Canvassing Board is the official county election governing body. Members are 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

Anyone 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 was created. This was an interactive database that connected all 39 individual voter registration databases. In 2019, the state elections modernization project created one unified system used by all 39 counties that allows for improved real-time data sharing.

Qualifications

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 their address in 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

By mail or online. Applications and updates must be received in the elections office no later than 8 days before the election. *Received* means being physically received by an election official by close of business if submitted by mail, and by midnight if submitted online or electronically.

In person. Registering or updating an address in person at the county auditor's office continues until 8 p.m. on election day. Voters must appear in their county of residence.

Missing the deadline. If a registered voter fails to update their residential address, they can still vote a ballot specific to their previous address.

RCW 29A.08.140 Applications and updates submitted after the deadline take effect after the current election.

Where and how to register

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
- 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

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

Voters moving within Yakima County must notify the County Elections Division and must meet the applicable deadline to be valid for the current election.

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

email: ivote@co.yakima.wa.us

online: www.vote.wa.gov

Name changes

Voters who change their name must notify the Elections Division and provide an updated signature. A voter registration form may be completed, or the voter may submit a notice that identifies the name under which they are registered to vote, their new name, and their residence. RCW 29A.08.440

Inactive voters

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

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

A minimum fee of \$10.50 is required when order is placed. All payment types are accepted.

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

How to place an order

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 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

RCW 29A.08.710

- voter ID #
- name
- date of birth
- address (residence and mailing)
- precinct
- gender
- registration date
- voting history (by request from 2006 – present)

Data format and options

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:

Excel or text file

Maps and election results

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

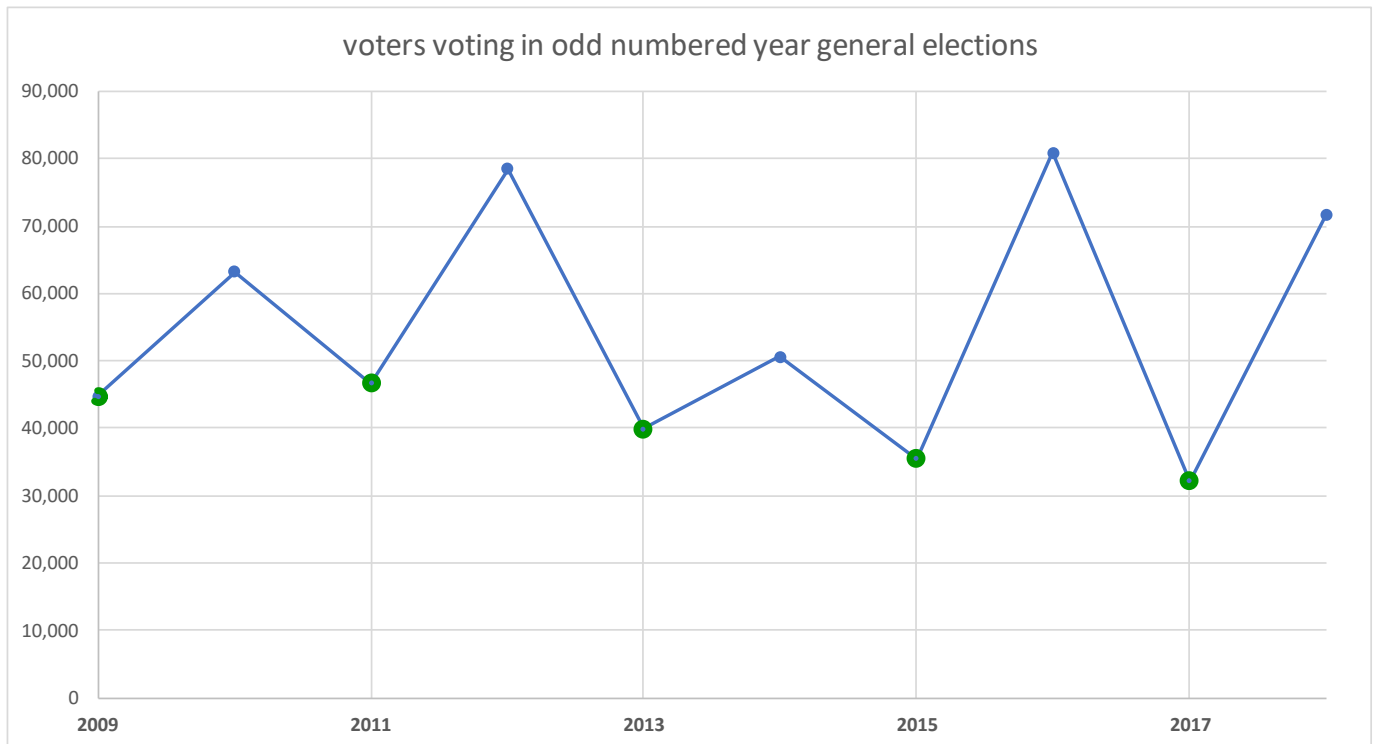
These large format area maps are also available on the elections division website. Individual precinct maps are also posted to the elections division website.

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

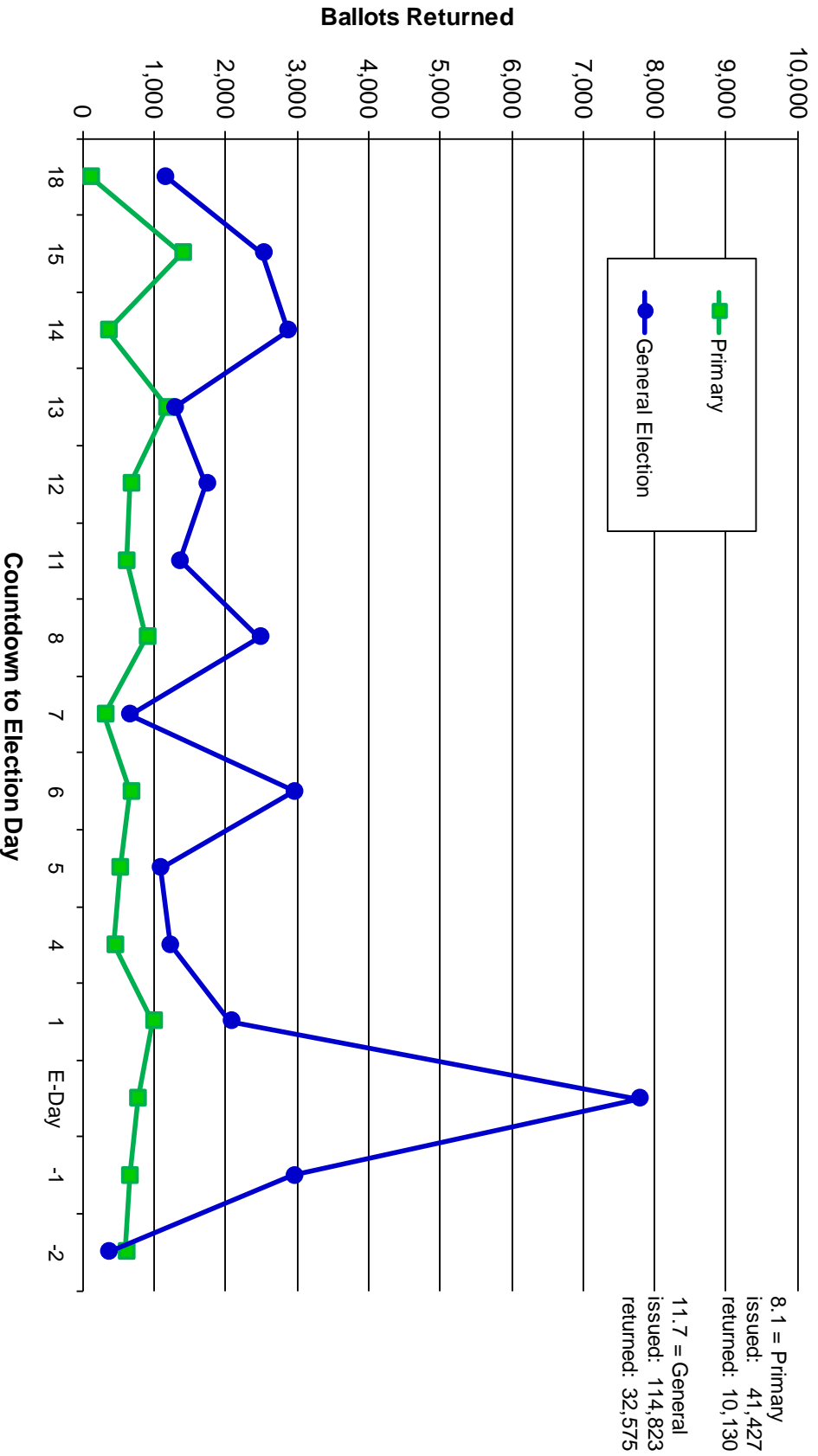
Election results: Please visit the elections website at www.yakimacounty.us/vote for current and past election results and statistics.

Statistics

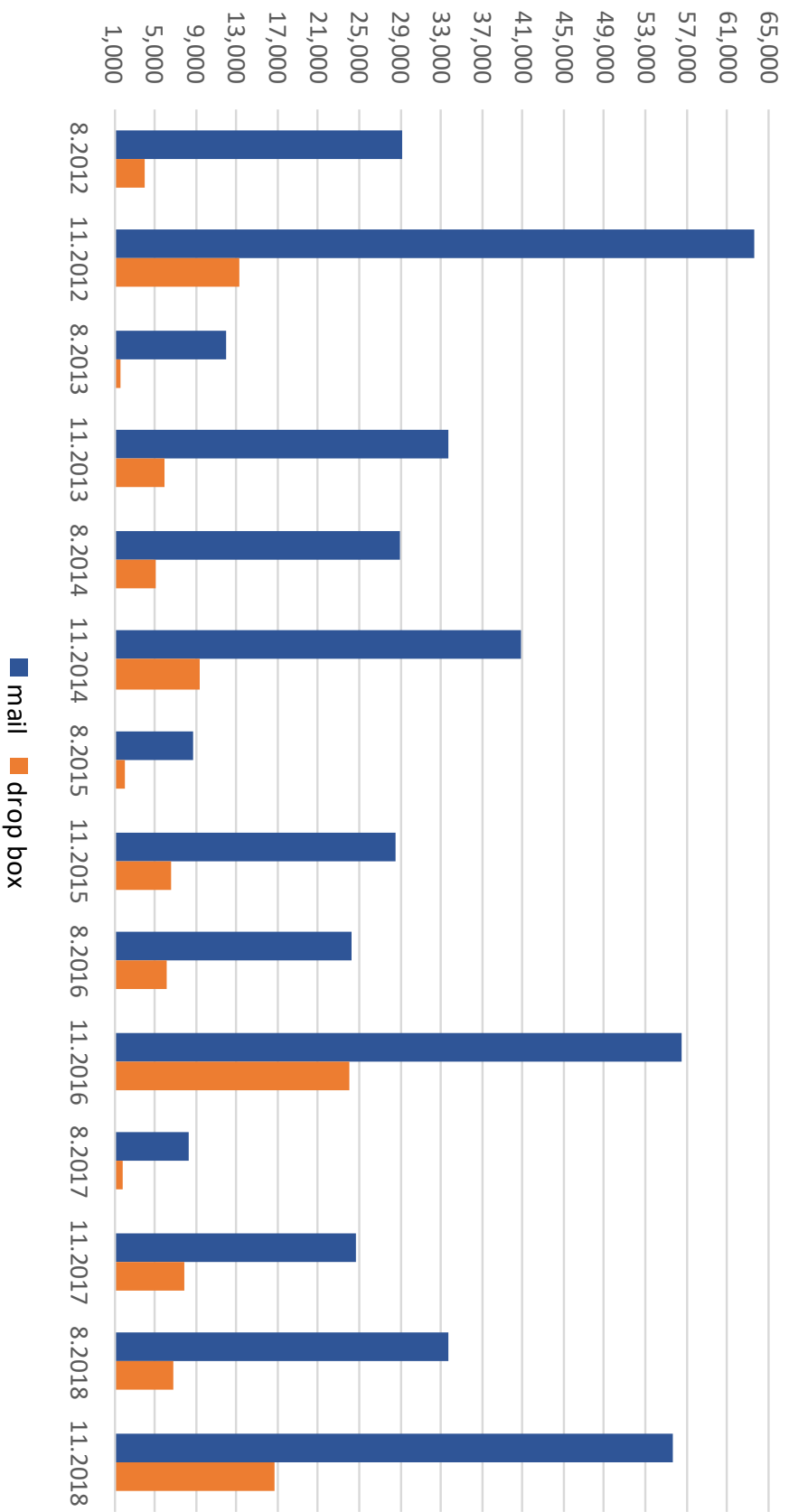
Election		Registered Voters	Ballots Cast	Turnout
2017	General	114,669	32,207	28.09%
	Primary	41,338	10,083	24.39%
2015	General	108,263	35,403	32.70%
	Primary	40,331	10,613	26.31%
2013	General	106,479	39,913	37.48%
	Primary	53,907	13,706	25.43%
2011	General	101,289	46,711	46.12%
	Primary	51,189	13,229	25.84%
2009	General	97,079	44,747	46.09%
	Primary	98,088	28,513	29.07%



Yakima County Ballot Rate of Return 2017 Primary and General Election



mail vs. drop box ballot returns Primary / General elections



2019-20 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

Candidate filing period for 2019 is May 13-17.
The filing period in 2020 is May 11-15.
RCW 29A.24.050

Election Date	Aug 6 2019	Nov 5 2019	Feb 11 2020	Mar 10 2020	Apr 28 2020	Aug 4 2020	Nov 3 2020
Resolution Due	May 10	Aug 6	Dec 13	n/a	Feb 28	May 8	Aug 4
8 day by mail or online registration and update deadline	July 29	Oct 28	Feb 3	Mar 2	Apr 20	July 27	Oct 26
in-person registration and update deadline	Aug 6 8 pm	Nov 5 8 pm	Feb 11 8 pm	Mar 10 8 pm	Apr 28 8 pm	Aug 4 8 pm	Nov 3 8 pm
Overseas/military ballots mailed	June 21	Sept 20	Jan 10	Jan 24	Mar 27	June 19	Sept 18
Ballots available	July 19	Oct 18	Jan 24	Feb 21	Apr 10	July 17	Oct 16
Election certified	Aug 20	Nov 26	Feb 21	Mar 20	May 8	Aug 18	Nov 24

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