



March 16, 2016

Open Mic Session | April 14



As part of the Presidential Primary [Advisory Program](#), we're hosting another online Q&A to review advisories issued to date. Bring your burning questions, best practices, and prepare to engage. This one-hour training qualifies for certification credit. Registration and connection information coming soon.

Save the date! Thursday, April 14 at 10:00 a.m. or 3:00 p.m.

14-day Certification Period

Yes, the rumors are true! The certification period for the Presidential Primary has changed to 14 days instead of 10. Counties will certify on June 7, 2016. The Secretary of State will still certify the state results on June 10.

Upcoming Voter Registration Outreach Mailer

We are aware of a large outreach mailing happening the last week of March. It's being done by the Voter Participation Center (VPC), and will include a voter registration form for the recipient to complete and return. The return address printed on the registration form will be the County Auditor's Office for the county the recipient's mailing address is in. The outreach mailer will be sent to people who are not registered to vote as of the time the mailing list was compiled. In the event you receive questions regarding the mailing, please feel free to direct them to VPC at (202) 659-9570.

We contacted the VPC in the past to let them know our concerns about their pre-filled registration forms not including all the required information. In response, VPC added additional instructions to the form and the letter to help get the voter's attention.

You can view samples of the mailing by clicking the following links:

- VPC - [Form WA MC16](#) (prior to adding additional instructions)
- VPC - [Letter Standard Movers WA MC16](#)
- VPC - [Letter Standard Non-movers WA MC16](#)

Election Center in Sacramento

Election Center's Certified Elections/Registration Administrator (CERA) classes are being held June 26 - July 1 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Sacramento, California.



These classes are a special offering to assist CERA candidates in the western states. For more information, please [click here](#).

Job Announcements | Island & Thurston

Island County has two openings: [Accountant](#) and [Recording/Licensing Deputy](#). The Accountant position is open until filled, and the Deputy position closes this Friday, March 17. Complete job descriptions and application information can be found on Island County's Employment Opportunities [webpage](#).



Thurston County also has two job openings: [Office Assistant II \(Ballot Processing\)](#) and [Office Assistant II \(Voter Registration\)](#). Both positions close Thursday, March 24 at 4:00 p.m. To view the complete job descriptions and access the online applications, visit Thurston County's Employment Opportunities [website](#).

Please feel free to share these announcements with anyone that may be interested.

Welcome New OSOS Staff



Heather Sorgen and Jackie Wheeler

Jackie Wheeler

[Jackie](#) is not new to our office (she's been rockin' our front desk since September 2014), but she is our newest Voter Education & Outreach Specialist. In her new role, she'll primarily focus on coordinating the state Voters' Pamphlet and leading our youth civics program.

She brings with her a solid background in outreach and customer service from both state and federal government. She is a recent graduate from the University of Washington Tacoma, where she also worked in admissions outreach.

Originally from Charleston, South Carolina, Jackie was raised in the small town of Mount Holly, North Carolina before moving to Tacoma to pursue higher education from UW. Having grown up in the south, she is a fan of country music, good barbeque, and stock car racing. During her free time, she also enjoys binge-watching Netflix, learning anything about American political history or foreign policy, and going on long hikes.

Heather Sorgen

Many of you already know [Heather](#) from her awesome work at Snohomish County Elections. During her almost 16 years there, she worked on ballot creation, local voters' pamphlet creation/project management, voter registration, signature checking, candidate filing, and elected official tracking.

She is very excited to join Certification and Training team and experience many new things!

Heather currently lives in Seattle with her wife and three dogs. They just welcomed into the world a brand new nephew born last week, and look forward to becoming aunties once again in May when Heather's sister will give birth to another awesome little baby. Her favorite things include pizza (gluten free), watching Doctor Who, comical unicorns, and spending time with her family.

We are so pleased to have both of them at the OSOS!

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