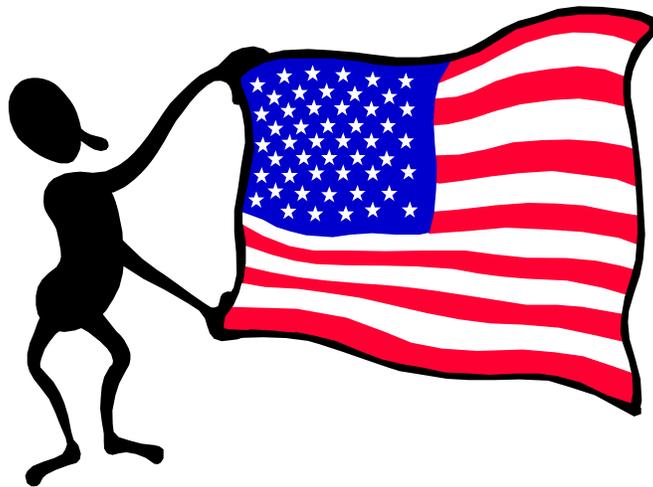


2010 Spokane County Candidate Manual



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CANDIDATE FILING INFORMATION

WHEN to File in PERSON

The period for filing in person at the Spokane County Elections Office is from Monday, June 7 through Friday, June 11, 2010. The Elections Office is located at 1033 W. Gardner Ave. in Spokane. Office hours are 8:30 am to 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

WHEN to File by MAIL

Filings through the mail can be accepted by the elections office beginning May 21, 2010. Any Declaration of Candidacy received prior to that date cannot be accepted. Filings by mail must be received no later than 4:00 pm on June 11, 2010. Filings received after this date, regardless of postmark, are invalid.

WHEN to File ON-LINE

New this year, candidate will be able to file on-line at www.spokanecounty.org/elections beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, June 7th and ending at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, June 11, 2010. The filing fees for on-line filing must be received at the Elections Office by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, June 11th for the filing to be official. Credit Card payments will not be accepted.

WHERE to File

If the District is WITHIN Spokane County

For any district that is wholly within Spokane County, the candidate must file with the Spokane County Elections Department at 1033 W. Gardner Ave., Spokane, WA.

If the District CROSSES County Boundaries

For partisan offices that are partially within Spokane County and partially within another county, the candidate must file with the Secretary of State's Office at 520 Union Ave SE, PO Box 40220, Olympia, WA 98504-0220.

HOW to File

The candidate must complete **DECLARATION OF CANDIDACY**. This may be done online or by completing the form. The form is available in this manual, at the Spokane County Elections Office, or by downloading a copy from our website at: www.spokanecounty.org/elections. If you file online the filing fee must be received at the elections office by 4:00 pm on Friday, June 11th. Credit Card payments will not be accepted

If you are **mailing** the Declaration of Candidacy, we suggest you make a copy of the declaration and keep one for your records. Please make sure your Declaration of Candidacy is signed, enclose the appropriate filing fee or filing fee petition and return the original to the elections office.

If you are filing **in-person** at our office, we will make and return any necessary copies.

Once filed, a Declaration of Candidacy may not be altered. If a candidate decides during the filing period to change the Declaration of Candidacy, the candidate must withdraw and re-file, which includes the payment of any filing fees.

FILING FEES*

The proper fee must accompany the Declaration of Candidacy according to the following schedule:

ANNUAL SALARY	FILING FEE
No Salary	\$0.00
Per Meeting Salary	\$0.00
Per Diem	\$0.00
\$1,000 or less	\$10.00
More than \$1,000	1% of Salary

*The Spokane County Elections Office is not able to accept credit or debit cards.

An indigent candidate may submit a "Filing Fee Petition" with the Declaration of Candidacy in lieu of the filing fee. The petition must contain a number of valid signatures at least equal to the number of dollars of the filing fee. The signatures must be from voters registered within the jurisdiction of the office for which the candidate is filing.

The Declaration of Candidacy contains the following checkbox, "I am without sufficient assets or income to pay the filing fee required by law and I have attached a nominating petition in lieu of this fee", pursuant to RCW 29A.24.091. If the box is checked, signing the Declaration of Candidacy indicates this is true.

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

Candidates are responsible to ensure that they meet any residency requirements of the position for which they are filing. A candidate for public office must be:

- a citizen of the United States,
- a resident of the State of Washington, and
- a registered voter of the county, district or political subdivision in which the candidate intends to seek office.

Some districts, such as cities, may have additional residency requirements. Please contact the individual city or district if you have any questions.

Washington State Declaration of Candidacy

how to file for elective office

when to file

The filing period begins the first Monday in June and ends the following Friday. All declarations of candidacy must be received before the close of business on the last day of the filing period. Declarations of candidacy received after this date, regardless of the postmark, are invalid.

Mailed declarations of candidacy may be submitted in advance up to ten business days before the filing period begins. Declarations of candidacy filed in person must be during business hours.

where to file

- File with the Office of the Secretary of State if the office sought is federal, statewide or is a legislative, court of appeals,

or superior court office that includes more than one county. You may file in person or online at www.vote.wa.gov.

- File with the County Elections Office for all other offices. Contact their office to see if online filing is available.

cost to file

The filing fee is nonrefundable even in the event of withdrawal.

Filing fees or filing fee petitions must accompany the declaration of candidacy at the time of filing. The filing fee, described on the declaration of candidacy form, is based on the salary in effect at the time of filing.

Candidates without sufficient assets or income to pay the filing

fee may instead submit a filing fee petition that contains the valid signatures of registered voters equal to the dollar amount of the filing fee.

withdrawals

The deadline for withdrawing from a partisan office is the Thursday following filing week.

The deadline for withdrawing from a nonpartisan office is set by the County Elections Office.

Once filed, a declaration of candidacy may not be altered. If the candidate decides during the filing period to change the declaration of candidacy, the candidate must first withdraw and then re-file.

other requirements:

public disclosure and campaign finance reporting with the Public Disclosure Commission

Reporting requirements are based on the office, campaign revenues and size of jurisdiction, and are outlined in the chart below. More information can be found at www.pdc.wa.gov.

type of jurisdiction and fundraising thresholds	public disclosure reporting requirements
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal districts 	Federal Election Commission reporting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cemetery districts • Precinct committee officers • Districts requiring voters to own property 	No state disclosure reporting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - District has less than 1,000 voters* and - Campaign does not expect to exceed \$4,999 in contributions 	No state disclosure reporting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Office is less than entire county and - District has 1,000 to 4,999 voters* and - Campaign does not expect to exceed \$4,999 in contributions 	Form F-1 (Financial Affairs Statement)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office is county wide or larger • Jurisdiction has 5,000 or more voters • Campaign expects to receive \$5,000 or more in contributions 	Form F-1 (Financial Affairs Statement) C- series forms (Campaign Finance Reports)

*as of the last general election

Washington State Declaration of Candidacy

how to complete the form

1. office

Print the jurisdiction, the office name and any position or district number defining the office for which you are a candidate.

The responsibility for filing for the correct office is yours.

2. personal information

Your name and address must match your voter registration.

Update your voter information prior to submitting a declaration of candidacy.

You are responsible for ensuring that you meet all qualifications of the office.

3. ballot information

Print your name exactly as you wish it to appear on the ballot. Nicknames are acceptable.

Titles denoting occupations, including military rank, positions on issues, political affiliation, symbols, or anything intentionally designed to mislead voters are not acceptable.

party preference information:

For a partisan office, you may choose to state a political party that you personally prefer.

A preference does not imply that you have been nominated or endorsed by the party, or that the party approves of or associates with you.

If you choose to state a party preference, enter the name of the party (limited to 16 characters). The first letter of the party preference will be capitalized (e.g., Democratic). If you want to use initials, separate each letter with a period (e.g., G.O.P.). Your party preference will appear below your name.

Washington State Declaration of Candidacy		
1	office jurisdiction and office name	City of Olympia Councilman POS. 4 position number
2	personal information as registered to vote	Elizabeth Christina Brown first name middle last 08/30/1970 date of birth (mm / dd / yyyy) 1500 Capital Way S residential address (360) 555-2385 phone number Olympia 98501 city / zip
3	ballot information	Liz C. Brown exact name I would like printed on the ballot political party I prefer, if filing for partisan office: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Prefers <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> e <input type="checkbox"/> m <input type="checkbox"/> o <input type="checkbox"/> c <input type="checkbox"/> r <input type="checkbox"/> a <input type="checkbox"/> t <input type="checkbox"/> i <input type="checkbox"/> c <input type="checkbox"/> Party) <input type="checkbox"/> (States No Party Preference)
4	campaign information	campaign address (if different from residential address) city / zip liz.c.brown@campaign.com (360) 555-1800 email address phone number www.lizforcouncil.com website
5	filing fee	<input type="radio"/> The office has no fixed annual salary: no filing fee <input type="radio"/> The office has a fixed annual salary of \$1,000 or less: \$10 <input checked="" type="radio"/> The office has a fixed annual salary over \$1,000: 1% of salary <input type="radio"/> I am submitting a filing fee petition instead of a filing fee
6	oath	I declare that the above information is true, that I am a registered voter residing at the address listed above, that I am a candidate for the office listed above, and that, at the time of filing this declaration, I am legally qualified to assume office. I swear, or affirm, that I will support the Constitution and laws of the United States, and the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington. sign here  date here 6/8/10
	for office use only	date voter registration number

If you choose to not state a party preference, "(States No Party Preference)" will be printed on the ballot.

No changes to party preference will be accepted between the primary and the general election.

4. campaign information

If you do not provide campaign information, your information as a registered voter will be used. A telephone number, email address, or website is not required, but recommended.

Government office addresses may not be used for campaigns.

5. filing fee

Fill in the appropriate circle.

Applicable filing fees must accompany the declaration of candidacy.

6. oath

Read, sign, and date the oath. The declaration of candidacy is not complete and ready for submission until signed.

Washington State Declaration of Candidacy

office	jurisdiction and office name		position number
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personal information <i>as registered to vote</i>	first name	middle	last
	date of birth (mm / dd / yyyy)		phone number
	residential address		city / zip

ballot information	exact name I would like printed on the ballot													
	political party I prefer, if filing for partisan office:													
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Party)
	<input type="checkbox"/> (States No Party Preference)													

campaign information	campaign address (if different from residential address)		city / zip
	email address		phone number
	website		

filing fee	<input type="radio"/> The office has no fixed annual salary: no filing fee <input type="radio"/> The office has a fixed annual salary of \$1,000 or less: \$10 <input type="radio"/> The office has a fixed annual salary over \$1,000: 1% of salary <input type="radio"/> I am submitting a filing fee petition instead of a filing fee
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oath	I declare that the above information is true, that I am a registered voter residing at the address listed above, that I am a candidate for the office listed above, and that, at the time of filing this declaration, I am legally qualified to assume office.	
	I swear, or affirm, that I will support the Constitution and laws of the United States, and the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington.	
	sign here [date here [

for office use only	date		voter registration number
	office code		fee

Declaration of Candidacy Precinct Committee Officer

office information

party representing (Democratic / Republican)

precinct representing (name / number)

personal information

as registered to vote

first name middle last

date of birth (mm / dd / yyyy) phone number

residential address city / zip

ballot information

exact name I would like printed on the ballot

contact information

mailing address (if different from residential address) city / zip

email address phone number

oath

I declare that the above information is true, that I am a registered voter residing at the address listed above, and that I am a candidate for Precinct Committee Officer for the party and precinct listed above, to be elected at the Primary election.

Further, I declare, under penalty of perjury, that I will support the Constitution and laws of the United States and the Constitution and laws of the State of Washington.

sign here

date here

Notice: This document becomes a public record once filed.

for office use only

registration number

precinct verified leg. dist.

staff

2010 Spokane County Offices Subject to Election

District	Office	Term	Incumbent	File With	Filing Fee
United States	U. S. Senator	6-year term	Patty Murray	OSOS	\$1,740.00
Congressional District 5	U.S. Representative	2-year term	Cathy McMorris Rodgers	OSOS	\$1,740.00
Legislative District 3	Representative Pos. 1	2-year term	Alex Wood	Spokane	\$ 421.06
Legislative District 3	Representative Pos. 2	2-year term	Timm Ormsby	Spokane	\$ 421.06
Legislative District 4	Representative Pos. 1	2-year term	Larry Crouse	Spokane	\$ 421.06
Legislative District 4	Representative Pos. 2	2-year term	Matt Shea	Spokane	\$ 421.06
Legislative District 6	Senator	4-year term	Chris Marr	Spokane	\$ 421.06
Legislative District 6	Representative Pos. 1	2-year term	Kevin Parker	Spokane	\$ 421.06
Legislative District 6	Representative Pos. 2	2-year term	John F Driscoll	Spokane	\$ 421.06
Legislative District 7	Senator	4-year term	Bob Morton	OSOS	\$ 421.06
Legislative District 7	Representative Pos. 1	2-year term	Shelly Short	OSOS	\$ 421.06
Legislative District 7	Representative Pos. 2	2-year term	Joel Kretz	OSOS	\$ 421.06
Legislative District 9	Representative Pos. 1	2-year term	Susan Fagan	OSOS	\$ 421.06
Legislative District 9	Representative Pos. 2	2-year term	Joe Schmick	OSOS	\$ 421.06
Spokane County	Commissioner District 3	4-year term	Bonnie Mager	Spokane	\$ 930.00
Spokane County	Assessor	4-year term	Ralph Baker	Spokane	\$ 883.50
Spokane County	Auditor	4-year term	Vicky M Dalton	Spokane	\$ 883.50
Spokane County	Clerk	4-year term	Thomas R Fallquist	Spokane	\$ 883.50
Spokane County	Prosecuting Attorney	4-year term	Steven J Tucker	Spokane	\$1,452.71
Spokane County	Sheriff	4-year term	Ozzie Knezovich	Spokane	\$1,107.99
Spokane County	Treasurer	4-year term	D E Skip Chilberg	Spokane	\$ 883.50
Supreme Court	Justice Position 1	6-year term	James M Johnson	OSOS	\$1,642.21
Supreme Court	Justice Position 5	6-year term	Barbara Madsen	OSOS	\$1,642.21
Supreme Court	Justice Position 6	6-year term	Richard Sanders	OSOS	\$1,642.21
Court of Appeals D-3, D-1	Judge Position 1	2-year unexpired	Laurel Siddoway	OSOS	\$1,563.28
District Court	Judge Position No. 1	4-year term	Vance W Peterson	Spokane	\$1,417.10
District Court	Judge Position No. 2	4-year term	Sara B Derr	Spokane	\$1,417.10
District Court	Judge Position No. 3	4-year term	John O Cooney	Spokane	\$1,417.10
District Court	Judge Position No. 4	4-year term	Patti Connolly Walker	Spokane	\$1,417.10
District Court	Judge Position No. 5	4-year term	Greg Tripp	Spokane	\$1,417.10
District Court	Judge Position No. 6	4-year term	Debra R Hayes	Spokane	\$1,417.10
District Court	Judge Position No. 7	4-year term	Donna Wilson	Spokane	\$1,417.10
District Court	Judge Position No. 8	4-year term	Richard B White	Spokane	\$1,417.10
PUD 01	Commissioner #1	6-year term	Wade A Carpenter	Stevens	\$ 120.00

ORDER OF CANDIDATES ON BALLOT

The order of candidate names on the primary ballot will be determined by lot beginning at approximately 4:30 pm on Friday, June 11, 2010 in the Spokane County Elections Office at 1033 W. Gardner Ave., Spokane, WA. The lot draw process will be done publicly and may be witnessed by the media and by any candidate.

LOT DRAW FOR BALLOT POSITION

Immediately after the closing of candidate filing, a lot draw will be conducted to determine the order in which names will appear on the primary ballot.

The names of the candidates in each race will be placed in alphabetical order by surname for the drawing.

The first number drawn will indicate the ballot placement of the candidates at the top of the alphabetical list for each position. The second number drawn will apply to each race's second candidate and so on.

For example: There are 4 candidates running for mayor and 3 candidates for commissioner. The names for each race are placed in alphabetical order.

<u>Mayor</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>
Jim James	Adam Adams
Mike Michaels	Ben Benjamin
Stan Stanley	Paula Paul
Wilma Williams	

The first number in the drawing is two. Jim James and Adam Adams will be listed second on the ballot in their races.

The next number drawn is four. Mike Michaels will be in the fourth ballot position in the mayor's race. Because there are only three candidates for commissioner, Ben Benjamin will be listed last in the commissioner's race.

Next, the number one is drawn. Stan Stanley and Paula Paul will be listed first in their contests.

Finally, the number three is drawn. Wilma Williams will be listed third in the mayor's race. Since there are only three candidates for commissioner, the fourth number drawn will not apply to that race.

BALLOT ORDER

<u>Mayor</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>
Stan Stanley	Paula Paul
Jim James	Adam Adams
Wilma Williams	Ben Benjamin
Mike Michaels	

What if the number one had been drawn last, who would be listed first in the commissioner's race? The numerical order of the applicable number rules. In this case, the candidates in the commissioner's race would be listed in order starting with whoever received number two.

If a candidate withdraws, the ballot order remains the same—each candidate moves up to fill in the space vacated by the withdrawal.

WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDACY

Candidates have until June 17, 2010 to withdraw after filing the Declaration of Candidacy. A written request to withdraw must be filed with the same office the Declaration of Candidacy was filed. The filing fee will not be reimbursed. A form is available at the Elections Office, online at www.spokanecounty.org/elections or you may use the form below.

WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDACY

(RCW 29A.24.131)

I, _____ withdraw my
(Print Name)

candidacy for nomination to the office of:

(Name of Office)

(Congressional or Legislative District or other jurisdiction)

(Position number, if applicable)

I understand the filing fee is not refundable.

Date: _____

Sign Here X _____

Election Information

Primary Election

A Primary Election is required if more than two candidates file for the same position or if it is a partisan office.

The State of Washington has a Top 2 Primary system. This allows voters to choose among all candidates running for each office regardless of their party preference. The two candidates who receive the most votes in the Primary Election qualify for the General Election.

Candidates need at least 1% of the votes cast in that race to advance to the General Election.

Each candidate for a partisan office may state a political party that he or she prefers. A candidate's preference does not imply that they are nominated or endorsed by the party, or that the party approves of or associates with that candidate.

General Election

Appearance on the ballot is determined by the most votes received in the Primary Election. (RCW 29A.36.170) The top two vote getters proceed to the General Election. The candidate with the greatest number of votes appears first and the candidate with the next greatest number of votes appears second.

For partisan races, each candidate will retain their party preference from the Primary Election to the General Election.

If there is no primary, appearance on the General Election ballot is determined by the outcome of the lot drawing. (RCW 29A.36.131)

Mailing of the Ballots

For the Primary Election, ballots for military/overseas voters are mailed 30 days prior to the election. For the General Election, ballots for military/overseas voters will be mailed 45 days prior to Election Day. All ballots are mailed to voters beginning 20 days prior to the election. For a list of mailing dates, check the election website at www.spokanecounty.org/elections or call 477-2320. Ballot drop boxes are located at all public libraries (city and county) and the STA Plaza. The opening date for the drop boxes is 20 days prior to the election.

Election Office

Interested members of the public, candidates and representatives of political parties may observe all election activities at any time during the election period. All observers must sign in at the Spokane County Elections Office, 1033 W Gardner Ave. Prior attendance of an observer class is recommended.

Logic and Accuracy Test

The Logic and Accuracy test is a public test of the election tabulation system. The test is witnessed by party representatives and a representative of the Office of the Secretary of State. Interested members of the public may also attend. Testing is conducted by the Spokane County Elections Department using the same software and hardware that will be used Election Day. The date and time of the L & A will be posted at www.spokanecounty.org/elections.

Election Results

Results may be obtained beginning at approximately 8:15 pm on Election night on the Spokane County website, www.spokanecounty.org/elections, at the Spokane County Elections office, 1033 W Gardner or by calling 477-2320. The Office of the Secretary of State's website, www.vote.wa.gov, lists all state-wide results.

After Election Day

Spokane County Elections staff will continue to process ballots until certification. Under RCW 29A.60.160, interim ballot tabulations are normally scheduled after a primary or general election excluding weekends and holidays. Exact tabulation dates are determined by voter turnout and will be posted on the Spokane County Elections website. For dates and times of interim ballot tabulations, please call 477-2320 or go to www.spokanecounty.org/elections.

Canvassing Board Review of Ballots

The Spokane County Canvassing Board is comprised of the Auditor, chair of the Board of County Commissioners and the County Prosecuting Attorney or their designated representatives. One of the official duties of the Canvassing Board is to accept or reject ballots submitted by voters whose validity or intent is in question.

Ballots that require review by the Canvassing Board are brought before the Board before the official certification of the election. Notice of all Canvassing Board meetings are subject to publication in the Spokesman Review newspaper. Canvassing Board meetings are open public meetings. Dates and times are posted on the website at www.spokanecounty.org/elections.

Certification

All elections must be certified by the Spokane County Canvassing Board. The process of certification includes a review of the final election tabulation report and the signing by each board member of certification documents from the Office of the Secretary of State when state or federal candidates appear on the ballot. Separate certification documents for each proposition on the ballot are also signed by the Canvassing Board. The election certification process is an open public meeting. Notice of certification is published in the Spokesman Review. (RCW 29A.60.190) and will be posted on the website.

Oaths of Office

Before an elected official may assume office, the election results must be certified and the winner must swear to an oath or affirmation of office (RCW 29A.04.133). If a qualified candidate must also post a bond, it is not the responsibility of the County Auditor to verify that bond.

Who is required to take an oath of office?

Every person elected to an office in the State of Washington, including jurisdictions within counties, cities, and towns is required by our state and federal constitutions to take an oath prior to serving in office. Depending upon the office and tradition, the oath may be attested to either verbally or in writing.

How should an oath be administered to a candidate?

RCW 29A.04.133 requires that the oath of office be administered and certified by any officer or notary public authorized to administer oaths, without charge.

Five positions are specifically qualified by statute to administer oaths:

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

Article, Section 6 of the Washington State Constitution states, "The mode of administering an oath, or affirmation, shall be such as may be most consistent with and binding upon the conscience of the person to whom such an oath, or affirmation, may be administered."

As long as the oath is regarded by the official qualifying for office as binding, the oath may be administered in any manner by a person of authority, including a seated officer of the same jurisdiction.

When should an oath of office be taken?

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

The terms for Supreme Court justices, judges of the Court of Appeals, Superior Court judges, District Court judges, and state legislative offices all begin on the second Monday in January.

Traditionally, state legislative officers are administered an oath of office at the start of the legislative session.

County, city and town officials may take an oath either at the last regular meeting of the governing body for which they were elected or within 10 days before the term of office begins. January 1st is the beginning of terms for county officials, except for charter counties that specify otherwise. January 1st is also the beginning of terms for special purpose districts, with the exception of school district directors or districts where ownership of land is a prerequisite of voting (e.g. diking or flood control districts).

School district directors' terms of office begin at the first official meeting of the board of directors after certification of the election results.

Unexpired terms and short terms also begin immediately after certification of the election. Officials elected to these offices must be administered an oath before assuming the duties of the office.

After a position is assumed by a newly elected candidate, a copy of the oath of office is to be sent to the elections office at 1033 W Gardner, Spokane, WA 99201.

Recounts

A mandatory recount applies to candidates and statewide measures and will occur if less than $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% and less than 2,000 votes cast for that race separate candidates or issues. The recount is applicable only to candidates apparently nominated or elected and the closest defeated opponent. The automatic recount will tally only votes for the position in question and will be conducted without charge to any candidate. (RCW 29A.64.021)

If the difference in the number of votes cast for the apparent winner and the closest apparently defeated opponent is less than $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1% and less than 150 votes, the votes shall be recounted manually. An alternative counting method may be employed if both candidates agree in writing and the procedure is suited to the ballot system that was used for casting the votes for the office.

An officer of a political party or any person for whom votes were cast in a primary who was not declared nominated may file a written application for a recount of the votes or a portion of the votes cast at that primary for all persons for whom votes were cast for nomination to that office. An officer of a political party or any person for whom votes were cast at any election may file a written application for a recount of the votes or a portion of the votes cast at that election for all candidates for election to that office. Any group of five or more registered voters may file a written application for a recount of the votes or a portion of the votes cast upon any question or issue. They shall designate one of the members of the group as chair and shall indicate the voting residence of each member of the group. An application for a recount of the votes cast for an office or on a ballot measure must be filed with the officer with whom filings are made for the jurisdiction. An application for a recount must specify whether the recount will be done manually or by the vote tally system. A recount done by the vote tally system must use programming that recounts and reports only the office or ballot measure in question. The county shall also provide for a test of the logic and accuracy of that program. An application for a recount must be filed within three business days after the county canvassing board or secretary of state has declared the official results of the primary or election for the office or issue for which the recount is requested.

An application for a recount shall state the office for which a recount is requested and whether the request is for all or only a portion of the votes cast in that jurisdiction of that office. The person filing an application for a manual recount shall, at the same time, deposit with the county canvassing board or secretary of state, in cash or by certified check, a sum equal to twenty-five cents for each ballot cast in the jurisdiction or portion of the jurisdiction for which the recount is requested as security for the payment of any costs of conducting the recount. If the application is for a machine recount, the deposit must be equal to fifteen cents for each ballot. These charges shall be determined by the county canvassing board or boards under RCW 29A.64.081.

ON-LINE VOTERS' GUIDE

The On-Line Voters' Guide is a great tool to communicate with voters. All candidates (except PCO's) have the opportunity to post a candidate statement and/or photograph on the Spokane County Elections' web site – www.spokanecounty.org/elections.

What you can submit

- Candidate contact information
- Statement
- Biography, 100 words or less not including headings
 - Elected Experience
 - Other Professional Experience
 - Education
 - Community Service
- Photograph

New this year

Information must be received by 4:00 pm on Friday **June 18th**.

Write your statement in the narrative. Bullets require too much space and are not permitted.

Your campaign email, web address, and phone number will be printed. Your mailing address will not.

In your statement, you are allowed 1 paragraph return per 50 words. If your statement doesn't fit into the space provided, excessive paragraph returns may be removed.

Candidates in the 2010 pamphlet

Candidates for the following offices may submit their information for printing in the state voters' pamphlet and display on-line.

U.S. Senator

U.S. Representative

State Senator

State Representative

Quick and easy on-line submission

Submitting your information for the on-line voters' guide is easy!

1. Provide an email address when you file for office.
2. Gather your statement, bio and photo. Be sure to follow all the guidelines provided in this document.
3. Check your email and follow the instructions to submit your information on-line for the voters' guide.

Statement and biographies

The following standards ensure candidates comply with legal requirements and enhance readability.

If submitting by mail, submit a CD containing an MS Word file and a printed copy.

Space is limited. The pamphlet provides room for about 1 paragraph return per 50 words. The Voters' Pamphlet staff reserves the right to eliminate excessive paragraph returns if your statement doesn't fit in the space provided. Words will not be deleted unless the word count is exceeded.

Use italics only to emphasize specific words or statements. Bolding, underlining and all caps are not allowed.

Tables, lists, bullets, or other material requiring multiple paragraphs or formatting are not allowed.

Obscene, profane, libelous, and defamatory language will be rejected.

Incidental spelling, grammar, and punctuation errors may be corrected without altering meaning or substance.

Word Limits

Statement

State law sets maximum word limits (RCW 29A.32.121).

U.S. Senator and U.S. Representative – 300 words

State Senator – 200 words

State Representative – 100 words

All other positions – 100 words

Biography

In addition to the statement, biographical information using the following headings will be included and must not exceed 100 words (headings are not included in the word count). If you choose not to submit information for one of the following headings, the words "No information submitted" will appear next to the heading.

Elected Experience

Other Professional Experience

Education

Community Service

Hyphenated words count as two words unless the hyphenation is listed as one word by onelook.com.

Statements and biographies exceeding word limits are shortened by deleting full sentences from the end until the limit is reached.

Tips from Voters

In a recent study, Washington voters were asked what information they want to read in a candidate statement. This is what they said.

- Describe what sets you apart from your opponent(s).
- Edit information as carefully as you would your resume.
- What do you hope to accomplish, if elected?
- Who endorses your candidacy?
- Avoid technical terms that may not be generally understood.
- Offer your vision. Be positive.
- Avoid criticism of your opponent(s).

Statement FAQ

How should I format my statement?

Space is limited so formatting is important.

Format it as an essay (block style). To emphasize select words, use italics only.

May I use bullets?

To conserve space, text must be written in paragraph format. Bullets are not allowed.

Correct

I approve of justice for all, fairness of the law, and rehabilitation.

Incorrect

I approve of

- Justice for all
- Fairness of the law
- Rehabilitation

Is my campaign contact information published?

Your campaign telephone number, email, website, and address will be displayed regardless if the candidate submits a photo, statement or biography.

Be sure your campaign contact email and web address are functional when you submit your statement.

Photographs

Each candidate may submit one self-portrait. If mailed, the photograph must be submitted digitally on a CD.

Limit photo to the head and shoulders. Use a light-colored background (not white). Color photos are preferred; black-and-white is acceptable. Photos must be no more than five years old.

Do not show the uniform or insignia of any organization that advocates or teaches racial or religious intolerance, or suggests the wearer has held public office. (RCW 29A.32.110)

Digital photos

Must be a resolution of at least 300 dpi and not digitally altered.

Print photos

Are not accepted for the on-line voters guide.

Photo FAQ

Professional photo or snapshot?

Professional photographs reproduce the best. If you choose to have an amateur take your photo, here are some tips.

- A neutral-colored background is best.
- Take numerous shots. Area should be softly lit to avoid facial and background shadows.
- If digital, make sure the resolution is 300 dpi or better.
- Print the photos and choose the best one.

Can I submit a photo printed at home?

No. A photo printed at home will not reproduce well. If you have a photo on your home computer, submit the file on-line or burn a CD and mail it in. The Spokane County Elections Office will take pictures by appointment – contact Glenn at 477-2793 for more information.

How do I submit?

Information must be received by **June 18, 2010**.

Online

Refer to the email you received when you filed for office.

Mail

Spokane County Elections

On-line Voters Guide

1033 W. Gardner Ave.

Spokane, WA. 99260

Or email to: elections@spokanecounty.org

Questions?

Call the elections office at (509) 477-2320.

Voter Registration Information

(Available To Candidates)

Please use the "Request for Voter Information" form to request this information.

Per RCW 29A.08.710 (2) The following information contained in voter registration records or files regarding a voter or a group of voters is available for public inspection and copying, except as provided in RCW 40.24.060: The voter's name, address, political jurisdiction, gender, date of birth, voting record, date of registration, and registration number. No other information from voter registration records or files is available for public inspection or copying.

Information formats:

- Paper printouts
- Labels
- Electronic (CD or email)

Fee schedule for service and materials

Effective June 1, 2004

Precinct maps: \$15.00

Custom maps vary in price. Call 477-2320 for a quote.

Mailing labels: \$.025 per record

Registered voter records on CD \$20.00

Miscellaneous photocopies \$.15 per page

Listing of matchbacks for current election \$35.00

These prices do not include sales tax

For further information, please contact the Spokane County Elections Office at 477-2320.

SPOKANE COUNTY ELECTIONS Request for Voter Information

Contact Information

Committee Name: _____
 Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____
 Mailing Address: _____
 Email Address: _____
 Would you like the file emailed or mailed to a specific address _____

Voter Information

Voter Data is provided as a text file on a CD or sent by Email. (Printed Lists & Labels upon Request)
 The following information is included in voter data as outlined in RCW: 29A.08.720. The voter's name, residential address, mailing address, precinct, gender, date of birth, date of registration, registration number and voting record.

Jurisdiction Requested _____ Include Voting History _____
 Request Ballot Match Backs _____
 Additional Information Requested _____

RCW 29A.08.740

Violations of restricted use of registered voter data — Penalties — Liabilities. (Effective January 1, 2006.)

(1) Any person who uses registered voter data furnished under RCW 29A.08.720 for the purpose of mailing or delivering any advertisement or offer for any property, establishment, organization, product, or service or for the purpose of mailing or delivering any solicitation for money, services, or anything of value is guilty of a class C felony punishable by imprisonment in a state correctional facility for a period of not more than five years or a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars or both such fine and imprisonment, and is liable to each person provided such advertisement or solicitation, without the person's consent, for the nuisance value of such person having to dispose of it, which value is herein established at five dollars for each item mailed or delivered to the person's residence. However, a person who mails or delivers any advertisement, offer, or solicitation for a political purpose is not liable under this section unless the person is liable under subsection (2) of this section. For purposes of this subsection, two or more attached papers or sheets or two or more papers that are enclosed in the same envelope or container or are folded together are one item. Merely having a mailbox or other receptacle for mail on or near the person's residence is not an indication that the person consented to receive the advertisement or solicitation. A class action may be brought to recover damages under this section, and the court may award a reasonable attorney's fee to any party recovering damages under this section.

(2) Each person furnished data under RCW 29A.08.720 shall take reasonable precautions designed to assure that the data is not used for the purpose of mailing or delivering any advertisement or offer for any property, establishment, organization, product, or service or for the purpose of mailing or delivering any solicitation for money, services, or anything of value. However, the data may be used for any political purpose. Where failure to exercise due care in carrying out this responsibility results in the data being used for such purposes, then such person is jointly and severally liable for damages under subsection (1) of this section along with any other person liable under subsection (1) of this section for the misuse of such data.

I acknowledge by signing this form that I am in compliance with RCW 29A.08.740 and the restricted use of voter data.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Order Date:	Completed:
Taken By:	Date Completed:
Comments:	Comments:
Paid:	How Delivered:

2010 Elections Calendar

May 10	PDC form C-4 due
May 21	First day candidate filings by mail may be accepted
May 25	Last day to file a resolution for a special election held in conjunction with the August 17 Primary Election
June 7	First day for in-person candidate filing. On-line filing starts at 9:00 a.m.
June 10	PDC form C-4 due
June 11	Last day for in-person, on-line and mail-in candidate filing
June 11	Lot draw for ballot position – 4:30 p.m.
June 17	Last day for candidates to withdraw
June 18	Deadline for submission of statements/photos for the Primary/General Election
July 10	PDC form C-4 due
July 16	Overseas and military ballots mailed for the Primary Election
July 19	August 17 Primary Election deadline for address changes and voter registrations by mail in and online
July 28	Ballots available for the Primary Election
July 28	Begin mailing of Primary Election ballots
Aug 9	Last day of in-person registration for voters not currently registered in Washington State for the August 17 Primary Election
Aug 10	Last day to file a resolution for the November 2nd General Election
Aug 16	Last day to file as a write in candidate for the Primary Election
Aug 17	PRIMARY ELECTION
Sept 1	Certification of the Primary Election
Sept 10	PDC form C-4 due
Sept 17	Overseas and military ballots mailed for the General Election
Oct 4	Last day for mail in and online voter registrations and transfers for the November 2nd General Election
Oct 12	PDC form C-4 due
Oct 13	Ballots available for the General Election
Oct 13	Begin mailing of General Election ballots
Oct 25	Last day of in-person registration for voters not currently registered in Washington State for the November 2nd General Election
Oct 26	PDC form C-4 due
Nov 1	Last day to file as write in candidate for the General Election
Nov 2	GENERAL ELECTION
Nov 23	Certification of the General Election



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Dear Candidate:

The Washington State Department of Transportation wishes to take this opportunity to advise political candidates about the placement of campaign signs and placards along state highways.

Revised code of Washington (RCW) 47.42, the Highway Advertising Control Act, regulates signing on Interstate highways, primary highways, and highways that are part of the Scenic and Recreational system. Signs erected on private property adjacent to these highways must comply with the Highway Advertising Control Act, rules contained in Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 468-66, and applicable local agency sign codes.

In accordance with WAC 468-66-050, *Sign Classifications*, political campaign signs are considered a Type 3(d) on-premise sign for which no fee or application is necessary. Temporary political campaign signs are signs which express the property owner's endorsement of a political candidate or ballot issue, with the following restrictions:

- 1) Temporary political campaign signs are limited to a maximum size of thirty-two square feet
- 2) Temporary political campaign signs must be removed within ten days following the election
- 3) Sign installers must have permission of the underlying property owner prior to placing signs
- 4) Temporary political campaign signs are subject to all other applicable provisions of RCW47.42 and WAC 468-66 that pertain to Type 3 on-premise signs

In addition to the above restrictions, **the erection of temporary political campaign signs within the right-of-way of all state highways is prohibited. Accordingly, signs placed within the right-of-way of any state highway are subject to removal by the Department of Transportation.**

Also, RCW 47.36.180(1) states in part that it is unlawful to erect any structure, sign, or device visible from a city street, county road, or state highway that simulates any directional, warning, or danger sign likely to be mistaken for such a sign. Therefore, a campaign sign cannot be designed in a manner that resembles an official traffic control sign.

If you should have any questions about the placement of campaign signs along state highways, please contact Pat O'Leary at (360) 705-7296 or olearyp@wsdot.wa.gov .

We sincerely hope that candidates for public office will observe the laws and regulations enacted to limit driver distraction and protect and preserve the roadside beauty of our state. Thank you in advance for your courtesy in this matter,

Washington State Department of Transportation

CAMPAIGN SIGN REGULATIONS

City of Spokane

Title 17 Land Use Standards

Chapter 17C.240 Signs

Section 17C.240.240 Additional Standards in All Zones

All signs which are relating to promoting or publicizing the nomination or election of any individual for a public political office to be voted on in any general or special election or advocating any measure to be voted on in any general or special election, hereinafter referred to as political campaign signs, shall be subject to the following regulations:

A. Size of Signs.

Political campaign signs located in a residential zone shall be limited to a maximum surface area of sixteen square feet. Political campaign signs located in zones other than residential zones shall be limited to a maximum surface area of thirty-two square feet. The maximum square footage shall be based upon one side of the sign. Signs may be two-sided.

B. Signs on Private Property.

No political campaign signs shall be erected upon any private property without the permission of the property owner, resident or respective agent. In cases of vacant property, or where there is no occupied structure on the property, no political sign shall be placed thereon without the written consent of the property owner or his agent.

C. Political Campaign Signs on the Public Right-of-way.

Political campaign signs may be posted within traditional public forums located on improved public right-of-way only if the signs do not create a traffic obstruction or hazard or impair or impede pedestrian thoroughfares and comply with all requirements of this section. Political campaign signs located in the public right-of-way shall only be attached to a self-supporting wood stick(s), metal post or other such devices, shall not be attached to any other structures and shall not be erected in any manner which would damage the surface infrastructure in which the sign is located. Placement of political campaign signs on the improved public right-of-way adjacent to private property shall be subject to all existing private property ownership rights.

D. Unauthorized Signs.

Unauthorized signs of any nature located either on City-owned property, whether occupied or vacant, that is beyond the public right-of-way or on any portion of park property under the jurisdiction of the park board is prohibited and shall be immediately removed.

E. Removal of Signs.

- i. Political campaign signs on either public or private property shall not be displayed after the date the election results have been certified for the election for which it was intended. In cases where a general election follows a primary election, those signs for candidates whose names will appear on the ballot in the general election may be displayed during the interim period and up to the date the general election results are certified. In all instances herein in which political campaign signs are required to be removed, or if the signs have become detached from their support device or damaged, it shall be the responsibility of the property owner or occupant, if the sign is located on private property, or the respective candidate, if the sign is located on the public right-of-way, to have the signs removed.

- ii. Failure to remove political campaign signs located on the public right-of-way shall result in a one-time sign removal fee of twenty five dollars per sign under fifteen square feet and fifty dollars for signs over fifteen square feet being assessed against the respective responsible campaign official. For the purpose of recovering the costs of removal there is a rebuttable presumption that the candidate seeking office or the sponsor of a measure is the responsible campaign official who is responsible for the placement of a political campaign sign in the public right-of-way. Removal of signs located in the public right-of-way shall be under the direction of the director of public works and utilities or his or her designee.
- iii. Failure to remove political campaign signs located on private property shall result in a civil infraction assessed pursuant to SMC 1.05.160 against the property owner or occupant for each sign. Each day shall be a separate violation. A notice to remove the sign shall be issued by the code enforcement department to the property owner and/or occupant prior to the issuance of a civil infraction pursuant to SMC 1.05.040.
- iv. The sign removal fee may be appealed to the hearing examiner within ten days of a letter assessing the fee. A civil infraction may be contested in the municipal court.

F. Signs Related to Constitutionally Protected Free Speech.

Signs expressing constitutionally protected free speech unrelated to promoting or publicizing the nomination or election of any individual for a public political office or advocating any measure to be voted on in any general or special election shall not be subject to the time period for the removal of political campaign signs, but shall otherwise be subject to all other provisions of this section.

G. Public Notice.

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit or modify the requirements for placement of public notices required by law.

H. Exemption.

Nothing in this chapter shall limit the promotion or publication of a political message by other means lawfully permitted under the City's sign code, chapter 17C.240 SMC.

I. Permit or Permit Fees.

There shall be no permit or fee requirement for political campaign signs erected under this section unless the sign is attached to a sign structure permitted under other provisions of the sign code that requires a permit and fee.

Date Passed: Monday, June 22, 2009
ORD C34390 Section 1

Spokane County Voter Registration and Turnout information

<u>Year</u>		<u>Election Type</u>	<u>Registered Voters</u>	<u>Number Voting</u>	<u>Turnout Percent</u>
1998		Primary	217,148	65,624	30%
		General	219,266	129,552	59%
1999		Primary	183,778	42,381	23%
		General	209,404	124,250	59%
2000		Primary	221,618	94,942	43%
		General	230,244	175,018	76%
2001		Primary	194,385	36,602	19%
		General	217,272	94,421	43%
2002		Primary	223,388	80,349	36%
		General	225,846	132,843	59%
2003		Primary	218,172	82,253	38%
		General	218,828	101,636	46%
2004		Primary	236,055	110,955	47%
		General	251,184	203,886	81%
2005		*Primary	159,565	39,924	25%
		General	248,598	134,434	54%
2006	VBM	Primary	238,690	101,708	43%
	VBM	General	235,535	157,400	67%
2007	VBM	*Primary	159,300	52,700	33%
	VBM	General	236,263	129,406	55%
2008	VBM	Primary	245,198	112,288	46%
	VBM	General	258,952	222,126	86%
2009	VBM	Primary	259,010	84,955	33%
	VBM	General	257,092	133,514	52%