

San Juan County Elections 2026 Candidate Guide and Administrative Rules

A reference manual for candidates for public office and a valuable resource for information about the election process.

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Dear Prospective Candidate:

Congratulations on your interest in running for office in San Juan County. It is our intention to provide you with information that you will find useful as you proceed through the election process. You will find information concerning filing, deadlines, forms, voters' guide statements, and other beneficial information.

The State of Washington will again conduct the Top 2 Primary. If you are planning to run for a partisan office, you will have the option to state on your *Declaration of Candidacy* which political party you prefer. This in no way means you are nominated or endorsed by that party. Voters will not have to pick a party when voting a primary ballot. They can choose among all candidates for each office. If more than two candidates file for the same office, a primary will be held for that office to winnow the candidates to the two who will advance to the general election.

The Elections Office will accept *Declarations of Candidacy* by mail beginning April 20. Filing week for in-person and online filings begins Monday, May 4, and ends Friday, May 8. In the event that there is a void in candidacy, a special three-day filing will be scheduled for June 1 through June 3, for only that office. The last day a candidate may withdraw a *Declaration of Candidacy* is Monday, May 11, by 5:00 PM.

We hope you find this handbook a valuable resource. If you have questions or concerns, give us a call or stop by and see us. We are located in the Administration Building across the street from the San Juan County Courthouse at 55 Second Street, Suite A, Friday Harbor.

Sincerely,

Camolyn Armstrong
Elections Manager

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Filing Information

Purpose

Local voters' guides provide the citizens of San Juan County with information about candidates and ballot measures. A printed voters' pamphlet is distributed to registered voters for every election. It is available in print and on our website.

These Administrative Rules establish the requirements for participation in the voters' guides for candidates for public office.

Important information regarding deadlines and format are included.

2026 Important Dates — When to file?

- April 20 Candidates may file by mail
- May 4 Online and in-person candidate filing begins
- May 8 All candidate filing ends
- May 11 Last day to withdraw from ballot
- May 19 Last day to submit Voters' Pamphlet statement and photo

Candidacy Qualifications

Each candidate must be a registered voter of the jurisdiction for which he or she is filing. When the office is titled at large, the candidate may reside anywhere within the district boundaries. When the office is titled geographical, the candidate must reside within a specific district within the jurisdiction.

All candidates except those for Superior Court and federal office must properly register to vote in the geographic area represented by the office (RCW 29A.24.075).

You are responsible for contacting the district authority to clarify and understand additional qualifications.

Confirm or update your registration any time before filing. Contact the elections office for help or visit VoteWA.gov to update your voter registration.

Declaration of Candidacy

All candidates must submit a Declaration of Candidacy during the regular filing period.

Filing Officer — Where to File?

The Secretary of State accepts candidate filings for federal and statewide offices and for any legislative, court of appeals, and superior court offices.

San Juan County Elections office accepts filings for all other offices. All open offices may file online.

Filing Method — How to file?

You may file your declaration one of three methods:

1. Online (recommended)

File online at sanjuancountywa.gov/elections. Online filing begins Monday, May 4, at 8 am and ends Friday, May 8, at 5 pm. sharp. You will need an email address and credit card (if there is a filing fee).

2. By mail

If you need to file by mail, visit sanjuancountywa.gov/elections - Candidate Information to print the Declaration of Candidacy paper form or print Appendix A.

San Juan County Elections
PO Box 638
Friday Harbor, WA 98250

San Juan County Elections cannot accept mailed declarations before April 20.

3. In person

San Juan County Elections is open Monday through Friday from 8 am until 5:00 pm *during* Candidate Filing Week.

San Juan County Elections
55 2nd St., Ste. A
Friday Harbor, WA 98250

Approval

After your filing fee is paid and declaration approved, you will receive a confirmation email and your name will appear on the official list as a candidate for office.

Prepare Your Filing Fee

Cost of Filing

You must submit your filing fee with your Declaration of Candidacy.

The salary of the office determines the filing fee. Offices without a fixed annual salary have no filing fee.

For any office with a fixed annual salary of \$1,000 or less, candidates pay a filing fee of \$10.

For any office with salaries exceeding \$1,000, candidates pay a fee equal to one percent of the office's fixed annual salary.

Specific filing fees are on the list of offices open for election at sanjuanco.com/elections under Candidate Information and on page 16.

Accepted Forms of Payment

Online filing

- Credit card

In person or by mail

- Check
- Cash
- Money order
- Valid filing fee petition

Payment must be received in full before the filing deadline.

Filing fees are nonrefundable, even when you withdraw or file for the wrong office.
(RCW 29A.24.131)

Petitions in Lieu of Filing Fee

Candidates without sufficient assets or income to pay the filing fee may submit a filing fee petition.

You may not combine petition signatures and currency to satisfy the filing fee.

San Juan County Elections recommends that candidates planning to submit a Filing Fee Petition do so as early as possible during the week of candidate filing. Our office also recommends you submit at least 10% more signatures than required.

Valid signatures are those of registered voters eligible to vote on the office in the general election.

No additional signatures are accepted after the initial submission of a Filing Fee Petition and Declaration of Candidacy.

Each petition sheet must:

- Be printed on uniform paper size and color
- Include a place for each voter's registration name, address, and city
- Provide 20 numbered lines or less
- Display the required warning and statement found in RCW 29A.24.101 and 29A.72.140.

Petitions must include a total number of valid signatures no fewer than the dollar amount of the filing fee.

No person may sign more than one nominating petition for the same office. Without the required number of signatures, the petition is insufficient, and your Declaration of Candidacy is invalid.

No additional signatures are accepted after initial submission at time of filing.

A printable petition form is available online at sanjuanco.com/elections under *Candidate Information*, or print Appendix B of this document.

Petition sheets are not returned to the candidate, even if the petition is insufficient.

Voters' Pamphlet Profile

Candidate Participation in the Voters' Pamphlet

The deadline to submit voters' pamphlet information is 5:00 pm on Tuesday, May 19, 2025. There are no exceptions.

All candidates are encouraged to participate. The submission deadline for candidate statements and photos are the same for the Primary and General Election. You will not receive another opportunity to submit or edit a profile.

No submissions or corrections after the deadline.
All communication between your campaign and the elections office will be via the candidate's email address.

Statements are not publicly available until after the submission deadline.

Don't wait, start today!

This page explains the general rules for all four sections of the profile.

- Photograph
- Biography (Four headings)
- Statement
- Campaign contact information

Photograph

You may submit one photograph of your head and shoulders.

Clothing or insignias that suggest holding a public office are not acceptable (e.g., judicial robes, law enforcement or military uniforms).

Photos must be high resolution, no larger than 5 MB, and may not be digitally altered.

A color photo is highly preferred. For best results, use a light-colored background, but not white. Photos must be no more than five years old.

Note: The office of Precinct Committee Officer does not participate in printed pamphlets. They will be published online.

Biography

Biography word limit: 100 words, divided among the responses to the following headings:

- Elected Experience (or Legal/Judicial experience for candidates for judge)
- Other Professional Experience
- Education
- Community Service

The headings do not count toward the word limit.

Candidate Statements

Statement word limit: 100 words

In accordance with Washington State law, your statement must be limited to statements about yourself (RCW 29A.32.230(3)). Profane, libelous, or defamatory language is not permitted.

Proofread carefully. Your statement will be printed exactly as submitted.

Campaign Contact Info

The campaign contact information submitted with your declaration appears with your statement.

- Campaign phone number
- Campaign email
- Campaign website

Contact information does not count toward the word limits.

Submission

Candidates may submit statements and photographs electronically. Electronic submissions may be emailed to elections@sanjuancountywa.gov. Please include your name and the office for which you filed in the subject line.

Paper copies of statements or photos will not be accepted.

Biography and Statement Guidelines

Biography

Biography word limit: 100 words, divided among the responses to the following headings:

- Elected Experience (or Legal/Judicial Experience for candidates for judge)
- Other Professional Experience
- Education
- Community Service

The headings do not count toward the word limit.

Statement Study

A study by the Secretary of State discovered what information voters want to read in a candidate statement:

Describe what sets you apart from your opponents. Edit information as carefully as you would your résumé. 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 opponents.

In accordance with Washington State law, your statement must be limited to statements about yourself (RCW 29A.32.230(3)).

Statement word limit: 100 words.

You are responsible for observing the word limit.

Manually count the number of words in your statement using the guidelines provided. If your statement exceeds the word limit you will be notified by email and asked to correct it. Only deletions will be allowed. No changes or additions will be allowed.

If you do not correct your statement length, all material in excess of the word limit will be omitted from the end. If that deletion creates an incomplete sentence at the end of the statement, that incomplete sentence will be omitted. **There are no exceptions to these limits.**

Statement Guidelines

The following guidelines will apply to all statements:

- Your name, mailing address, telephone number, email, and campaign website address should appear at the top of the submission. This information is not included in the word limit.
- Your campaign email and website addresses will be displayed in the “Contact” area of the voters’ guides. Be sure that your contact email and website address are functional when you submit your statement.
- Use block paragraph style for your statement (i.e., no paragraph indents).
- **Keep your statement to two paragraphs.** Elections staff reserves the right to eliminate excessive paragraph returns if your statement does not fit in the space provided.
- Do not use tables, bullets, lists or other material requiring multiple paragraphs or formatting.
- You may use italics to emphasize specific words or statements. Do not use bold, underline, or all-capitals for emphasis.
- Hyphenated words will count as two words unless the hyphenation is listed as one word in dictionary.com.
- Numbers will count as one word (e.g., “1,000,000”). However, “1 million” or “one million” will count as two words.
- Two words or numbers with a slash between them will count as two words (e.g. “public/private” or “\$0.22/\$1,000”).
- Obscene, profane, libelous, or defamatory language will be rejected.

Candidate Photographs

Photograph Guidelines

Please observe the following standards regarding submission of your photograph:

- Submit one color digital portrait.
- Photograph may not be more than five years old.
- Limit the photograph to head and shoulders only. Any photographs not meeting this requirement will be cropped to show the head and shoulders only.
- We recommend a light neutral background. The area should be softly lit to avoid facial and background shadows.
- No photograph may reveal clothing or insignia of any organization that advocates or teaches racial or religious intolerance, or suggests this wearer has held public office (e.g., judicial robes, law enforcement or military uniforms or pins, etc.). (RCW 29A.32.110)
- Photographs must be color and in digital JPEG or PNG format. The resolution must be at least 300 dpi and not digitally altered. Resolution less than 300 dpi does not reproduce well in the printed voters' guide. Elections staff will convert the photographs to grayscale for the printed local voters' pamphlet.

Disclaimer

Thoroughly proofread your materials and correct any spelling, typographical or grammatical errors prior to submitting.

The following statement will appear at the bottom of each page where statements appear: "Candidate statements are printed as submitted and are not edited for factual or grammatical accuracy by the Auditor's Office."

Proof Copies

Elections staff will email you a proof copy of your submitted materials prior to publication of the voters' guides. The proof will be sent to the email contact address listed at the top of your statement. You will not be permitted to amend your original statement.

More about Statements

Rejected Statements and Appeal Process

Any statement that is libelous or otherwise inappropriate will be rejected. If any portion of your statement is rejected, only that rejected portion may be re-written and submitted for inclusion in the final statement.

If your statement, or any portion thereof, has been rejected because it contains what the Elections Manager believes are libelous statements or otherwise inappropriate material, you will be notified in writing and/or by email not more than five business days following the statement submission. You will have until the day following receipt of the notice to do one of the following:

- Appeal that determination to the County Auditor, in writing, citing reasons why you believe that the statement is not libelous or otherwise inappropriate, **or**
- Submit a re-written statement for only the portion found objectionable.

The County Auditor will consider any appeals. After consideration of the Elections Manager's written notice and your appeal statement, the County Auditor will make a final determination.

Fees

No fee shall be charged to candidates for submitting material to be included in the voters' guide:

The cost of the Local Voters' Pamphlet shall be considered an election cost to those local jurisdictions included in the pamphlet, and the cost shall be prorated in the manner provided in RCW 29A.04.410. (RCW 29A.32.270)

Public Viewing of Statements

After the official deadline for submission of statements has passed, the statements become public record. At that time, they are available for viewing by the public upon request to the Elections office.

Public Disclosure Commission

Campaign Finance Info

Your campaign finance information is public information. A link to your campaign finance information will appear on your page in the Online Voters' Guide.

Candidates for state or local office should refer to the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission for reporting requirements. Information and links to filing systems are available at pdc.wa.gov.

Filings Required by the PDC

Most local candidates are required to file campaign disclosure records with the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC). The PDC, a state agency, was created by an initiative of the people. It provides public access to information about finances of campaigns and candidates, including contributors and expenditures.

PDC forms can be found at the Public Disclosure Commission website pdc.wa.gov.

Do I Have to File Disclosure Reports?

One of two things determines what a candidate discloses. For most candidates, it's the number of registered voters in the jurisdiction where the candidate runs for office. How much money a candidate raises or expects to raise determines what reports are filed with the PDC.

Who Must File

Each candidate or campaign should review the PDC rules to determine if they are required to file.

Candidates need to file a *Personal Financial Affairs Statement* (PDC Form F-1) within two weeks if they are a candidate for state office, legislative office, county office, local office in a jurisdiction with 1,000 or more registered voters, or have raised or expect to raise at least \$5,000. Candidates will file the original with the Public Disclosure Commission.

Candidates will need to file a *Candidate Registration* (PDC Form C-1) within two weeks if they are a candidate for state office, legislative office, county office, local office in a jurisdiction with 5,000 or more registered voters, or you have raised or expect to raise at least \$5,000. Candidates will file the original with the Public Disclosure Commission.

Candidates do not file public disclosure forms if they are a candidate for a local office in a jurisdiction with less than 1,000 voters provided:

- they raise less than \$5,000;
- they are a candidate for a cemetery district;
- they are a candidate for an office that is elected by voters who have special qualifications such as property ownership; or
- they are a candidate for precinct committee officer.

Campaign disclosure records can be filed online at pdc.wa.gov.

Incumbent Office Holder

An incumbent office holder who has filed an F-1 earlier in the year does not need to file a second F-1 in the same year after becoming a candidate.

Contacting the PDC

Public Disclosure Commission
711 Capitol Way S. #206
PO Box 40908
Olympia, WA 98504-0908
Toll Free: (877) 601-2828
Phone: (360) 753-1111
Fax: (360) 753-1112
Email: pdc@pdc.wa.gov
Website: www.pdc.wa.gov

Example of Candidate Statement

Lt. Governor

Washington State

4-year term

Statewide



Brad Owen

(Prefers Nonpartisan Party)

Elected Experience: Brad Owen was elected as Washington State's 15th lieutenant governor in 1996 and re-elected since. Prior to his election as lieutenant governor, Owen served as Shelton finance commissioner from 1976-1979, as a member of the Washington State House of Representatives from 1976 - 1983, and in the Washington State Senate from 1983 - 1996.

Other Professional Experience: No information submitted

Education: No information submitted

Community Service: Brad Owen is the chair of Washington State Mentors, as well as chair of the Legislative Committee on Economic Development and International Relations. He serves on the advisory board for the Drug Free America Foundation.

Statement: Brad Owen is a leader we can trust! Supported by democrats, republicans, business owners and labor leaders; he is known for being bipartisan and working with all members of the State Senate! In these tough times, we need an experienced leader who knows how to get things done.

Elected as Washington State's fifteenth lieutenant governor, Brad Owens' top priority is to stimulate our economy and help create family wage jobs. Brad wants to continue his work in helping Washington State businesses increase their share of the world markets.

To learn more, please go to www.BradOwen2012.com

Contact:

(360) 490-9086

bradowen@msn.com

www.BradOwen2012.com

Campaign Assistance

Data Requests and Public Information

Current lists of registered voters are public records. (RCW 29A.08.720)

Data may be used for political purposes only. Voter registration data may not be used for commercial purposes. (RCW 29A.08.720, RCW 29A.08.740 and RCW 42.56.070)

Data requested to be delivered via email is free of charge.

Prices for production of lists are as follows:

Printed Lists . . . \$0.15 per page

Registered Voter lists

Voter data lists may include:

- Name
- Residential address
- Mailing address
- Precinct name, number and split
- Voter ID
- Date of registration

To request voter data, complete a Voter Information Request form on our website or Appendix D of this guide.

Matchbacks

Matchbacks include a list of all voters in a current election that have returned a ballot. The file may contain the same information as a voter data list but will also include:

- Ballot issue date
- Ballot return date
- Ballot Status
- Ballot Status reason

To request matchbacks, complete the Voter Information Request form on our website or Appendix D of this guide.

Acts Prohibited in a Voting Center or Ballot Deposit Site

During the 18-day voting period, no person may, within a 100 feet of a voting center or within 25 feet of a ballot deposit site:

- Suggest or persuade or attempt to suggest or persuade any voter to vote for or against any Candidate or ballot measure
- Circulate cards or handbills of any kind
- Solicit signatures to any kind of petition
- Engage in any practice which interferes with the freedom of voters to exercise their franchise or disrupts the administration of the voting center
- Interfere with a voter attempting to vote
- Remove any ballot from a voting center or ballot deposit site without lawful authority

(RCW 29A.84.510, RCW 29A.84.540 and WAC 434.250.100)

Observing the Election Process

Anyone may observe the election process. Call the Election Office at (360) 378-3357 prior to arriving to confirm ballot processing and counting times.

Candidate Observers are individuals designated by each candidate to observe the ballot processing on their behalf. Candidate Observers may include legal counsel, staff, friends, family, or the candidate themselves. A candidate may designate many Candidate Observers, but only one may be present at any time in the ballot processing area. Candidate Observers are given priority over any other type of observer.

Post-Election Information

Get Qualified

Once you have been elected, you must be “qualified” before you can actually assume office in local government.

Per RCW 29A.04.133, “qualified” means:

- The election results have been certified;
- Any required bond has been posted; and
- The winner has taken the oath of office

Certification of Election

In Washington State, the General Election results are certified 21 days after the date of election. This means the election is complete and the results are official.

The San Juan County Elections office will then prepare and send all oaths of offices and certificate of election to the election winners.

Oath of Office

Newly elected officials typically begin their term on the first day of January following the General Election. The oath of office may be given up to 10 days prior to assuming office.

It is recommended that newly elected officers take their oath of office prior to January, as this ensures that they are able to legally take office on January 1.

The oath must be given and certified by any officer or notary public authorized to administer oaths. This includes, but is not limited to the following officers:

- Judges and Notary Publics
- County Councilmembers
- County Auditors or Deputies
- Town Clerk
- School Officials

Once you take your oath, it must then be filed and retained by the County Auditor - Elections Division .

Assuming Office

When does the election winner assume office?

Most newly elected or re-elected local officials take office on January 1 following the General Election. However, if the office is currently held by a person who had been appointed to fill a vacancy, the newly elected official may assume office immediately after becoming qualified.

The terms of Superior Court judge and District Court judge offices all begin on the second Monday in January.

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 1 is the beginning of terms of county officials, except for charter counties that specify otherwise.

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 office.

What if the election winner fails to take office on January 1?

Until the winner becomes qualified, the incumbent will continue to hold office.

For more information, contact your jurisdiction’s legal counsel or visit www.MRSC.org

Other Information

Withdrawal of Candidacy

If you decide you no longer want your name on the ballot, you must submit a signed withdrawal form to the San Juan County Elections office by the end of business on the Monday immediately following Candidate Filing Week (**May 11 by 5:00 PM**).

No withdrawal is permitted if you filed during a special filing period. (RCW 29A.24.131)

The Withdrawal of Candidacy form is available at sanjuancountywa.gov/elections under 'Candidate Information' and Appendix C in this guide.

Filing fees are nonrefundable, even if you filed for the wrong office (RCW 29A.24.131).

If you file for the wrong office or position, you must withdraw and file again.

Write-in Candidates

Write-in candidates are required to file a Declaration of Write-in Candidacy in order to be counted. Write-in candidates may submit their declarations up until 8 pm on election day.

Candidates who submit their write-in candidacy prior to the 18-day deadline before the Primary and General Election are not required to pay a filing fee. If a candidate wishes to file on or after the 18-day deadline, they must pay the filing fee.

Filing fees must accompany the declaration and are non-refundable. The amount depends upon the office and annual salary.

- The filing fee is equal to 1% of the office's annual salary, if the salary exceeds \$1,000.
- The filing fee is \$25 for offices with an annual salary of \$1,000 or less.

You may not file as a write-in candidate if you were a candidate for the same office in the preceding primary or you are already a candidate for a different office (other than PCO).

Declaration of Write-in Candidacy forms are available at sanjuancountywa.gov/elections under 'Candidate Information'.

Special Filing Period and Vacated Offices

If a race lacks a candidate after the close of the regular filing period and before the primary, a special filing period opens for three business days.

Such three-day filing period shall be fixed by the Elections Office.

Filings during special filing periods are conducted in the same manner as regular candidate filing periods.

When an office is filed for during a special filing period, the race skips the Primary and appears on the General Election ballot. The top vote-getter in the General Election is declared the winner.

If no one files for an office opened for during a special filing period, the office is deemed lapsed and will not appear on the General Election ballot. (RCW 29A.24.191)

Public Record

All material and information provided between you and the filing office is public information.

Address Confidentiality Program (ACP)

Any candidate who qualifies for the ACP must complete the ACP enrollment process before filing their declaration. Anything you submit before you enroll is public record.

ACP candidates file with paper forms. Contact our office for instruction.

2025 Offices Open For Filing -TBD



Definitions

Declaration of Candidacy – the form used to file for an elective office.

Filing Fee Petition – a petition submitted in lieu of the filing fee. The filing fee petition is signed by individuals who support the candidacy of a person who lacks adequate financial resources at the time of filing to pay the filing fee.

Filing Officer – the person with whom a candidate files the *Declaration of Candidacy* form. For candidates filing for federal office, statewide office, or legislative or judicial districts that cross county lines, the filing officer is the Secretary of State. Candidates filing for legislative or judicial districts within one county file with the County Auditor at the Elections Office.

General Election – is a statewide election held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

Lapsed Election – an election that is not held because no candidate filed at the regular or special filing period.

Nonpartisan Office – an office for which candidates do not indicate a party preference. No party designation appears on the ballot.

Partisan Office – public office for which a candidate may indicate a political party preference on his or her *Declaration of Candidacy*. That preference will appear on the primary and general election ballots in conjunction with his or her name. Statement of party preference does not imply that the candidate is nominated, endorsed, or approved by the party.

Special Election – any election that is not a general election.

Special Filing Period – opened for three business days if a vacancy in office or a void in candidacy occurs. The time period in which the vacancy or void occurs will determine whether candidates who file during the special filing period will appear on the primary or the general election ballot.

Top 2 Primary – the process of winnowing a field of candidates for public office. The two candidates with the most votes will advance to the general election ballot. Voters do not have to declare a party affiliation to participate in the Top 2 Primary, and may choose among all candidates running for each office.

Vacancy in Office – occurs when the person in office resigns, dies, or becomes disqualified.

Void in Candidacy – occurs when no valid *Declarations of Candidacy* were filed, or all persons who filed die or are disqualified. There is no void in candidacy as long as there is at least one candidate who has filed.

Washington State Filing Fee Petition

Submitted in support of a candidate lacking sufficient funds to pay the filing. (RCW 29A.24.091)

WARNING: EVERY PERSON who signs this petition with any other than his or her true name, knowingly signs more than one of these petitions, signs this petition when he or she is not a legal voter, or makes any false statement on this petition may be punished by fine or imprisonment or both.

(Campaign may insert
Candidate's logo here)

We, the undersigned registered voters of _____
 (either state of Washington or the political subdivision)
 hereby petition that the name of _____
 (candidate's name)
 be printed on the ballot for the office of _____
 (insert name of office including applicable district/ position number)

SIGNATURE	PRINT FIRST NAME	PRINT LAST NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	ADDRESS	CITY	COUNTY
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						

THIS SPACE FOR SOS USE ONLY - IF EXTRA LINE NEEDED USE NEW SHEET- NOT BACK SIDE

Withdrawal of Candidacy

RCW 29A.24.131

important information

The deadline for withdrawing is the Monday following candidate filing week.

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.

Note: Filing fees are nonrefundable.

office information

jurisdiction and office name

position number *(if applicable)*

personal information

first name

middle name

last name

signature

I withdraw my candidacy for the office listed above and understand that the filing fee is nonrefundable.

sign
here

date
here



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Voter Information Request

Submit completed form to San Juan County Elections, PO Box 638, Friday Harbor, WA 98250. Make checks payable to San Juan County Treasurer.

Requested by:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Representing: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Voter List Request

- Available by email (No fee)
- List includes name, residential and mailing addresses, registrant ID, and registration date for active and inactive voters.

Do you want a list of the entire county or a specific district or precinct?

All of San Juan County

Specific district/precinct: _____

Other information requested: _____

Matchback List Request (ballot return status) - \$10.00 per election

- Available by email
- Matchbacks will be emailed daily by 5:00 pm during the 18-day voting period
- Countywide list includes name, registrant ID, residential and mailing addresses, and ballot return status

For which Election would you like Matchbacks? _____

Acknowledge & Sign

I understand that under the provisions of RCW 29A.08.720(2), the information to be furnished by the San Juan County Auditor's Office may not be used for the purpose of mailing or delivering any advertisement or offer for any property, establishment, organization product or service or the purpose of mailing or delivering any solicitation for money, services, or anything of value. However, the same may be used for any political purpose. I further understand that violation of the provisions of RCW 29A.08.740 subject the violator to civil and criminal penalties. I agree to indemnify and hold San Juan County harmless from civil penalties resulting from my failure or alleged failure to comply with the provisions of RCW 29A.08.720(2).

I authorize San Juan County Auditor's staff to submit information related to the services provided me which may be necessary to comply with the requirements of the Public Disclosure Law.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

For office use:

Original request time spent _____

Matchbacks _____

Time Spent _____

Date / Signed