

2024 Precinct Committee Office (PCOs) Filing Information

Important Dates

April 22	First Day filing officer may receive candidate declarations by mail
May 06, 8:00am	Official Candidate filing online and in person opens
May 10, 5:00pm	Candidate filing closes, Lot Draw for ballot order
May 13, 5:00pm	Candidate withdrawal deadline

General Information

Each precinct has two positions open.

- One for the Democratic Party and one for the Republican Party.
- PCO candidates must affiliate with one of those parties when filing.
- You must be registered to vote in the precinct for which you are filing for.
- The term of office is two years and starts on December 1, 2024, through November 30, 2026.
- There are no filing fees for PCO candidates.

17-year-old voters may file for PCO provided they will be 18 by the day of the Primary Election.

To check which precinct you live in, go online to VoteWA.gov and enter your voter registration information.

File online at mascountywaelections.gov

We encourage all Precinct Committee Office candidates to file online.

Requirements to file online

- Be registered to vote in the precinct for which you are filing for.
- Provide a valid email address (public office or agency official or employee work related email or address may not be used RCW 42.17A.555).

Online Candidate Filing will be Open 24 hours a day starting May 6 at 8:00am and closes promptly May 10 at 5:00pm.

- **You must submit before 5:00pm, Friday, May 10.** The portal will stop receiving declarations at that time.
- Mobile devices are not recommended.
- There are no filing fees for PCO candidates.
- Please allow 24-48 hours for candidacy approval. You will receive a confirmation email to the candidate email address.

Mason County Auditor's Office accepts filings for the County Commissioners, PUD Commissioners and Precinct Committee Officers (other filings are done at the Washington Secretary of State Office.)

File in person, by mail or fax

- Candidate filing is open Monday, May 6, 8:00am through Friday, May 10 5:00pm.
- Complete a Precinct Committee Officer Declaration of Candidacy form, it must be received during the filing period.
- Vote Center located at 411 N 5th St, (Second Floor) Shelton
- By mail, send to:
 - Mason County Auditor, PO Box 400, Shelton, WA 98584
- Or by fax: (360) 427-7768

More information

Visit our website masoncountywaelections.gov to find helpful links to precinct maps, a list of precincts and links to the websites of the Mason County Democratic and Republican Parties.

There are two ways for Precinct Committee Officers to be elected

1. If only one candidate files for either the Democratic or Republican position, that candidate is considered elected immediately on May 14, 2024, and issued a certificate of election and will take office on December 1, 2024.
2. If two or more candidates file, the candidate receiving the highest number of votes in the Primary Election will be elected and issued a certificate of election on August 20, 2024, and will take office on December 1, 2024. Precinct Committee Officers do not advance to the General Election ballot.

If no one files for office, the position will be filled by the county central committee of the appropriate political party.

No special three-day filing period is allowed for vacancies.

Write-in candidates are not permitted.