

So you want to be an elected official...

Tips for the 2017 election cycle

Once you decide to run for office, go to the Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) and review your filing requirements. pdc.wa.gov

If you don't already know where to file for office, use the Secretary of State's website to find out filing locations. vote.wa.gov

Check to see if your county has candidate workshops to explain the procedures necessary to run for office. A list of County Auditors can be found on the Secretary of State's website. sos.wa.gov/elections/auditors/

Read the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) publication: *So you want to be an elected official... Practical information for people running for office in Washington's cities and towns.*



Important dates

First day to accept candidate filings by mail May 1

Note: filings received *before* May 1 are not accepted.

Candidate filing week May 15-19

Last day for candidates to withdraw May 22

Primary election: August 1

- County certification August 15
- Secretary of State certification August 18

General Election: November 7

- County certification November 28
- Secretary of State certification December 7

Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Elected Officials Essentials December 2

AWC's Elected Officials Essentials training is available at 12 locations throughout Washington for newly-elected mayors and councilmembers, as well as those currently in office. The content covers important information about roles and responsibilities, and basic legal obligations and liabilities. Check with your city/town clerk for more information or visit the AWC website. awcnet.org.

About the Association of Washington Cities (AWC)

AWC is a private, nonprofit, nonpartisan corporation that represents Washington's cities and towns before the state legislature, the state executive branch and with regulatory agencies. Our mission is to serve our members through advocacy, education and services. Membership is voluntary. However, AWC consistently maintains 100% participation from Washington's 281 cities and towns. A 25-member Board of Directors oversees the association's activities.

