

2022 Precinct Committee Office (PCOs) Filing Information

Important dates

May 2	First Day filing officer may receive candidate declarations by mail
May 16, 9:00am	Official Candidate filing online and in person starts
May 20, 4:00pm	Candidate filing ends, Lot Draw for ballot order
May 23, 4:00pm	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 1st, 2022.
- 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 masoncountyelections.us

We encourage all Precinct Committee Office candidates to file online.

Requirements to file online

- You must be registered to vote in the precinct for which you are filing for.
- Provide a valid email address.
- Submit by 4 pm on Friday May 20th.

Online Candidate Filing will be Open 24 hours a day starting May 16th at 9:00am and closes promptly at 4:00pm May 20th.

- You must submit before 4:00pm on Friday, May 20th. 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.

File in person or by mail

The Mason County Auditor's Department – Vote Center accepts filings for all offices in Mason County, including Precinct Committee Officers.

- Candidate filing is open Monday May 16th 9:00am through Friday May 20th 4:00pm.
- 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., Shelton (entrance at the back of the building off of Pine St.)
- Or by mail send to:
 - Mason County Auditor, PO Box 400, Shelton, WA 98584

More information

Visit our website masoncountyelections.us 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 PCOs to be elected

1. If only one candidate files for either the Democratic or Republican position, that candidate is considered elected immediately on May 24, 2022, and issued a certificate of election and will take office on December 1st, 2022.
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 16th, 2022 and will take office on December 1st, 2022. PCOs do not advance to the General Election ballot.

If no one files for office, the political party may fill the position by appointment.

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A special 3-day filing period will not be held for PCOs positions.