

# 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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](http://VoteWA.gov) and enter your voter registration information.

**File online at** [masoncountyelections.us](http://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 20<sup>th</sup>.

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

- You must submit before 4:00pm on Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. 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 16<sup>th</sup> 9:00am through Friday May 20<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022 and will take office on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 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.