

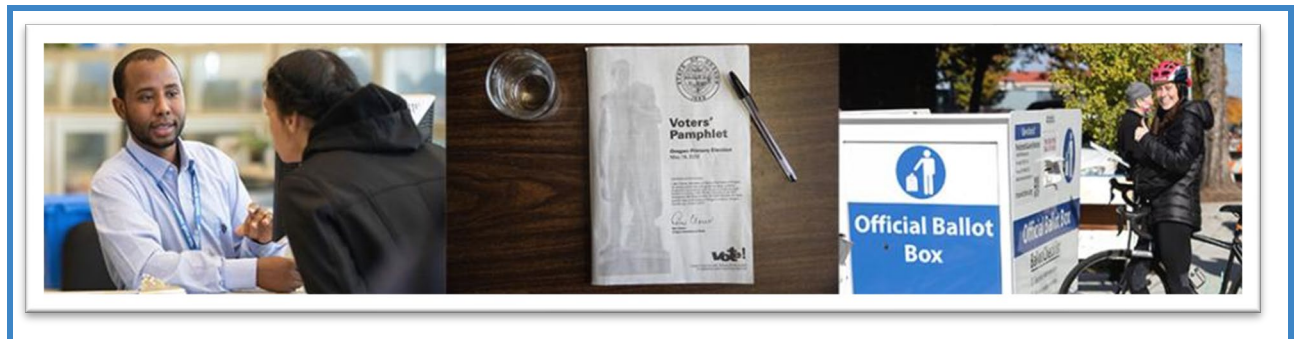


Multnomah County Elections Division

Candidate Guide

Multnomah County Candidates

November 3, 2026 | General Election



NOVEMBER 2026 COUNTY CANDIDATE GUIDE

The Multnomah County Elections Division produces candidate guides to share information about running for local offices.

This guide is for people interested in running for a Multnomah County office. The offices scheduled to be on the November 2026 General Election ballot are:

- **Multnomah County Chair**
- **Multnomah County Commissioner, District 2**
- **Multnomah County Auditor**
- **Multnomah County Sheriff**

The November 2026 General Election will be the first time that County offices are elected using ranked choice voting (RCV). This guide contains basic information about how RCV works, and shares resources for developing a more thorough understanding of RCV, including best practices for educating voters.

A separate Candidate Guide is available for People's Utility District offices, which will also be on the November 2026 General Election ballot.

This guide is not legal advice and should not be used for that purpose. Every effort is made to ensure that the information enclosed is current and accurate. However, in any instance that information within this guide conflicts with local or state laws, it is your responsibility to understand and comply with the law. If you are considering running for office, it may be advisable to consult with legal counsel.

Contact the Multnomah County Elections Division

Email: filings@multco.us

Phone: 503-988-8613 or 503-988-VOTE

Web: MultnomahVotes.gov

Address: 1040 SE Morrison Street, Portland, OR 97214

Meet virtually with elections staff to ask questions and learn about filing processes:

Use the [scheduling link](#) or call 503-988-8613 to set up a 30-minute meeting.

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IMPORTANT CANDIDATE DATES & DEADLINES

June 3, 2026	First day candidates can file declaration of candidacy
June 3, 2026	First day candidates can file a statement for inclusion in the County Voters' Pamphlet
5:00 pm, August 18, 2026	<u>Deadline</u> for <i>elected incumbent</i> candidates to file their declaration of candidacy
5:00 pm, August 25, 2026	<u>Deadline</u> for <i>non-incumbent</i> or <i>appointed incumbent</i> candidates to file their declaration of candidacy
5:00 pm, August 25, 2026	<u>Deadline</u> for candidates to file a statement for inclusion in the County Voters' Pamphlet(s)
August 28, 2026	<u>Deadline</u> for candidates to file a Candidate Withdrawal form to remove their name from the 2026 General Election ballot
October 27, 2026	<u>Deadline</u> to file as a Certified Write-In Candidate
November 3, 2026	General Election Day
November 30, 2026	Last day for County to certify official General Election results

CANDIDATE FILING CHECKLISTS

Candidate Filing Checklist

All Materials Must Be Received By 5:00 pm on Your Filing Deadline Day

<input type="checkbox"/>	Candidate Filing Form (MULT-01 online form or SEL 101 in-person/by mail)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Candidate Filing Fee: \$50
<input type="checkbox"/>	OR Signature Petition instead of Filing Fee The Elections Division must receive signature sheets by 5:00 PM on your filing deadline. To ensure signatures are verified by the deadline, submit your sheets at least 7 days ahead. Note: Elected incumbent candidates' filing deadline is 7 days earlier than other candidates' deadline.

Voters' Pamphlet Statement Filing Checklist

All Materials Must Be Received By 5:00 pm on August 25th

<input type="checkbox"/>	Candidate Statement Form (JCVP-01 online or in-person/by mail)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Candidate Statement Text
<input type="checkbox"/>	Candidate Photo (optional)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Completed Endorsement Forms(s) (JCVP-02A or JCVP-02B, if applicable)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Voters' Pamphlet Filing Fee: \$300

ABOUT COUNTY ELECTIONS & TERMS OF OFFICE

Legal qualifications and election requirements for Multnomah County officeholders are established by state statute and the Multnomah County Charter.

Multnomah County's elected offices are:

- Multnomah County Chair
- Four Multnomah County Commissioners, each representing a County district
- Multnomah County Auditor
- Multnomah County Sheriff

County officeholders are elected to staggered four-year terms, with half of the offices on the ballot every two years at the November General Election. Candidates elected to County offices begin their terms on January 1st following their November election.

Elections for County offices are nonpartisan: Candidates' political party affiliations are not printed on the ballot. All candidates for each office will be listed together on every eligible ballot, no matter the candidate's or the voter's party registration.

Election by Ranked Choice Voting (RCV)

Beginning in 2026, when two or more candidates have filed for a Multnomah County office, the officeholder will be elected using ranked choice voting (RCV).

RCV allows voters to rank up to six candidates on their ballot in order of preference instead of selecting only one candidate.

RCV contests are tabulated by first counting voters' highest ranked choices. If a candidate receives a majority of the vote (i.e. 50% +1), that candidate is elected. If no candidate receives a majority of the vote, the contest instantly enters a runoff, as follows:

- The candidate with the fewest number of votes is defeated.
- Votes for that candidate are transferred to each of their voters' next-highest ranked choice.
- This process continues until a candidate receives the majority of votes, and that candidate is elected.

Read the Elections Division's [Ranked Choice Voting Candidate Guide](#) for information about RCV, including best practices and resources for educating voters about how to successfully complete their ballots.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICES ON THE 2026 BALLOT

Multnomah County Offices & Qualifications ([County Charter](#), [ORS 206](#))

Office on the November 2026 Ballot:	Qualifications for Office:	Elected by:
County Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Qualified elector of Multnomah County for a year and a half immediately before taking office on January 1, 2027 	At-Large (all registered voters in the County)
County Commissioner District 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Qualified elector of Multnomah County for a year and a half immediately before taking office on January 1, 2027 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resident of Commissioner District 2 for a year and a half immediately before taking office on January 1, 2027 	By District (only voters registered in County Commissioner District 2)
County Auditor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Qualified elector of Multnomah County for a year and a half immediately before taking office on January 1, 2027 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified Public Accountant or Certified Internal Auditor at time of filing 	At-Large (all registered voters in the County)
County Sheriff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Qualified elector of Multnomah County for a year and a half immediately before taking office on January 1, 2027 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 21 years or older <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Filed Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSTT) certification <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 years' experience as a full-time law enforcement officer OR 2 years' experience and at least two years' post-high-school education <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not been convicted of a felony or any other crime that would prevent you from being certified as a police officer under ORS 181A.355 to 181A.689 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified by DPSTT as a police officer: if not prior to election, then within one year of taking office 	At-Large (all registered voters in the County)

Checking Your Qualifications for Office

You can check your voter registration status using [My Vote](#). If you cannot find your voter registration record, contact the Elections Division for more information.

Use the Elections Division’s [precinct map](#) to verify which district(s) your residence is in:

1. Select the magnifying glass icon in the upper left corner of the map
2. Type your residence address in the search field
3. Select the precinct surrounding your address for the list of your electoral districts

Auditor Candidates: Certified Public Accountant or Internal Auditor

You can provide information about your required Certified Internal Auditor or Certified Public Accountant credential by listing it in the “Education” section of your candidate filing.

Sheriff Candidates: Certification from the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training

Multnomah County Sheriff candidates must have their [eligibility certified by the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training](#) (DPSST).

Complete the [Sheriff Candidate and Eligibility Review form](#) and submit it to DPSST. DPSST will review your application and send a letter to the Elections Division certifying whether you are eligible.

File your application with DPSST as early as possible. The Elections Division must receive certification by September 3, 2026 in order for your name to be printed on the ballot.

If you are not certified as a police officer by DPSST at the time of filing, but are otherwise eligible, you may still run for sheriff. If elected, you must be certified as a police officer within one year of taking office or you will be required to vacate it.

FILING YOUR CANDIDACY

You must file candidate paperwork with the Elections Division to be listed on the ballot.

Your complete filing must be received by 5:00 pm on the filing deadline.

- **Elected incumbent candidates'** filing deadline is August 18, 2026.
- **Non-incumbent candidates'** filing deadline is August 25, 2026.

You are an incumbent candidate if you are filing for an office that you currently hold.

A complete candidate filing consists of:

- A **Candidate Filing form** (MULT-01 filed online or SEL 101 filed in-person/by mail)
- Either a \$50 filing fee or a candidate nominating petition** (SEL 121) with 500 qualified signatures from voters eligible to vote for the office
- Multnomah County **Sheriff candidates** must provide Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSTT) certification

Note: The Elections Division posts candidate filing forms on the [November 2026 General Election website](#), typically within two business days of receipt. If you do not want the residence address in your candidate filing to be publicly posted, read about residence address exemption on page 12.

Name Printed on the Ballot

Your candidate filing form has fields for your legal name and your name as you would like it printed on the ballot. These may differ. For example, if you go by “Liz” instead of “Elizabeth,” you may use either name on the ballot.

A title or designation (for example, Dr. or Reverend) may not be printed with your name. If one is listed on your filing form, your name will be printed without it (ORS 254.145).

Filing Online

File online through [Multnomah County Elections' Filing Portal](#). The online form (MULT-01) is accepted in place of the PDF SEL 101 form used for in-person filing.

Pay your filing fee online with a debit or credit card or select to file by signature petition.

Before filing your candidacy online:

- Only file online if you are the candidate.** You will legally attest to this before you can submit your filing.

- Prepare for required fields: Occupation, Occupational Background, Educational Background, and Prior Governmental Experience.
 - You may write “None” or “N/A” in a required field; you may not leave it blank.
- Have a credit or debit card ready.
 - If filing by signature petition, your candidate filing form may be submitted online, but the original petition sheets must be filed in-person or by mail.

Filing In-Person or by Mail

Deliver your completed SEL 101 [Candidate Filing form](#) in-person or by mail to:

- Multnomah County Elections, 1040 SE Morrison Street, Portland, OR 97214

In-person filers can pay the filing fee with credit or debit card, check, or cash.

Mail-in filers can pay the filing fee with a check payable to Multnomah County Elections.

Before filing in-person or by mail, check that:

- Your form contains the name of the office you are filing for, including the commissioner district number, if applicable.
- Your form has information in all required fields (Occupation, Occupational Background, Educational Background, and Prior Governmental Experience).
 - You may write “None” or “N/A” in a required field; you may not leave it blank.
- If filing by mail, allow sufficient time: Your filing must be **received** by the filing deadline, and a postmark on or before the deadline does not equal delivery.

Filing By Signature Petition

Instead of paying a filing fee, you can file with a [nomination signature petition](#) (SEL 121).

Before you gather signatures, the Elections Division must review and approve your SEL 121 petition sheet for circulation. It will be approved if you have correctly completed the candidate information section and indicated whether circulators will be paid.

Any signatures gathered before your petition is approved for circulation will be invalid.

You must gather **500 qualified signatures** from voters eligible to vote for the office.

Recommended: Gather 10-15% more signatures than required. There are many reasons why a well-intentioned supporter's signature may not be qualified.

The Oregon Elections Division's "[County, City, and District Candidate Manual](#)" (pages 28-32) provides information about statewide legal requirements for circulators and signature petitions.

File original, physical petition sheets with the Multnomah County Elections Division. Before submitting ensure:

- Each petition sheet certification is completed by its circulator.
- Petition sheets are numbered and organized sequentially.
- The petition sheets are accompanied by a [Petition Submission form](#) (SEL 338).

The Elections Division must receive signature sheets by 5:00 pm on your candidate filing deadline day. We will verify signatures on the petition to determine whether it contains enough qualified signatures.

To determine whether you have collected enough qualified signatures ahead of your filing deadline, file your petition at least 7 days in advance.

Amending Your Candidate Filing

You can update or correct your candidate filing form until your filing deadline. Regardless of how you originally filed, you can file an amendment online or in-person.

There is no additional fee for amended filings.

Amending Online

- Visit [Multnomah County Elections' Filing Portal](#).
- Select options to Amend your submitted Candidate Filing.
- Enter your email address and the Reference ID from the confirmation email sent after your original filing was received.
- Edit fields to update your filing information.
 - If you originally filed in-person, delete any placeholder text indicating in-person filing before editing the fields.

Amending In-Person

Deliver a new SEL 101 candidate filing form, with the “amendment” box checked, to the Elections Division. The amended form must have information in all required fields.

Withdrawing Your Candidacy

If you no longer want your name to be printed on the ballot, you must file an SEL 150 [Candidate Filing - Withdrawal form](#) by 5:00 pm on **August 28, 2026**.

If you do not file for withdrawal by the Candidate Withdrawal deadline, your name will still be printed on the ballot even if you take other steps to end your campaign.

Residence Address Exemption

Your candidate filing form and information in your voter registration record are public records that members of the public can request and review. The Elections Division publicly posts candidate filing forms on its website.

Candidates and public officeholders in Oregon have the right to file an SEL 180 [Residence Address Exemption Request form](#). The exemption prevents elections officials from publishing your residence address in:

- Your publicly posted candidate filing
- Voter lists (e.g. a list of all voters registered in Multnomah County)
- Your candidate committee in ORESTAR (the State Elections Division’s system for reporting campaign finance activity)

If you file for exemption, you must **provide a mailing address** that will be publicly disclosed on your filing form and in voter lists.

Your ballot will be sent to your mailing address as long as the exemption applies.

The exemption automatically expires when you are either not elected to office or cease to be an officeholder.

- **Under the SEL 180 exemption, your residence address may still be disclosed if the Elections Division receives a written public records request for it.**

If you have additional safety concerns about the disclosure of your residence address, you may also file an SEL 550 [Application to Exempt Residence Address from Disclosure as a Public Record](#). This exemption is available to any voter whose personal safety, or the safety

of a family member with whom they reside, may be endangered if their residence address remains available to the public.

If you are granted an SEL 550 exemption, the Elections Division may only disclose your residence address in compliance with a court order, at the request of a law enforcement agency, or with your consent.

This type of exemption requires you provide information about how your safety is at risk. A written statement on the SEL 550 form may be sufficient.

The SEL 550 form cannot be filed electronically or by email. You must either mail or deliver the form in person to the Elections Division, along with a completed [voter registration card](#).

Both the SEL 180 and the SEL 550 only exempt your residence address from elections-related records. Your residence address may still be publicly accessible in other government records, such as property records.

CERTIFIED WRITE-IN CANDIDATES

Votes for write-in candidates in Multnomah County contests will only be tallied individually for people who file as Certified Write-in Candidates.

Certified Write-In Candidates must:

- Meet legal qualifications for the Multnomah County office
- File a [Write-In Certification Form](#) (MULT-02) that is received by the write-in filing deadline: **October 27, 2026**

Write-In Certification Forms are filed:

- By email: filings@multco.us
- In-person or by mail: Multnomah County Elections, 1040 SE Morrison St., Portland, OR 97214

Certified Write-In Candidates do not:

- Have their name listed on the ballot
- Pay a filing fee (or submit a nominating signature petition)
- File a Voters' Pamphlet Candidate Statement

Votes for **uncertified write-in candidates** are grouped and counted as a single "uncertified write-in" total. Write-in candidates can only be elected if they are certified.

FILING YOUR VOTERS' PAMPHLET CANDIDATE STATEMENT

The Elections Division produces a Voters' Pamphlet that it mails to each residence address in the County several weeks before an election.

Candidates can choose to file a Candidate Statement for publication in the Voters' Pamphlet. **All elements of the Voters' Pamphlet Candidate Statement filing must be received by 5:00 pm on August 25, 2026 to be accepted.**

A complete Voters' Pamphlet Candidate Statement filing consists of:

- Joint County Voters' Pamphlet Candidate Statement form (JCVP-01) + statement text
- \$300 filing fee
- Joint County Voters' Pamphlet Statement of Endorsement form(s) (JCVP-02A and/or JCVP-02B), when applicable
- Candidate photo (optional)

[Official filing instructions](#) are available online and attached to Joint County Voters' Pamphlet PDF forms. Instructions are summarized in the "Candidate Statement Content & Formatting" section that starts on page 17 of this guide.

Recommended: File your Candidate Statement early to give elections staff more time to review it and notify you about issues before the filing deadline.

You cannot make any changes to your filing after the deadline.

Filing Online

File online through [Multnomah County Elections' Filing Portal](#). Pay your fee online with a debit or credit card.

Before you file:

- Only file online if you are legally responsible for the submission** (i.e., you are the candidate or candidate's agent). You will attest to this when you submit the filing.
- Prepare your statement in a word processor before starting the online form.
 - Easily copy and paste formatted text into the form.
 - Ensure you keep a copy of your statement.

- Ensure any Endorsement forms are completed and prepared for submission.
 - If you are filing more than 10 Endorsement forms, put them in a [ZIP file](#) (preferred) or a single PDF.
- Have your candidate photo ready for upload, if you are submitting one.

Filing In-Person or by Mail

You can deliver your [Candidate Statement form](#) (JCVP-01) in-person or by mail to:

- Multnomah County Elections, 1040 SE Morrison Street, Portland OR 97214

In-person filers can pay the filing fee with credit/debit card, check, or cash.

Mail-in filers can pay the filing fee with a check payable to Multnomah County Elections.

Before you file, make sure that:

- Any endorsement forms are printed and organized in the order endorsers are listed in your statement.
- A printed copy of your candidate photo is included; it does not need to be print quality if you also provide an electronic copy.
- If filing by mail, allow sufficient time: your filing must be **received** by the filing deadline, and a postmark on or before the deadline does not equal delivery.

Do you want a faster word-count review for your statement and better photo resolution for the pamphlet? *Send electronic copies!*

After filing, you will receive a confirmation email with a link to upload a copy of your photo (.jpeg or .png file) and the text of your statement (Word doc or .txt file).

Amending Your Voters' Pamphlet Statement

You can file an amendment to change or correct your Candidate Statement until 5:00 pm on August 25, 2026. No changes are permitted after the filing deadline.

Regardless of how you originally filed, you can submit an amendment online or in-person.

There are no additional fees for amending your filing.

Amending Online

Visit [Multnomah County Elections' Filing Portal](#).

- Select options to Amend your submitted Candidate Statement filing.
- Enter your email address and the Reference ID from the confirmation email sent after your original filing was received.
 - **Use the correct Reference ID:** The Reference ID for your Voters' Pamphlet Candidate Statement is different from the one for your Candidate Filing.
- Edit fields to update your filing information.
 - If you originally filed in-person, delete placeholder text indicating in-person filing before editing fields.
- Upload a new candidate photo or new/corrected Endorsement forms, if needed.

When amending your filing, you will not see previously submitted Endorsement forms or candidate photo. You do not need to resubmit them unless they have been changed.

Amending In-Person

Changes to your statement or photo must be accompanied by a signed JCVP-01 form with the “amendment” box checked. Deliver the amendment to the Elections Division.

To add a new endorsement to your statement, file the Endorsement form, a new JCVP-01 form with the “amendment” box checked, and statement text with the endorser name added.

Public Inspection

State statute mandates all Voters' Pamphlet materials be available for public inspection **four business days** after the filing deadline.

The Elections Division publicly posts copies of the filed statements on the election's Military & Overseas Online Voters' Guide webpage.

CANDIDATE STATEMENT CONTENT & FORMATTING

- ☑ Candidate Statement must be **typewritten** and include only words and numbers.
- ☑ **Candidate Statement text cannot be more than 325 words/numbers.**
- ☑ **Proof your statement.** Elections staff do not identify or correct errors in spelling, punctuation, grammar, or syntax, and changes are not allowed after the deadline.

Required Information

All statements must include information under the required headings: “Occupation”, “Occupational Background”, “Educational Background”, and “Prior Governmental Experience.” The rest of the statement is “Optional Information”.

- If you have no relevant experience, type the word “none” after the required heading.
- Required headings must be part of the statement, but do not count toward the word limit. Any words typed after the heading (including “none”) do count.
- Required Information should be submitted in standard format:
 - Each required section is a run-on list, with items separated by commas, colons, or semicolons.
 - Information is in plain text (no boldface, all caps, centering, underlining, bulleted list, etc.).
 - **If you submit Required Information in a different format, it will be standardized for publication.**

“Optional” Information

The “optional” section of your statement may include additional information about you, such as your experience, values, priorities, and/or supporters.

- “Optional Information” may use basic formatting (boldface, all caps, centering, underlining, bulleted/numbered lists).
- Italics may only be used when citing the source of a published quote; other uses will be changed to plain text.
- Generally, your statement’s formatting will be published as submitted, but custom formatting may be adjusted to fit text to available print space.
 - Example: A single-column list may be published in multiple columns.

If material in the statement violates [ORS 251.415](#), the violating material will be removed from publication. You will be notified about the removal when possible.

Word Count

Generally, anything with white space around it counts as a word.

- Bullet points and numbers in a numbered list do not count as words.
- Hyphenated words count as more than one word unless there is a dictionary-accepted spelling as a single word (e.g. re-elected and reelected).
- An ampersand (&) counts as one word.
- A Website URL counts as one word.
- “This information furnished by...” is not part of the word count.

Hand-count the statement to confirm it meets the 325-word limit.

The most common word count issue: word processors count words connected by a hyphen or slash as one word when they will be counted as multiple words under the Voters’ Pamphlet rules.

Endorsement Forms

If you name a person or organization as a supporter or endorser in your Candidate Statement, you must file a Statement of Endorsement form ([JCVP-02A](#) or [JCVP-02B](#)) from them by 5:00 pm on August 25, 2026 or the name will be removed.

- An Endorsement form must be submitted from each supporter or endorser named.
- The Endorsement form must be signed by the endorsing person or by the endorsing organization’s authorized representative.
- Endorsements must be part of your statement and count toward the 325 word-limit.

Unsigned or otherwise incomplete Endorsement forms will be rejected. The endorsement will be removed from the statement if an acceptable Endorsement form is not received by the deadline.

Signature Requirements

- Endorser’s electronic signature is accepted if it represents a true/“wet” signature.
- Digital Signatures (digital certificates, typed fonts, etc.) are **not accepted**.

A typed signature is the most common reason for an Endorsement form to be rejected.

Educate your endorsers about how to complete the forms, and review your endorsement forms for any errors or missing information before filing them.

Endorsement Form Options

JCVP-02A form – Filer Determines How to Use Endorser’s Name and Information

- The JCVP-02A form lets the candidate decide how the endorser’s name, title, and other biographical information about them will appear in the Candidate Statement.

JCVP-02B form – Endorser Determines How Their Name and Information Are Used

- The JCVP-02B form requires the candidate to publish the endorser’s name, title, and other biographical information exactly as written in the “Text for Publication Box.”
 - Elections staff will review the “Text for Publication Box” to ensure the published text matches exactly.

Example Statement Text:

“This candidate has our full support,” - Maria García, The Cooper Foundation

- **JCVP-02A form requires:**

- “Maria García” written in “Endorser Name” field
- “The Cooper Foundation” written in the “Organization I am authorized to represent, if any” field
- Maria García’s signature

- **JCVP-02B form requires:**

- “Maria García” written in “Endorser Name” field
- “The Cooper Foundation” written in the “Organization I am authorized to represent, if any” field
- The text ““This candidate has our full support’ - Maria García, The Cooper Foundation” printed in the “Text for Publication Box”
- Maria García’s signature

Publicly Published Quotes

Material published publicly before the filing deadline may be quoted without an Endorsement form if the source and the publication date are cited. The quote, source, and date count toward the 325-word limit. Use italics when citing the source and date.

Examples:

“The candidate will do great things.” – Joe Smith, *The Oregonian*, Apr. 15, 2025

“I told all my friends to vote for this candidate!” – Joe Smith, www.joesmith.com, 4/15/25

Portrait Photo

Submitting a portrait photo with your Candidate Statement is optional. Under ORS 251.075, portraits must meet these criteria:

- Headshot (shoulders to top of head) with a **plain background**
- Recent (no more than 4 years old)
- Does not include:** your hands, a hat, sunglasses, or any apparel or objects that are associated with any organization or affiliation
- Electronic submissions must be .jpg, .png, or .tif format

Portraits will be reduced to 1.5” x 1.75” and printed on newsprint.

The portrait must be filed with a JCVP-01 form (online, in-person, or by mail) and received by 5:00 pm on August 25, 2026. **The portrait will only be published if it meets requirements.**

Example of Formatted Candidate Statement

Candidate Photo.

For reference only.

Do not format photo into your submission.

Candidate Name

Occupation: Public Relations Specialist

Occupational Background: Communications, Business

Educational Background: Political Science BA, PSU; MBA, OSU

Prior Governmental Experience: None

The rest of your statement is “optional information,” which can be about your biography, experiences, values, goals, supporters, etc. You may use basic formatting in this section.

You may include quotes: **“This candidate rocks!”** – Bella Goodpublic, *The Oregonian*, Aug. 5, 2024

You may include bulleted or numbered lists:

1. Top Priority
2. Second Priority
3. Third Priority

You May List People Who Endorse You:

- Maria García, The Cooper Foundation
- Excellent Workers United
- Darnell Banks, CEO of Business
- Uptown Business Association

CandidateWebsiteURL.com

This information furnished by Candidate or Candidate Committee
(Furnisher information is not part of the word count)

CAMPAIGN FINANCE COMPLIANCE

As a candidate, ***you are responsible for ensuring that your campaign is compliant with all campaign finance regulations.***

Campaign finance regulations and obligations may apply before you file your candidacy.

Oregon's Elections Division, under the Oregon Secretary of State, oversees and enforces state campaign finance regulations, which cover campaign finance transaction reporting.

Multnomah County candidates are subject to local regulations that limit the sources and amounts of contributions and require campaign communications to clearly disclose information about who paid for them.

State Campaign Finance Regulations

Review Oregon's Elections Division's campaign finance resources as early as possible to learn more about your reporting obligations and how to maintain compliance.

- [Campaign Finance Transparency and Education](#)
- [Campaign Finance and Disclosures](#)

If you cannot access resources online, call Oregon's Elections Division: 503-986-1518.

Unless you meet the criteria for exemption, you must file a Statement of Organization with Oregon's Elections Division by whichever occurs first:

- Within three business days of first receiving a contribution or making an expenditure
- The deadline for filing your candidacy

You are exempt from filing a Statement of Organization only if you meet all criteria:

- You serve as your own treasurer
- You do not have an existing candidate committee
- You do not expect to spend or receive more than \$1,500 during the entire calendar year (including in-kind contributions and personal funds)

County Campaign Finance Regulations

For a comprehensive understanding of Multnomah County’s local campaign finance regulations, review:

- [Multnomah County Code](#) (MCC) 5.200 – 5.205
- Multnomah County’s [Contribution Limits and Disclosure Administrative Rules](#) (CLDR)
- [FAQ for Candidates and Campaigns](#)

The following sections provide a high-level overview of the County’s campaign finance program. Capitalized terms are legally defined. All definitions are listed in the CLDR.

Contribution Limit Overview

- ☑ You (Candidate or Candidate Committee) are **only allowed** to accept **Contributions** from **Individuals** and **Political Committees**.
- ☑ You may only accept **\$603 or less** from an Individual or Political Committee during a Multnomah County Candidate Election Cycle.
- ☑ You are allowed to accept **unlimited** Contributions from **Small Donor Committees**.
 - **Small Donor Committee:** Political Committee that only accepts Contributions of \$122 or less per Individual per calendar year. It cannot accept Contributions from Entities.
- ☑ You are **not allowed** to accept Contributions directly from any **other Entities** (unions, corporations, limited liability companies, and nonprofit organizations, among others).
 - **Entities** may form Political Committees, including Small Donor Committees, which can contribute to Multnomah County Candidates.

Both you and your contributors are responsible for complying with Contribution limits. In the event that a Contribution violates the limits, both you and the contributor may be liable and may be required to pay civil penalties.

Best practice: Include information about Contribution limits on your website’s page, materials, or communications, wherever campaign donations are solicited.

Communication Disclosure Overview

Most communications from or about Multnomah County Candidates are required to include a Prominent Disclosure that identifies the true original source(s) of funding for the

Communication. The County’s disclosure rules apply to Communications across formats, including audio, video, print, and electronic.

Some common communications the disclosure requirements **do not** apply to include:

- Communications funded with a total of \$366 or less
- Bumper stickers
- Signs smaller than six square feet
- Small items worn or carried by individuals, such as buttons or stickers
- 500 or fewer substantially similar flyers or other pieces of literature distributed in any 10-business day period

A Communication from your Candidate Committee that is subject to disclosure requirements must include the name of your Candidate Committee. If your Candidate Committee has any Dominant Contributors, additional disclosure requirements may apply.

A **Dominant Contributor** is an Individual or Entity that contributes more than \$1,223 to your Candidate Committee during a Multnomah County Candidate Election Cycle. If your Candidate Committee is in compliance with the County’s Contribution limits, only a Small Donor Committee can be a Dominant Contributor.

Reporting and Enforcement

In compliance with state campaign finance regulations, your campaign finance activity should be reported in ORESTAR, Oregon’s Elections Division’s system for reporting campaigns’ financial activities. You do not have separate reporting requirements for Multnomah County. If the Multnomah County Elections Division receives a complaint about your activity, part of our investigation will include reviewing your filings in ORESTAR.

The Multnomah County Elections Division enforces the County’s campaign finance regulations through a complaint-driven process. If we receive a campaign finance complaint about you or your Candidate Committee, you will receive a copy of the complaint and have the opportunity to respond as part of the investigation. Violations of County campaign finance regulations can result in a letter of education or civil penalties. More information about investigation processes and potential penalties are included in the CLDR.

ELECTION RESULTS REPORTING & CERTIFICATION

Under the single-winner ranked choice voting (RCV) system used to elect Multnomah County offices, if no candidate in a contest receives a majority of the vote (i.e. 50%+1) after counting Rank 1 votes for each candidate:

- The candidate with the fewest number of votes is eliminated.
- Votes for that candidate are transferred to their voters' next-highest ranked active candidates.
- This process continues in rounds until a candidate receives a majority of votes, reaching the threshold to be elected.

RCV results are tabulated and presented differently than plurality election results. The State of Oregon's Election Night Reporting site is not capable of displaying RCV results, so <http://rcvresults.multco.us> will be the sole source for RCV election results.

The first preliminary election results will be posted at 8:00 PM on Election Night. Updates are released periodically as we continue to count ballots.

- Each preliminary update will include full round-by-round tabulation, indicating which candidate has reached the election threshold and is in the lead, based on the ballots received up to that time.
- Each preliminary update is generated from scratch, incorporating all ballots received at the time of the update.
- In preliminary updates, votes for all write-in candidates will be aggregated as a single "write-in" category. Votes for Certified Write-In candidates will only be disaggregated in the final results report.

The Multnomah County Elections Division will certify final election results by November 30, 2026. Newly elected officials begin their terms of office on January 1, 2027.

HOW TO ORDER A VOTER LIST

Any person may order a voter list for an electoral district, which provides information about voters registered in that district. The most commonly ordered voter lists are:

- **Voter Registration** - Includes the names, addresses, and party registrations of voters currently registered in a district.
 - The history of whether voters cast ballots in previous elections can be included.
- **Walking List** - Includes the names, addresses, and party registrations of voters currently registered in a district, listed by precinct in the order someone would walk up and down a street.
- **Voted/Not Voted List** - Includes the names, addresses, and party registrations of voters in a district and whether their ballot has been returned in an election.
- **Ballot Challenge List** - Includes the names and addresses of voters whose ballots have been challenged in the active election because they were returned in unsigned ballot envelopes or the signature does not match the voter registration record.
 - This list is only available 15 days after an election.

Order through the County's [Public Records Center](#). Choose "Submit a Records Request" and select "Other Department" for the Elections Division's request form. Call 503-988-8613 with any questions.

Price per list: \$25.00 setup fee plus \$0.025 per 100 voter records.

Example: A voter list that contains records for 100,000 voters would cost:
 $\$25.00 + 100,000 / 100 \times \$0.025 = \$50.00$ total.

The Ballot Challenge List is the only list provided free of charge.

APPENDIX: ELECTION FORMS FOR CANDIDATES

- Candidate Filing: [Mult-01 \(online\)](#) or [SEL 101 \(PDF hard copy\)](#)
- Candidate Committee: [ORESTAR](#)
- Signature Petition Sheet: [SEL 121](#)
- Petition Submission: [SEL 338](#)
- Write-In Certification: [MULT-02](#)
- Candidate Withdrawal: [SEL 150](#)
- Residence Address Exemption Request: [SEL 180](#)
- Voters' Pamphlet Candidate Statement: [JCVP-01 online](#) or [JCVP-01 PDF hard copy](#)
- Endorsement, Use Determined by Candidate: [JCVP-02A](#)
- Endorsement, Use Determined by Endorser: [JCVP-02B](#)