

# VOTE! *Our DEMOCRACY Depends on It*

## WITHOUT VOTING, DEMOCRACY CANNOT EXIST.

The League of Women Voters of Kitsap's Voter Services Committee focuses on three key areas related to voting: voter registration, voter forums, and Get Out the Vote campaigns.



### Voter Registration

Many of our League members participate in voter registration drives. Throughout the year, we go to locations (such as high schools, farmers markets, college campuses, libraries, the Salvation Army, etc.) to register voters and help people update their voter registration data.



### Get Out the Vote

Before elections, many of our League members participate in Get Out the Vote campaigns. You'll see us with our signs on busy corners, near the ferry as it unloads, and walking around the local college campus, all to remind voters to send in their ballots.



### Voter Forums

Before primary and general elections, we sponsor informative voter forums. We invite candidates to answer questions from the public, and we invite experts to debate the pros and cons of certain ballot initiatives. The forums, **see page 2**, typically are recorded; we post these recordings on our website afterwards.



## About the League of Women Voters of Kitsap

**Vision Statement:** The League of Women Voters envisions a democracy where every person has the desire, the right, the knowledge and the confidence to participate.

- \* **The League of Women Voters of Kitsap** — We have been active since 1962 and currently have 213 members from all across Kitsap County.
- \* **Non-Partisan** — As an organization the League does not support or oppose political parties or candidates.
- \* **Political** — The League does take action on selected governmental issues based on a firm foundation of careful study. As soon as a new issue is chosen by the membership we go after the facts. We draw on a variety of pro/con materials, develop our own resources, turn to experts and public officials for information, directly observe facilities and institutions and draw the community into the decision-making process through public meetings, surveys and media coverage.
- \* **Committed** — The League is dedicated to encouraging informed citizen participation in the political process.
- \* **Grassroots** — Our members study all viewpoints and come to consensus before taking action on an issue.
- \* **Citizen Action** — The League is a volunteer, member directed organization. Any person of any gender older than 16 may become a member.



# Candidate Forums



Watch candidates for the 2022 Primary Election answer questions submitted by the community. All forums will be on Zoom.

For Zoom links, visit [lww-kitsap.org/candidate-forums](https://lww-kitsap.org/candidate-forums)



## State Representative, 23rd Legislative District

Monday July 11, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Candidates: Janell Hulst, Ace Haynes, Tarra Simmons

## State Senator, 26th Legislative District

Tuesday July 12, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Candidates: David Crissman, Jesse L. Young, Emily Randall

## Kitsap County Commissioner, District 3

Thursday July 14, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Candidates: Josh Hinman, Katie Walters, Jeff Wallis, Axel Strakeljahn, Leiyomi Preciado Lagdameo

## Submit a Question

You can submit questions for candidates up to 2 days in advance of each forum.

**By email:** [info@lww-kitsap.org](mailto:info@lww-kitsap.org) (put "Candidate Forum Question" in the subject)

**On our website:** [lww-kitsap.org/candidate-forum-questions](https://lww-kitsap.org/candidate-forum-questions)

*Due to time limits, not all questions may be asked*



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## Helpful Tools For Voting

### VOTEWA.GOV

VoteWA.gov is an easy website for checking your voter registration status in Washington State, sponsored by the Washington Secretary of State. All you need is your name and date of birth. You can register to vote and make changes to your address or name. Also, you can check your voting history in the state, your elected officials, your state voter's guide, ballot drop box locations, and ballot status (i.e. has your ballot for the latest state election been received).

### VOTE411

Vote411.org is a helpful website for voters, sponsored by the League of Women Voters Education Fund. Enter your address to find your polling place, build your ballot with our online voters' guide and much more! With our voters' guide you can see the races on your ballot, compare candidates' positions side-by-side, and print out a "ballot" indicating your preferences as a reminder. Check out our resources for military and overseas voters!

### KITSAP COUNTY AUDITOR

The Kitsap County Auditor's website at [www.kitsapgov.com/auditor](http://www.kitsapgov.com/auditor) contains a wealth of information regarding elections and voting. Some especially useful links on their site include:

#### 🗳️ **Ballot drop box locations.**

Also, info about Vote Centers and accessible voting.

🗳️ **Voter Registration.** See up-to-date information about registering to vote, changing your address, links to forms, etc.

🗳️ **Kitsap County Elected Officials.** A comprehensive list with contact information of your federal, state, county, and city representatives as well as your school, fire, port, sewer, utility, water, and park & recreation districts.

🗳️ **Results of the most recent election and results from previous elections.** See results of elections in Kitsap County, dating back to 1998. Results are broken down by precinct, so you can see how your neighborhood voted on candidates and issues!

### 2022 VOTERS PAMPHLET

The Official Local Voters' Pamphlet for the 2022 Primary Election can be viewed and downloaded from the Auditor's website at [www.kitsapgov.org/auditor](http://www.kitsapgov.org/auditor).



## Websites For Researching Candidates/Issues

🗳️ **Ballotpedia.org:** Information about issues and candidates on your ballot.

🗳️ **OnTheIssues.org:** Candidates' opinions and voting records on issues.

🗳️ **VoteSmart.org:** Information about candidates and elected officials

🗳️ **Vote411.org/ballot:** Compare candidates' positions side-by-side on your ballot.

### Tips From the Kitsap County Auditor's Website

[www.kitsapgov.com/auditor](http://www.kitsapgov.com/auditor)

The Auditor's office will respond quickly to make sure you're ready to vote in the next election. They can be reached during regular business hours at 360-337-7128.

### They Represent You

They Represent You (TRY) is a brochure funded by the League of Women Voters' Education Fund, presented courtesy of the League of Women Voters of Kitsap. Contained is a listing of county, state and federal government officials that represent citizens of Kitsap County. These can be downloaded from our website at [www.lwv-kitsap.org](http://www.lwv-kitsap.org).

### Video Recordings

Bremerton-Kitsap Access Television (BKAT) generously records and broadcasts many of our Voter Forums. They make these recordings available on the internet afterwards. Go to Video Recordings on our website at [www.lwv-kitsap.org/video-recordings/](http://www.lwv-kitsap.org/video-recordings/) to view past League sponsored forums and other informative education events.

### Why Vote in Local Elections?

In July 2019, BKAT recorded a conversation with LWV Kitsap members Maurie Louis and Catherine Ahl about the importance of voting in local elections. Watch it from our website at [www.lwv-kitsap.org/why-vote-in-local-elections/](http://www.lwv-kitsap.org/why-vote-in-local-elections/).

You are a part of an amazing community of 271,473 residents in Kitsap County (the 7th largest in Washington State) and the Kitsap County Auditor's Office is very proud to serve and represent you.



## 2022 Voter Information

### Get Ready to Be a Voter

#### Need to register to vote? Update your name/address?

Go to [VoteWA.gov](https://VoteWA.gov). You'll need a WA driver's license/state ID to register online.

Don't have one? Print out and mail a voter registration form found on [VoteWA.gov](https://VoteWA.gov)

#### Already registered? Use [VoteWA.gov](https://VoteWA.gov) to:

Check registration • See Voter's Guide • Get ballot info • Track your ballot

[VoteWA.gov](https://VoteWA.gov)



### Important Election Dates in 2022

July 15-Aug 2	August Primary election period. Put a ballot in a drop box until 8 p.m. on Aug 2
July 15-25	Vote EARLY by US MAIL ( <i>after July 25, suggest using a ballot drop box</i> )
July 25	Deadline to register to vote by mailed application or using <a href="https://VoteWA.gov">VoteWA.gov</a>
July 26-Aug 2	Register to vote in person at Kitsap Auditor's Office, weekdays 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Also open Saturday, July 30 and extra hours on Aug 2 (7 a.m. – 8 p.m.)
July 30, Aug 1, Aug 2	Register to vote in person and/or VOTE in person at a Voting Center (see below)
<b>August 2</b>	<b>Primary Election Day.</b> Drop your ballot at a ballot drop box, or vote in person at a Voting Center <b>until 8 p.m.</b>
Oct 21-Nov 8	General election period. Put ballot in a ballot drop box until 8 p.m. on Nov 8
Oct 21-31	Vote EARLY by US MAIL ( <i>after Oct 31, suggest using a ballot drop box</i> )
Oct 31	Deadline to register to vote by mailed application or using <a href="https://VoteWA.gov">VoteWA.gov</a>
Nov 1-8	Register to vote in person at Kitsap Auditor's Office, weekdays 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Also open Saturday, Nov 5 and extra hours on Nov 8 (7 a.m. – 8 p.m.)
Nov 5, Nov 7, Nov 8	Register to vote in person and/or VOTE in person at a Voting Center (see below)
<b>November 8</b>	<b>General Election Day.</b> Drop your ballot at a ballot drop box, or vote in person at a Voting Center <b>until 8 p.m.</b>

### Voting Centers

South Kitsap <b>Kitsap County Admin. Building</b> Auditor/Elections Office 619 Division Street, Port Orchard	Central Kitsap <b>Marvin Williams Recreation Center</b> 725 Park Avenue Bremerton	North Kitsap <b>Poulsbo Fire Station</b> 911 NE Liberty Road Poulsbo
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#### At a Voting Center, you can:

- Register to vote
- Update your address
- Drop off your ballot
- VOTE in person

#### Voting Centers will be open:

**Saturday & Monday before Election Day, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**  
**Election Day (Tuesday): 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.**

### Ballot Drop Boxes

Open 24 hours/day until 8 p.m. on Election Day. Ballot drop boxes are secure & tamper-proof.

25 locations in Kitsap County. For nearest drop box, visit [kcowa.us/elections](https://kcowa.us/elections), scan QR code, or call Kitsap County Auditor at **360-337-7128**.



## Voters Having Special Circumstances

Felon Voting Rights Restoration	<a href="https://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/voters/felons-and-voting-rights.aspx">https://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/voters/felons-and-voting-rights.aspx</a> <a href="https://www.aclu-wa.org/docs/can-i-vote-flowchart">https://www.aclu-wa.org/docs/can-i-vote-flowchart</a> (English, Spanish, Other Languages)
Homeless	Homeless Persons ARE able to register and vote without a permanent address Contact Kitsap County Auditor's Office, Election Division: 360-337-7128
Accessible Voting	<a href="https://www.kitsapgov.com/auditor/Pages/accessible-voting-in-kitsap-county.aspx">https://www.kitsapgov.com/auditor/Pages/accessible-voting-in-kitsap-county.aspx</a>

## Websites for Voting Information

VoteWA.gov <a href="https://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/">https://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/</a>	WA voter services. Register to vote, update your address/name, track your ballot All things about voting and elections in WA State, from the WA Secretary of State's elections office. (English, Spanish, Chinese, and Vietnamese available)
Vote411.org	From LWV. Great info on voter registration, ballots, candidates
Ballotpedia.org	Info about issues/candidates on your ballot
LWV-Kitsap.org	Kitsap County current events, recordings of candidate forums, links to voting tools
OnTheIssues.org	Candidates' opinions/voting record on issues
VoteSmart.org	Information on candidates and elected officials
For TEENS	<a href="https://www.sos.wa.gov//elections/future-voter-program.aspx">https://www.sos.wa.gov//elections/future-voter-program.aspx</a>

Watch/listen to a variety of news stations including Public Broadcasting System (PBS) TV Channel 109 (The News Hour, 6 pm) and National Public Radio (NPR) on KUOW (94.9) and KNKX (88.5).

## Websites for Checking Information Accuracy

FactCheck.org	Fact check of political TV ads, debates, speeches, interviews and news releases
FlackCheck.org	Recognize flaws in arguments in general and political ads in particular
PolitiFact.com	A website that fact-checks journalism
Snopes.com	A fact-checking resource, looking into things from political news stories to urban legends
InvestigateWest.org	Investigative reporting for the Northwest

## Phone Numbers

1-800-562-6000	Legislative hotline	202-224-3121	U.S. Capitol Switchboard
1-800-448-4881	Voter Information Hotline	360-337-7129	Kitsap County Auditor (for voting questions)
1-800-419-2596	State LWV office		

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Learn more at Kitsap County's local League website, [lww-kitsap.org](http://lww-kitsap.org).



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## SPECIAL EDITION

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### Election Certification and Data

The Auditor's office provides information about how Kitsap Elections ballot tabulation systems are tested, election certification and other data as it becomes available. The Auditor's website includes videos of Logic and Accuracy Test and Canvassing Board meetings.

### 2022 Primary Election Candidate Forums

The League of Women Voters of Kitsap is hosting 2 candidate forums for the 2022 Primary Election: State Representative for the 23rd Legislative District on July 11. Kitsap County Commissioner, District 3 on July 14. Go to our website at [www.lwv-kitsap.org](http://www.lwv-kitsap.org) to get details, the Zoom links, and to use the form provided to submit your questions for the candidates.

### Questions From the Public

You can submit questions to be asked of the candidates by going to our website at [www.lwv-kitsap.org/candidate-forum-questions/](http://www.lwv-kitsap.org/candidate-forum-questions/). You also can email your questions to [info@lwv-kitsap.org](mailto:info@lwv-kitsap.org). Please put "Candidate Forum Question" in the Subject line. All questions must be received 3 full days prior to the forum where your question is to be asked.

### Election Schedule

2022 Primary	Aug. 2, 2022
2022 General	Nov. 8, 2022

Some elections only take place in parts of the county, depending on the districts that have candidates of measures.