



CAIR WASHINGTON VOTING GUIDE

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The Washington Elections Division (WED) supplies excellent information, answers, voting questions, and provides ballot and candidate information.

WED Phone: (800) 448-4881

WED Email: elections@sos.wa.gov

WED Website: <http://www.vote.wa.gov>

When and Where to Vote:

- Election Day is Tuesday, November 6, 2012.
- Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Due to low population densities and for your convenience, almost every county in Washington uses mail-in ballots instead of polling sites. To check what your county does, click on the "Voters" at <http://www.vote.wa.gov>
- Mail-in-ballots are sent out at least 18 days before the election.
- Return your ballot by mail on November 6, 2012 at the latest, or return it personally to your County Auditor's Office or another designated ballot site.
- Any ballot not postmarked by November 6, 2012 will not be counted.
- Here are some other ways to find your polling place:

Contact Your State Democratic Party

<http://www.wa-democrats.org>

Phone: (206) 583-0664

Contact Your State Republican Party

<http://www.wsrp.org>

Phone: (425) 460-0570

Contact Your Local CAIR Chapter

- **CAIR Washington**
Phone: (206) 367-4081
Email: info@cairseattle.org
Website: <http://www.cairseattle.org>

How to Register to Vote:

- Register to vote online or print a voter registration form from <http://wei.secstate.wa.gov/osos/en/voterinformation/Pages/RegistertoVote.aspx>, and mail it to your local county elections office.

- Registration online or by mail must be postmarked or received by October 8, 2012.
- For first-time registrants and in-person registration, registration must be received by October 29, 2012.
- Re-register to vote if you have moved, changed your name, or would like to declare an official party affiliation. If your voter registration information has not changed, you do not need to re-register.

Absentee Voting:

- The request for an absentee ballot must be made to your county auditor or elections department.
- An absentee ballot can be request as early as 90 days before an election.
- No absentee ballots are issued on November 6, 2012 except to residents of health care facilities.
- Absentee ballots must be signed and postmarked or delivered to the county election officer on or before November 6, 2012.
- People are strongly encouraged to go to the polls or to mail-in their vote before this deadline if possible.

Early Voting:

- Mail-in-ballots are sent out at least 18 days before the election.

Your Rights as a Washington Voter are as Follows:

- To vote if you have registered by Monday, October 8, 2012 as a regular voter, or by Monday, October 29, 2012 as a first-time voter or in-person registrant.
- To have questions concerning voting procedures answered and to receive assistance if needed.
- To vote without being intimidated, threatened, or coerced.

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Major newspapers may produce a guide to candidate positions.



- To vote if you are eligible to do so even if you do not bring an ID to the polls.
- To vote using a provisional ballot if your registration comes into question.
- If you feel that your rights are violated or you witness a violation of rights in the registration or voting process, please contact the Washington Secretary of State Elections Division at (800) 448-4881.
- Your vote is private – The ballots are processed in such a way that your identity will not be distinguishable from your ballot.

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