



In 2026, a Special Election will occur to fill a vacancy in Seattle City Council District 5. The Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission (SEEC) will distribute two \$50 Democracy Vouchers to residents residing in City Council District 5 (D5). Residents use vouchers to support candidates of their choice by assigning their vouchers to participating candidates. Candidates who have completed the qualifying process may receive campaign funds from the SEEC.

Timeline

- **February 27, 2026** - A postcard is mailed to residences in D5, alerting them to watch for their vouchers and contact our office to make sure they are ready.
- **March 9, 2026** - This week, registered voters of D5 who are inactive are mailed a postcard informing them to contact King County Elections to update their voter registration.
- **March 16, 2026** - This week, residents begin receiving vouchers in the mail and by email.
- **May 22, 2026** - Last chance for candidates to enter the Democracy Voucher Program by signing the Pledge.
- **August 4, 2026** - Primary Election
- **November 3, 2026** - General Election

How to use your vouchers

To receive vouchers, an individual must be:

- At least 18 years or older.
- A U.S. citizen, U.S. national, or lawful permanent resident.
- A Seattle resident.
- For 2026, they must also reside in D5.

Seattle registered voters automatically receive vouchers. Residents **do not** have to be a registered voter to use Democracy Vouchers. Residents who meet the eligibility requirements may apply by contacting our office or filling out an application [here](#).

Residents may return their vouchers by:

- Using the prepaid envelope addressed to the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission (SEEC).
- Giving their vouchers directly to a campaign.
- Accessing the Democracy Voucher Online Portal to assign their vouchers.

Replacement Vouchers

Residents who misplace their vouchers can obtain replacements from the SEEC by phone, email, or on the [SEEC website](#).

Resources Available

- [Participating Candidates](#)
- [Candidate Introductions](#)
- [Replacement Requests](#)

Languages

- [Language Resources](#)
- The program serves residents in 20 languages. Materials, including vouchers, are available upon request.



Contact Us

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District 5

YOUR 2026 DEMOCRACY VOUCHERS ARE COMING SOON!

Contact us to make sure you are ready.

Vouchers will be sent beginning **March 16th**.

Check your mailbox or your email inbox.





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| Arabic/ العربية | Lao / ພາສາລາວ |
| Cambodian / Khmer/ ខ្មែរ | Oromo / Oromiffa |
| Chinese (Traditional)/ 中文 (繁體) | Russian / русский язык |
| Chinese (Simplified)/ 中文 (简体) | Somali / Soomaali |
| English | Spanish / Español |
| Filipino / Tagalog | Thai / ภาษาไทย |
| French / Français | Tigrinya / ትግርኛ |
| Hindi / हिंदी | Ukrainian / Українська |
| Japanese/ 日本語 | Vietnamese / Tiếng Việt |

Have questions? Contact us!

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