



ELECTION 101

April 27 at 6-8 p.m.

Council Chambers

Presented by Inclusive Auburn

AGENDA

- Welcome & Introductions
- Candidate Resources & Information
- Auburn's Form of Government
- Councilmember Commitment, Roles & Responsibilities
- Boards & Commissions
- Wrap-up



Voting Rights Act

Voting Rights in the United States

Removing barriers to voting

1776

America declares independence from Great Britain. **Allows "free holding" men voting rights**

1789

Constitution grants states the power to set voting requirements. **Passes Naturalization Act** in 1790 limited citizenship to white immigrants.

1870

The **15th Amendment** becomes law, prohibiting the government from denying the right to vote on the basis of race, color or previous servitude.

1920

The **19th Amendment** becomes law, prohibiting the government from denying the right to vote based on sex.

1924

Citizenship Act passes granting Native Americans the right to vote.

1943

Magnuson Act passes granting Chinese immigrants the right to vote.

1965

Voting Rights Act passes. VRA was expanded in 1970, 1975, 1982 and 2006.

What to expect

We won't be talking about:

- Political issues
- Campaign strategies
- Partisanship

(Per RCW 42.17A.555: No elective official nor any employee of his or her office nor any person appointed to or employed by any public office or agency may use or authorize the use of any of the facilities of a public office or agency, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of assisting a campaign for election of any person to any office or for the promotion of or opposition to any ballot proposition.)

We will be talking about:

- Candidate qualifications
- What a person needs to do in order to run for elected office in Auburn
- Basic responsibilities of an Auburn City Councilmember
- Elected offices in Auburn
- Auburn's form of government

Qualifications to Run for Office

Mayor

City Council

Auburn School Board

To run for office in Auburn, candidate must:

Mayor/City Council

Be a registered voter in
Auburn

Have lived in Auburn for at
least one year consecutively

Auburn School Board

Be a registered voter

Reside in in the school district
and appropriate director
district

Important Dates for 2023

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Candidate Filing May 15-19, 2023

Deadline to Withdraw May 22, 2023 | 4:30 pm

Primary Election August 1, 2023

General Election November 7, 2023



Filing Requirements to Run for Office

Public Disclosure Commission
Candidate Filing

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Public Disclosure Commission

Fifty years of regulating Washington State political disclosure to inform the public about campaign finances, lobbyist spending and public official and candidate financial affairs.



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All candidates and committees subject to the public disclosure law must report to the PDC, regardless of the amount of money they will receive from contributors or spend on their campaigns. The key to complying with both the regulatory and the reporting provisions of the law is to keep detailed records of each contribution and expenditure and file reports on time.

Public Disclosure Commission Filing

When do I become a candidate?

According to the disclosure law, you become a candidate when you:

- Accept a contribution or spend money for your campaign
- Reserve space or purchase advertising to promote your candidacy
- Authorize someone else to do any of these activities for you
- State publicly that you are seeking office
- File a declaration of candidacy

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Running for office

To become a candidate, you must complete and file a Declaration of Candidacy, meet the qualifications for the office at the time of filing, and be registered to vote in the district. Read the [Candidate Manual](#) for more information.

Candidate resources

- [Candidate Manual](#)
- [Offices Subject to Election](#)
 - [Printable format](#)
 - [Comma-delimited format](#)
- [Campaign contribution limits for King County offices](#)
- [Writing for a multilingual audience - tips for writing a Local Voters' Pamphlet statement](#)
- [Best practices for unofficial ballot printing stations & temporary drop boxes](#)
- [Political sign regulations \(King County\)](#)
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- [Public Disclosure Commission requirements](#)
 - [Get to know the PDC handout](#)
- [Seattle candidate information:](#)
 - [Democracy Voucher Program](#)
 - [Seattle Ethics and Elections](#)

Online filing

- [Online candidate filing](#)
- [Online voters' pamphlet filing](#)



Filing to Be on the Ballot

(Declaration of Candidacy)

Online candidate filing is available 24 hours a day starting May 15, 2023, at 9 a.m. and ending on May 19, 2023, at 4 p.m.

- Filing information will be shared with Pierce County *(no need to file in both counties)*
- Fees: Auburn City Council filing fees: \$175.23 (waiver available); Auburn School Board \$0
- Fees are non-refundable if candidate withdraws *(Deadline to withdraw is May 22, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.)*
- If a candidate withdraws and re-files for a different position, a second filing fee must be paid for the new position.

United States governing bodies have some form of structure in which powers are separated. Typically, there are **three branches of governance**. The executive, legislative and the judicial.

Each of these branches has a distinct and essential role in the function of the government.

Legislative

Makes laws



Executive

Carries out laws



Judicial

Evaluates laws



local levels of government

In Auburn, we work at the federal, state, county and local levels

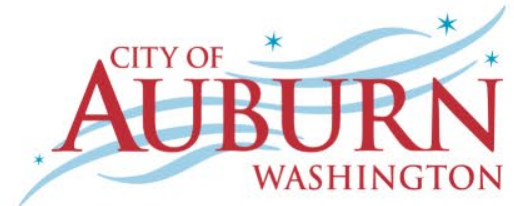
State



County



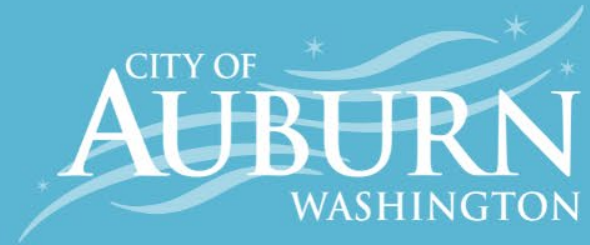
Local



Auburn is part of two counties (King and Pierce),
the majority of Auburn is in King County.

Who represents you?

In Auburn, we have a full-time elected mayor and seven councilmembers that serve at-large. Auburn does not have voting districts. Local offices are non-partisan.



Executive

Carries out laws



Mayor Nancy Backus

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Deputy Mayor
James Jeyaraj

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Councilmember
Bob Baggett



Councilmember
Kate Baldwin



Councilmember
Larry Brown

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Councilmember
Robyn Mulenga

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Councilmember
Cheryl Rakes



Councilmember
Yolanda Trout-Manuel

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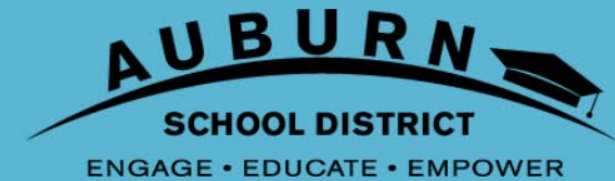
The Auburn School District has three comprehensive high schools, one alternative high school, four middle schools, and 16 elementary schools. Servicing 17,000 students and with over 2,000 employees is one of Auburn's largest employers.

Superintendent

Hired by the Board of Directors



Dr. Alan Spicciati



Sheilia McLaughlin



Arlista Holman



Valerie Gonzalez



Laura Theimer



Tracy Arnold



School Board

Elected by voters to 4-year terms

Auburn's Form of Government

There are three
forms of city/town
government in
Washington



Mayor-Council



Council-Manager



Commission

- The City of Auburn functions under the **Mayor-Council** form of government
- The mayor-council form consists of an elected mayor who serves as the city's chief administrative officer, and a council which serves as the municipality's legislative body.

**The mayor-council form of government is the most common in Washington state with 227 of our 281 cities (60%).*

City Council Duties and Salary

The Council is responsible for:

- Setting policy
- Adopting the annual budget
- Adopting laws
- Determining the services to be provided and the funding levels for those services
- Approving citizens to advisory boards and commissions

General time commitment:

- Four council meetings per month (average length of meetings 1 – 2 hours)
- Some travel is expected locally, regionally, and at times nationally
- Monthly Council Member salary as of January 1, 2022 is \$1,460.28 per month (no benefits)

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Boards & Commissions

Boards & Commissions

The City of Auburn has several volunteer Boards, Commissions and Committees that advise the Mayor and City Council in certain areas of government and policy issues.

Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees are made by the Mayor and in some instances require confirmation by the City Council.

Airport Advisory Board

Cemetery Board

Salary Commission

Arts Commission

Civil Services Commission

Transportation Advisory

Auburn Lodging Tax

Human Services Committee

Board

Advisory Committee

Junior City Council

Urban Tree Board

Auburn Tourism Board

Parks & Recreation Board

White River Valley Historical

BIA Rate Payer Committee

Planning Commission

Society

Additional Resources

- **Council Member Duties** – City of Auburn
- **Running for Office** - King County Elections
- **So you want to be an elected official** - Association of Washington Cities (AWC)
- **Getting Into Office** - Municipal Research & Services Center (MRSC)
- **King County 2023 Candidate Manual** – Filing for Office
- **Public Disclosure Commission**

All above resources are listed and linked at www.auburnwa.gov/elections



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