

DVP UPDATE FOR CAMPAIGNS #1

December 18, 2023



IMPORTANT DATES

- **January 3, 2024** - Vacancy occurs in Seattle City Council Position 8. The election cycle begins, and candidates may start campaigning and qualifying.
- **January 11, 2024** - Candidates must establish residency by this date.
- **March 12, 2024** - First day vouchers are available to Seattle residents.
- **May 6-10** - Filing week at King County Elections.
- **May 24, 2024** - Last chance for candidates to enter the Democracy Voucher Program by signing the Pledge.
- **August 6, 2024** - Primary Election Day.
- **November 5, 2024** - General Election Day.

These amounts apply to the 2024 Special Election. Amounts for the 2025 Election will be announced in 2025.

Office	Maximum Campaign Valuation (MCV)	DVP Contribution Limit	Vouchers per Eligible Seattle Resident	Contribution Limit (Non-DVP)	Qualifying Signatures and Contributions
<i>Special Election City Council At-Large</i>	<i>\$450,000 (\$225,000 Primary)</i>	<i>\$350 plus up to \$50 in vouchers</i>	<i>Two at \$25 each \$50 total</i>	<i>\$650</i>	<i>400 each</i>

MCV - A candidate participating in the Democracy Voucher Program in 2024 can raise or spend a maximum of \$450,000, no more than \$225,000 in the Primary.

DVP Contribution Limit - A DVP candidate can accept contributions of up to \$350 from a person plus up to \$50 in vouchers for the duration of the election cycle.

Vouchers Available to Seattle Residents- Beginning March 12, 2024, the DVP will mail two \$25 vouchers to eligible Seattle residents for use in the 2024 special election. The online voucher portal goes live, and campaigns may begin collecting Campaign Replacement Forms.

Qualifying Signatures and Contributions - Candidates collect at least 400 of each from Seattle residents.

Non-DVP Contribution Limit - Candidates not participating in the DVP can accept contributions of up to \$650 per person for the duration of the election cycle.

Release from Limits - There are provisions in the Code that allow DVP candidates to request release from the DVP contribution and MCV limits if certain conditions are met. (SMC 2.04.634B)

Available Program Funds - The Democracy Voucher Program has \$1,800,000 set aside for candidates.

Helpful Links

- [2024 DVP Toolkit and other resources](#)
- [SMC 2.04](#) (Elections Code)
- [SEEC Elections Code Rules](#)
- [DVP Website](#)
- [DVP Program Data](#)
- [SEEC Elections website](#)
- [2024 Candidate Resources - Coming Soon!](#)

Interested in participating in the 2024 election?

Contact us to schedule a training!