

# Interested in running as a candidate in Seattle?

## Now, there's a new way to fund your campaign!

In 2017, the City of Seattle launched the Democracy Voucher Program, which created a funding source for Seattle residents to run for office or support candidates of their choice.

### **When is the next City of Seattle election?**

The next City of Seattle election is in 2019 and the seven city council district races are eligible for campaign funding through the Democracy Voucher Program.

### **When may candidates begin qualifying for the Democracy Voucher Program?**

Candidates may begin collecting qualifying contributions for the Democracy Voucher Program beginning January 1, 2018.

### **How many qualifying contributions are required to qualify for the program?**

Candidates running for a city council district position must collect at least 150 qualifying contributions from Seattle residents. Seventy-five contributions must come from within the candidate's district.

### **What is the residency requirement for candidates?**

Candidates must reside in the district they wish to represent for at least 120 days prior to filing for office. The deadline for residency is January 17, 2019.

### **How do I get started?**

Before beginning or announcing a campaign, please contact the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission for more information or to schedule a campaign training.

Contact us for more information or to schedule a training:



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