

# Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission: Democracy Voucher Program Update

Commission Meeting: May 7, 2025

## Candidates

Office	Non-DVP Candidates	Number of DVP Candidates	Number of Qualified DVP Candidates
Mayor	2	7	2
City Attorney	0	4	2
City Council 9	2	1	1
City Council 8	1	1	1
City Council 2	1	4	2
Total	6	17	8

## Important Dates

May 5 – Candidate Filing Week begins. Candidates must file a Declaration of Candidacy to be on the ballot.

May 23 – Last day for candidates to Pledge to enroll in the Democracy Voucher Program.

## Invoicing

Distributed \$905,450, representing 36,218 vouchers.

## Democracy Vouchers

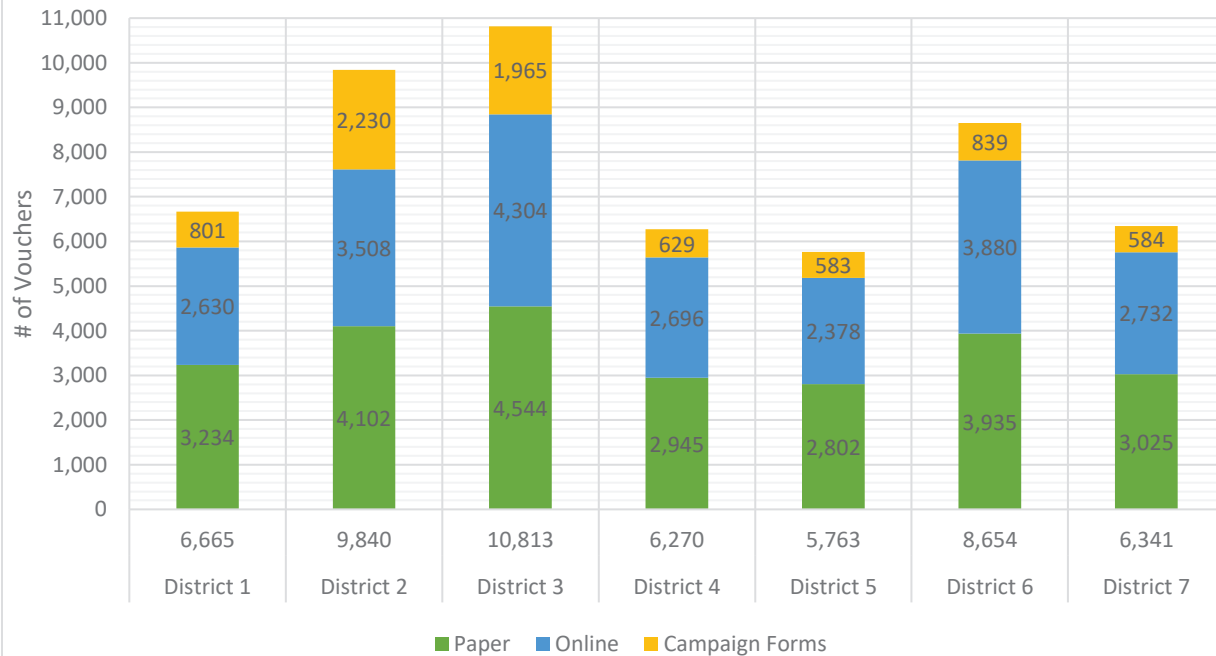
54,346 vouchers have been returned, representing 14,472 Seattle residents.

- Paper: 24,587
- Online: 22,128
- Campaign Replacement Form: 7,631

Utilization of Available Program Funds by Campaigns			
Year	Available Funds	Distributed Funds	Utilization Rate
2017	\$3,000,000	\$1,140,525	38%
2019	\$4,200,000	\$2,454,475	58%
2021	\$6,800,000	\$3,397,050	50%
2023	\$5,250,000	\$2,286,750	44%
2024	\$1,800,000	\$629,325	35%
2025	\$9,000,000	\$905,450	10%

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2025 Returned Vouchers Type and District



## Outreach and Media

- City of Seattle Central Customer Service Center Presentation – March 18
- Eritrean Association of Greater Seattle Democracy Voucher Training – April 7
- Fremont Neighborhood Association Presentation – April 14
- Murano Senior Living Presentation – May 2

## Upcoming

- Request Replacement Democracy Voucher Bus Advertisement Campaign – May 5 – June 1
- Beacon Arts Street Festival Tabling – May 10

**LOOKING FOR YOUR DEMOCRACY VOUCHERS?**  
 Contact us to request replacements.  
[seattle.gov/democracyvoucher](https://seattle.gov/democracyvoucher)