

# Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission: Democracy Voucher Program Update

Commission Meeting: January 7, 2026

## Invoicing

Distributed \$3,710,300 representing redeemed 148,412 vouchers.

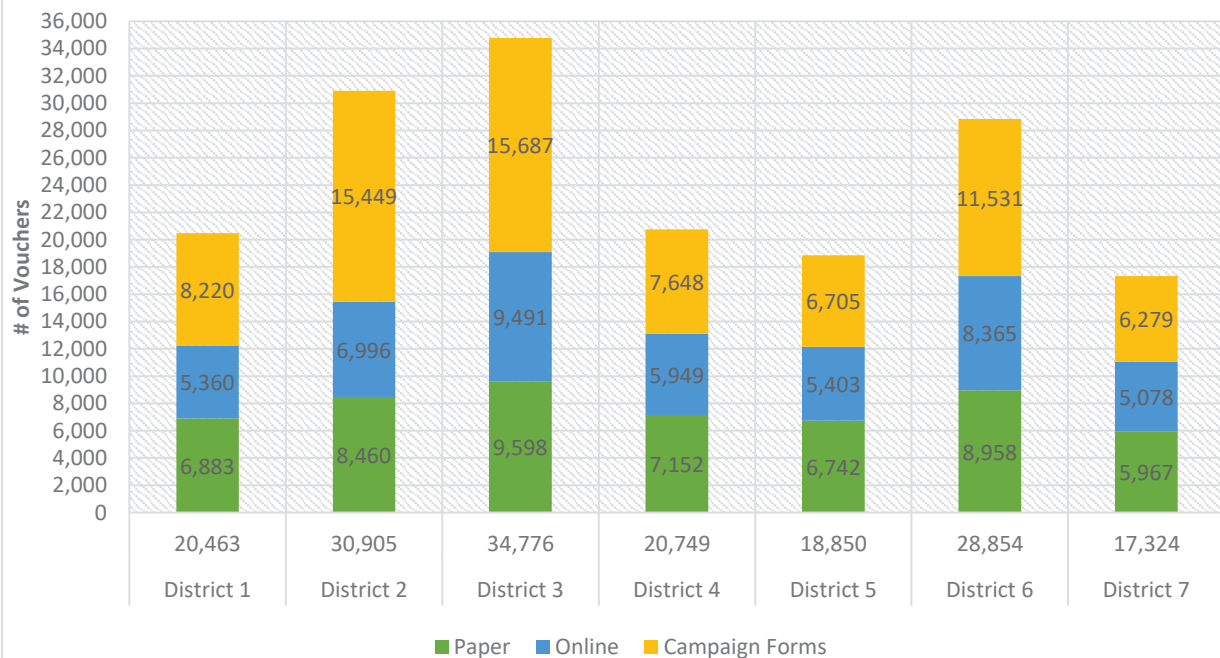
## Democracy Vouchers

To date, 171,945 vouchers have been returned, representing 45,773 Seattle residents.

- Paper: 53,764, 31%
- Online: 46,662, 27%
- Campaign Forms: 71,519, 42%

Utilization of Available Program Funds			
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	\$766,025	43%
2025	\$9,000,000	\$3,710,300	41%

2025 Returned Vouchers Type and District



Voucher district totals do not include vouchers from residents in the Address Confidentiality Program.

## Outreach

The following four organizations were selected for the 2026 D5 Democracy Voucher Outreach Fund:

- Literacy Source
- Lake City Collective
- Korean American Coalition
- WashingtonCAN