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Hello DVP candidates,

Please see below on what to expect after the primary.

Determining the results of the Primary – For the purposes of disbursing voucher proceeds, the SEEC Executive Director has the authority to “call” the results of the Primary if the top two vote-getters are clear. Otherwise, the results will be known at certification of the election, unless there is a recount. Each race will be decided on its own, we will not wait for all races to be known before announcing. The first results review will occur on Monday, August 10th.

Announcing the results of the Primary – All candidates in a race will be notified of the top two vote-getters.

For candidates who do not advance to the General

- **Closing the books** – All DVP Primary-only campaigns must close their books 45 days after the results are determined unless a request for an extension has been submitted to and granted by the SEEC Executive Director.
- **Qualification is pending** – Candidates may continue the qualifying process after the Primary election day. If you are intending to qualify, we recommend getting qualifying submissions to us ASAP to ensure there is sufficient time to validate ahead of closing the books.
- **Voucher collection and private fundraising** - Candidates may continue to collect vouchers and raise private funds to pay debt. Reminder – debt counts towards the MCV.
- **Funding** – Disbursements of available vouchers will continue up to the limits and deadlines. DVP cannot redeem vouchers received after September 1, 2026. [SMC 2.04.632.D](#).
- **Qualified candidates** – Candidates have 45 days from when the results of the Primary are determined to return unspent funding to the program. See [Rule 16 D](#) on how to calculate unspent funding. Please contact [Polly Grow](#) with questions on how to close out your campaign.
- **Returning unused funds** – Unused funds are returned by a check made out to Seattle Ethics and Elections and either delivered to our office or mailed to Seattle Ethics and Elections, PO Box 94729, Seattle, WA, 98124-4729.

For candidates advancing to the General

- **Funding**
 - If you were not released from the MCV, you will continue receiving regular disbursements up to the General Election MCV.
 - If you were released from the MCV in the Primary, any unspent funds raised but not

spent to pay Primary debts will be counted towards your General Election MCV. We will contact your treasurer for an accounting of this amount and a disbursement will follow.

- **Contribution limits** – Contribution limits are reinstated upon calling of the Primary.
- **MCV** – The General Election MCV goes into effect upon calling of the Primary.

Call or email if you have specific questions about your campaign.

Best,
Democracy Voucher Program Team