

INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL POSITION 5?

Use Democracy Vouchers to fund your Campaign!

About the 2026 Special Election

A vacancy has occurred in Seattle City Council District 5. There will be an election in 2026 to fill that role until the regular election occurs in 2027. In 2026, the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission (SEEC) will distribute two Democracy Vouchers valued at \$50 to residents of District 5.

Residents assign vouchers to participating candidates they support. The SEEC verifies the vouchers and issues funds to the campaign.

Become a Candidate

- ✓ Schedule a one-on-one training.
- ✓ Pledge to be a Democracy Voucher candidate.
- ✓ Collect Democracy Vouchers from Seattle residents.
- ✓ Qualify for the program to receive funds.
- ✓ Fund your campaign!

Frequently Asked Questions

How much funding is available for campaigns?

For 2026, \$900,000 is available for candidates to fund their campaigns.

Which positions are eligible for funding?

City Council Position 5.

How much funding can each candidate get?

Spending Limits for Participating Candidates	City Council District
Campaign Spending Limits for Primary Election	\$112,500
Combined Campaign Spending Limits for Primary and General Election	\$225,000



2026 AT A GLANCE

- **July 8, 2025** - Election cycle begins.
- **January 4-8, 2026** - Candidates must establish Seattle residency by this date.
- **March 16, 2026** - Democracy Vouchers are mailed and candidates may begin collecting vouchers and campaign replacement forms.
- **May 4-8, 2026** - All candidates must file a Declaration of Candidacy with King County Elections.
- **May 22, 2026** - This is the last day candidates can pledge to join the Democracy Voucher Program.
- **August 4, 2026** - Primary Election Day.
- **November 3, 2026** - General Election Day.

How Do I Get Started?

Contact us to schedule a one-on-one training:



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