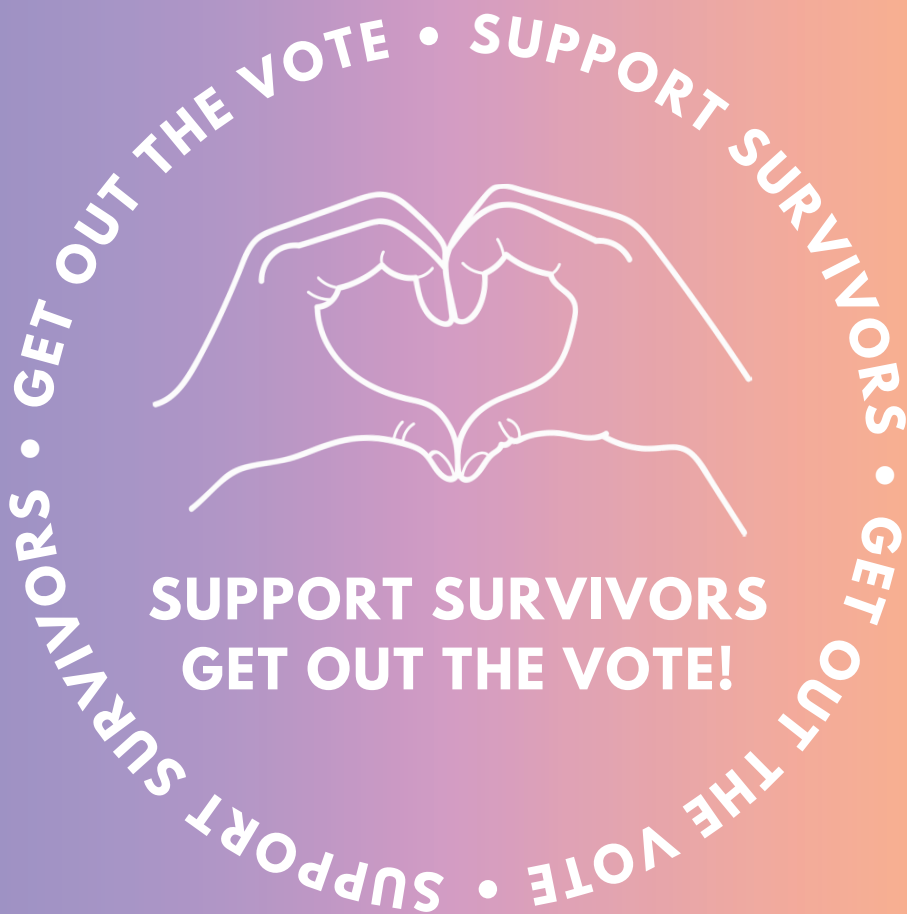




YOUR VOTING GUIDE FOR THE 2026 ELECTION

WASHINGTON STATE COALITION AGAINST

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & SEXUAL ASSAULT

YOUR VOICE MATTERS.

Voting is a powerful way to use your voice and create real change. For survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault, barriers can make voting difficult, but your voice is important in shaping a world where everyone can get the safety and support they need.

For advocates, this is a chance to help survivors harness their power.

Whether you're navigating the voting process yourself or supporting someone else, every vote brings us closer to a world where we all have what we need to thrive.

THIS ELECTION, WE'RE ASKING YOU TO DO THREE THINGS TO MAKE AN IMPACT:



1

Register to vote at VoteWA.gov or in person if you're eligible.

2

Make a voting plan.

Think about the issues that are important to you and the candidates who align with your values.

3

Share this information with three people in your community before election day on November 3, 2026!

KEY DATES FOR THE 2026 GENERAL ELECTION

OCTOBER 16

The 18-day voting period begins and ballots are mailed.

OCTOBER 26

Last day to register to vote online or by mail (you can still register in person up to Election Day).

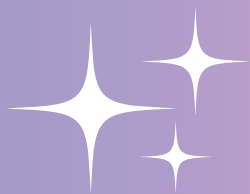
NOVEMBER 3

Election Day! Drop off your ballot at an official drop box by 8:00pm or make sure it is postmarked today if you are mailing it.

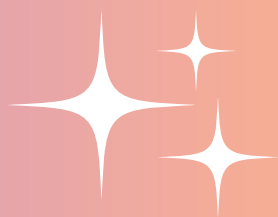
VOTER ELIGIBILITY

In order to register to vote in Washington State, you must be:

- A citizen of the United States;
- A Washington State resident;
- At least 18 years old by election day;
- Not currently serving a sentence in prison for a felony conviction;
- Not disqualified from voting due to a court order.



ALL ABOUT VOTING FAQ



How does voting in Washington State work?

To receive a ballot, you must **register** to vote. Washington is a **vote-by-mail state**. Return your ballot by drop box or mail by Election Day.

I lost my ballot! What should I do?

Request a replacement from your county elections office or go in person if close to Election Day.

It's Election Day! Can I still register to vote?

Yes! Go to your county elections office to register in person.

Can I vote if I have a felony conviction?

Yes, if you are no longer in prison for a felony conviction. Your voting rights are restored when you are released from prison, but you need to register again to receive a ballot.

Can I vote if I don't have a traditional home address?

Yes! You can use a shelter, a park, or any other place where you stay. You'll need to provide a mailing address to receive your ballot—you can use the address of a shelter, a friend, or general delivery at a post office.

I am from Washington, but in college in another state. Where do I vote?

It's up to you! You can use your home (permanent) address in Washington, or you can re-register to vote in your new county.

What is the Future Voter Program?

In Washington state, 16- and 17-year-olds can sign up for the Future Voter Program and be automatically registered to vote when they become eligible at age 18.

I have a disability. Will voting be accessible?

As a voter with a disability, you have the right to request reasonable accommodation for voting. To make a request, contact your county elections office.

What about safety and confidentiality for survivors?

Personal voter information including your address can be made available through public inquiry. To keep your address confidential, you can enroll in the **WA State Address Confidentiality Program** (ACP), a program that issues you a substitute mailing address. Make sure you update your voter registration with your substitute address.

I am enrolled in the Address Confidentiality Program. How do I vote?

If you are already enrolled in the ACP, registering to vote will be different for you. Call the ACP at 360-753-2972 and they will send you a form so that you can register as a Protected Records Voter.

[Learn more online.](#)

What can I do if I'm not eligible to vote?

Not everyone is eligible to vote. Immigration status, age, some criminal convictions, and other barriers can keep people from voting, even though decisions made by elected officials still affect their lives and communities.

But voting isn't the only way to participate. You can share information with people who are eligible to vote, speak up about issues that matter to you, contact elected officials, volunteer, or get involved with organizations and community groups.

There are many ways to use your voice and help shape your community. Turn the page for more ways to get involved beyond the ballot.



STAY INFORMED

Follow trusted news sources and organizations working on issues you care about. Sign up for newsletters or action alerts to learn about opportunities to take action.

SPEAK UP

Contact your elected officials, attend local government meetings, and share your perspective on decisions that affect your community.

GET INVOLVED

Volunteer with a local organization, join a community group, or participate in advocacy around an issue that matters to you.

TALK WITH OTHERS

Share reliable information with friends, family, and neighbors. Help eligible voters find voting information, register, or make a plan to vote.

TAKING ACTION BEYOND THE BALLOT

FOR ADVOCATES: NONPROFITS AND VOTING

As a 501(c)(3) organization, you can:

Promote Voter Registration: Host voting drives, encourage registration at your office, or send voting reminders.

Help Survivors Vote: Provide registration information, assist with forms, or help secure a mailing address for ballots.

Host Candidate Forums: Organize nonpartisan forums for all candidates or encourage attendance at others.

Distribute Voter Guides: Share sample ballots or trusted nonpartisan guides.

Advocate for Ballot Measures: Advocate for issues that impact survivors and their families and educate your community on ballot measures within lobbying limits.

However, you cannot:

- Endorse or contribute to candidates.
- Rank or rate candidates.
- Allow candidates to use your facilities without equal access for all.

Learn more from **Nonprofit VOTE**
Voter Engagement Guide.



WHAT'S ON YOUR BALLOT



This November, Washington voters will choose candidates for federal, state, and local offices. Depending on where you live, you may also vote on local measures.

Every Washington voter will also have three statewide initiatives on their ballot. These initiatives address public schools, young people, taxes, and funding for public services like education and healthcare.

WHERE THE COALITION STANDS

The Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault has taken a position on all three statewide initiatives.

We are asking Washington voters to vote NO on I-001, I-638, and I-645.

On the next two pages, you can learn what each initiative would do and why the Coalition opposes it.

For official information about everything on your ballot, visit **VoteWA.gov**.

I-001: PUBLIC SCHOOLS & STUDENT SAFETY

What would it do?

I-001 would restore an earlier version of the state's Parents' Bill of Rights, giving parents broader access to some student records and information.

Why does the Coalition oppose it?

The Coalition believes young people need access to safe adults and support—including when home may not be a safe place. We oppose policies that could make it harder for vulnerable and abused students to seek help at school and find safety.

THE COALITION RECOMMENDS: VOTE NO ON I-001.

I-638: TRANS STUDENTS & SCHOOL SPORTS

What would it do?

I-638 would create new eligibility requirements for girls' school sports. Students participating on girls' teams would be required to receive genital exams or genetic testing to verify their biological sex. Girls unable to meet the requirement would be barred from playing.

Why does the Coalition oppose it?

We believe decisions about youth sports should protect young people's safety, dignity, and access to positive school activities. I-638 creates unnecessary, invasive, and inaccessible requirements for students in order to exclude transgender girls from girls' sports.

THE COALITION RECOMMENDS: VOTE NO ON I-638

I-645: FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SERVICES

What would it do?

In 2026, Washington passed a new 9.9% tax on annual individual income over \$1 million.

I-645 would repeal that tax and prohibit state and local governments from imposing taxes on individual income. The state's official ballot disclosure says the initiative would decrease funding for public K–12 schools, higher education, and human services, primarily healthcare.

Why does the Coalition oppose it?

Washington's tax system asks more from people with the least: households with the lowest incomes pay about 14% of their income in state and local taxes, while the wealthiest 1% pay about 4%.

Survivors and their families rely on strong public services and community resources. Washington is already facing serious funding challenges. The state's fiscal analysis estimates that I-645 would reduce state revenue by about \$11.4 billion through 2031.

At a time when communities across Washington need more resources—not fewer—we believe our state should protect investments in education, healthcare, human services, and other essential services.

THE COALITION RECOMMENDS: VOTE NO ON I-645

LEARN MORE FROM THE OFFICIAL CAMPAIGNS



**NO HATE IN
WA STATE**



**NO ON
I-645**

MAKE YOUR VOTING PLAN

Check Your Registration

Make sure your registration and mailing address are up-to-date at VoteWA.gov.

Look for Your Ballot

Ballots will be mailed by October 16.

Learn What's on Your Ballot

Read your voters' pamphlet or visit VoteWA.gov to learn about the candidates and measures you'll be voting on.

Fill Out Your Ballot

You don't have to vote on every race or measure for your ballot to count. Take your time and vote on the choices you want to make.

Return Your Ballot

Use an official ballot drop box by 8:00pm on November 3. If you're returning your ballot by mail, election officials recommend mailing it more than a week before Election Day.

MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD!

VOTE NO ON I-001.

VOTE NO ON I-638.

VOTE NO ON I-645.

THEN ASK THREE FRIENDS:
DO YOU HAVE A PLAN FOR VOTING?



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