

Voters' Pamphlet

Guidelines for Ballot Measures

Skagit County - 2026 Edition

Email the following documents to sselections@co.skagit.wa.us:

- Explanatory Statement
- Arguments
- Committee roster
- Contact information
- Rebuttal

Questions?

Call 360-416-1702

All submissions must be emailed in a Word-compatible format.

Explanatory Statement

Explanatory Statements may consist of up to 300 words. Hyphenations count as 2 words (example: "pro-jobs")

Arguments For/Against

Arguments may consist of up to 250 words. Hyphenations count as 2 words (example: "pro-jobs").

You may use up to 4 headings, each 15 words or less. Headings are calculated as part of the total word count.

No more than 5 paragraphs are allowed for arguments.

Deadlines - 4:30pm on day of deadline

	-For/Against Committee contacts -Ballot Measure deadline -Explanatory Statement	For/Against Arguments due	Rebuttals due
February 10 Special Election	December 12, 2025	December 17, 2024	December 19, 2024
April 28 Special Election	February 27	March 6	March 11
August 4 Primary Election	May 1	May 8	May 13
November 3 General Election	August 4	August 14	August 19

*The Office of the Secretary of State or Skagit County Auditor may change deadlines if needed for the timely publication of the Voters' Pamphlet. (WAC 434-381-120)

Responsibilities

Jurisdictions - submit signed ballot measure resolution(s), explanatory statement, appoint committee members, and provide guidelines to committees.

Committees - submit arguments For/Against and rebuttals. committee members must live in the district for which they are participating

Skagit County Elections - will forward copies of arguments to opposing parties.

Committee roster

Each committee is limited to 3 members, but the committee can have an unlimited number of persons assist them to prepare the statements.

Only the names of the committee members (as submitted by the jurisdiction) are included in the pamphlet. Committee members' titles will not be included.

Contact information

Each committee may submit a telephone number, an email address, and a website. These do not count toward any word limit. This information will be listed online and in the printed pamphlet.

Rebuttal

Rebuttals may consist of up to 75 words. Only 1 paragraph is allowed with no headings.

Review

All submissions are final. Only errors made by the Skagit County Elections office may be corrected.



Your explanatory statement, argument and rebuttal may *not* include bold, underlining, bullets, all caps, or photos. Italics are permitted for emphasis. Headings will be printed in bold type. Websites are not permitted in the argument or rebuttal.