

**Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission
Elections Code Rule 16 Democracy Voucher Program**

J. Regulating the Collection of Democracy Voucher Replacement Forms

1. Collection of Campaign Replacement Forms are subject to the following regulations:

a. Definitions

For purposes of this Rule, a “Democracy Voucher Campaign Replacement Form Collector” (“Collector”) is an individual who engages with members of the public, in person, for the purpose of collecting Campaign Replacement Forms (“Replacement Forms”). Collectors include campaign staff and campaign volunteers.

For purposes of this Rule, Collectors are “candidate’s representatives” subject to the registration requirements provided in SMC 2.04.624 and Rule 16.

For purposes of this Rule, “Paid Collector” means any individual who receives compensation directly or indirectly from a campaign for the purpose of collecting Replacement Forms.

b. Prior to collecting Campaign Replacement Forms, each Collector must first be registered by a candidate or an officer of the candidate’s political committee as a candidate’s representative.

c. Campaigns shall have no more than two Paid Collectors for district elections and five Paid Collectors for citywide elections at any point in time who are paid to solicit Democracy Voucher Replacement Forms as part of their other duties.

d. Paid Collectors shall not be engaged by the campaign or designee solely for the purpose of soliciting Democracy Voucher Replacement Forms.

e. Paid Collectors shall not be compensated, bonused, or otherwise incentivized based on the number of Democracy Voucher Replacement Forms collected, the number of signatures collected, by the dollar amount of vouchers redeemed, or by compensation based on any other success measure related to such collection.

f. Paid Collectors shall be compensated on an hourly, stipend, or salary basis.

g. Before Paid Collectors solicit Democracy Voucher Replacement Forms, they shall first attend a brief training provided by the SEEC.

h. Before Paid Collectors solicit Democracy Voucher Replacement Forms, the campaign shall submit the following attestation to the SEEC:

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_____ “The Paid Collector named here, _____, was not hired solely to solicit Campaign Replacement Forms and is not paid on an incentive basis. Their other duties include the following:

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Signed by Candidate: _____.

Signed by Paid Collector: _____.

Paid Collector attended training on: ____ / ____ / ____.

Submitted by: _____ . Date: _____

~~((Collectors shall not receive compensation, or other financial incentive, from any source for collection of Replacement Forms.))~~ Collectors who are otherwise employed by a campaign and who cannot separate paid from unpaid time during their workday are considered Paid Collectors subject to the limitations of this Rule. ((may)) Unpaid Collectors who only collect Replacement Forms during non-work times such as evening, weekends, or other personal time are not subject to the limitations of this Rule.

e i. While ~~collection~~ collecting Replacement Forms, Collectors and Paid Collectors:

“Shall disclose their role in writing via a conspicuous and legible sign, placard, or badge stating, “DEMOCRACY VOUCHER CAMPAIGN REPLACEMENT FORM COLLECTOR for [Candidate].”

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