

# Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission: Democracy Voucher Program Update

Commission Meeting: August 6, 2025

## Candidates

Office	Non-DVP Candidates	Number of DVP Candidates	Number of Qualified DVP Candidates
Mayor	0	8	3
City Attorney	0	4	4
City Council 9	3	1	1
City Council 8	2	3	1
City Council 2	0	4	4
Total	5	20	13

## Invoicing

Distributed \$2,155,225, representing 86,209 redeemed vouchers.

## Democracy Vouchers

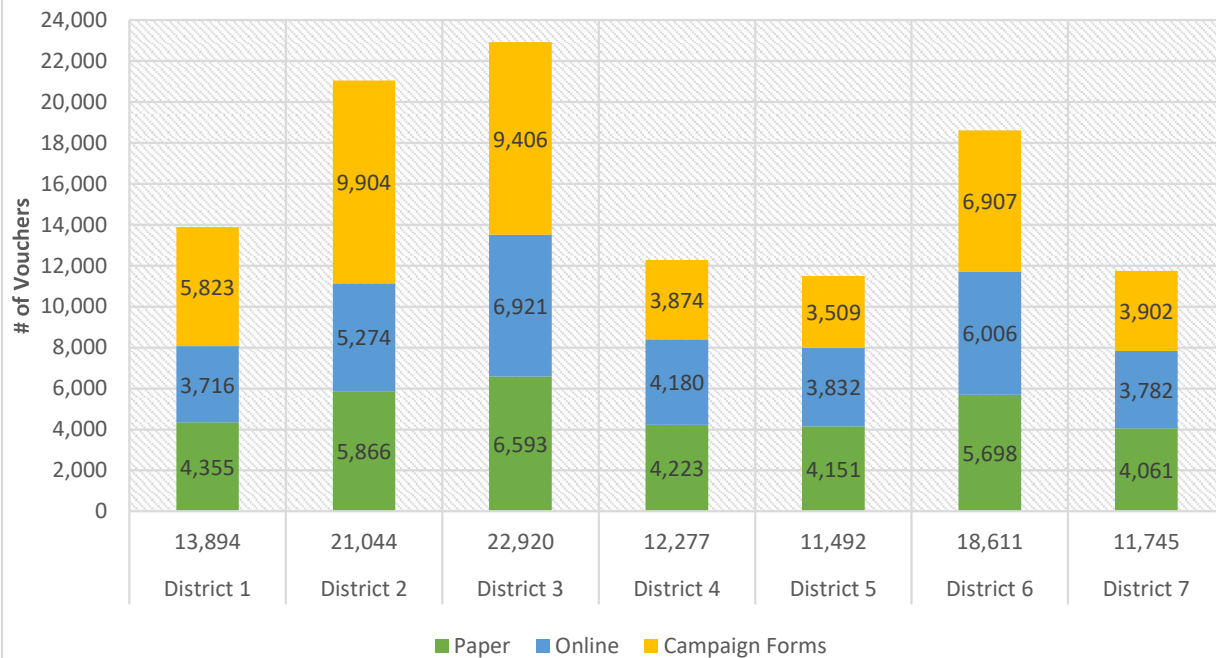
To date, 111,983 vouchers have been returned, representing 30,354 Seattle residents.

- Paper – 34,947
- Online – 33,711
- Campaign Forms – 43,325

Utilization of Available Program Funds			
Year	Available Funds	Distributed Funds	Utilization Rate
2017	\$3,000,000	\$1,140,525	38%
2019	\$4,200,000	\$2,454,475	58%
2021	\$6,800,000	\$3,397,050	50%
2023	\$5,250,000	\$2,286,750	44%
2024	\$1,800,000	\$766,025	43%
2025	\$9,000,000	\$2,155,225	24%

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2025 Returned Vouchers by Type and District



Voucher totals exclude ACP vouchers.

## Outreach

- Beacon Arts Street Festival – June 14
- Africatown Juneteenth– June 19
- Democracy Voucher Outreach Fund Mid-year meetings – June 24 and June 26
- Beacon Business Alliance District 2 Candidate Forum – July 10
- Maple Leaf Summer Social – July 16
- A&NH/PI Candidate Forum – July 23

## Upcoming

- Othello International Festival – August 10

**Democracy Voucher Program**

**Your Video Voters' Guide is Here!**

Go to the Seattle Channel to hear directly from the participants appearing on the August 5 ballot. Watch complete election guides, or peruse individual races.

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