

Bring Voter-Owned Elections to your town—What you can do

Individuals

Become well-versed in the issue.

Visit the WPC website. Read the materials, why we need Voter-Owned Elections, how a program would work, and what we must do to make it happen.

Citizen lobby: Call or write mayor and council members.

Tell them you support public financing of election campaigns.

Ask them to enact a Voter-Owned Elections program for city council and mayoral races and to place it on the ballot for voter approval.

Ask them to support a “full-funding” program model for qualified candidates, to eliminate the need for fund raising by candidates and to allow them to focus on issues and voters in the campaign, not on the race for dollars.

Host a house party / gathering of neighbors, for conversation.

Invite your neighbors over for a casual conversation about undue influence of money in politics and the solution offered by public financing. Show our DVD about programs in Maine and Arizona. Invite them to visit the website and to join our efforts to bring Voter-Owned Elections to Seattle and King County.

Become involved in committee / task work, with Seattle Coalition for Voter-Owned Elections.

If the Seattle City Council enacts a Voter-Owned Elections ordinance and places it on the ballot for voter approval or rejection, we need to be ready with a “Yes on Voter-Owned Elections” campaign. We need to prepare for this by raising voter awareness of the issues, building a coalition of groups, fund raising for campaign expenses, and creating task teams for voter contact, public speaking, research, and more.

Contribute funds to this effort! Donate by credit card on-line, or send a check to:

Washington Public Campaigns, P.O. Box 70452, Seattle WA 98127-0452

Organizations / Persons affiliated with organizations

Invite a speaker.

Invite a WPC speaker to make a presentation to your group. Encourage attendance from members of the group, to hear what is Voter-Owned Elections, why we need it here and what we’re doing.

Spread the message: website / news / members / blogs.

Arrange to post materials about Voter-Owned Elections on your group’s website, in organization’s newsletters, among the members, and in neighborhood newspapers and on-line blogs.

Participate in VOE program design.

Become involved in discussions / recommendations about VOE program design - through our Coalition. Attend public hearings on the issue. Lobby the mayor and city council on design issues.

Contribute organization funds to support Washington Public Campaigns!