

Bring Voter-owned Elections to Olympia: What You Can Do

Individuals

Become well-versed in the issue.

Visit the Washington Public Campaigns (WPC) website (www.washclean.org) and read the materials. One good way to get comfortable talking to others about this issue is to talk to people about it. Start with talking to neighbors and friends or help us with tabling at a public event. Contact us for materials and help at thurston@washclean.org.

Citizen lobby: Call or write Mayor and council members.

Email citycouncil@ci.olympia.wa.us or call 360-753-8447

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 at the next available opportunity for voter approval.

Ask them to support public financing of city election campaigns 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 Olympia. The Thurston County Chapter of Washington Public Campaigns can help you do this. Contact us at thurston@washclean.org or 943-3070.

Become involved in committee or task work with Olympia Voter-Owned Elections.

If the Olympia 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.

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Organizations and 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 about 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 online blogs.

For more information about Voter-Owned Elections in Olympia, or to get involved in this effort, please contact Monica Hoover, with the Olympia chapter of Washington Public Campaigns, at (360) 943-3070 or thurston@washclean.org.