

State Measures	
<p>Proposed by Initiative Petition Initiative Measure No. 1185</p> <p>Initiative Measure No. 1185 concerns tax and fee increases imposed by state government. This measure would restate existing statutory requirements that legislative actions raising taxes must be approved by two-thirds legislative majorities or receive voter approval, and that new or increased fees require majority legislative approval. Should this measure be enacted into law?</p>	<p>YES ←</p> <p>NO ←</p>
<p>Proposed by Initiative Petition Initiative Measure No. 1240</p> <p>Initiative Measure No. 1240 concerns creation of a public charter school system. This measure would authorize up to forty publicly-funded charter schools open to all students, operated through approved, nonreligious, nonprofit organizations, with government oversight; and modify certain laws applicable to them as public schools. Should this measure be enacted into law?</p>	<p>YES ←</p> <p>NO ←</p>
<p>Passed by the Legislature and Ordered Referred by Petition Referendum Measure No. 74</p> <p>The legislature passed Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6239 concerning marriage for same-sex couples, modified domestic-partnership law, and religious freedom, and voters have filed a sufficient referendum petition on this bill. This bill would allow same-sex couples to marry, preserve domestic partnerships only for seniors, and preserve the right of clergy or religious organizations to refuse to perform, recognize, or accommodate any marriage ceremony. Should this bill be:</p>	<p>APPROVED ←</p> <p>REJECTED ←</p>
<p>Proposed to the Legislature and Referred to the People Initiative Measure No. 502</p> <p>Initiative Measure No. 502 concerns marijuana. This measure would license and regulate marijuana production, distribution, and possession for persons over twenty-one; remove state-law criminal and civil penalties for activities that it authorizes; tax marijuana sales; and earmark marijuana-related revenues. Should this measure be enacted into law?</p>	<p>YES ←</p> <p>NO ←</p>
<p>Proposed to the People by the Legislature Amendment to the State Constitution Engrossed Senate Joint Resolution No. 8221</p> <p>The Legislature has proposed a constitutional amendment on implementing the Commission on State Debt recommendations regarding Washington's debt limit. This amendment would, starting July 1, 2014, phase-down the debt limit percentage in three steps from nine to eight percent and modify the calculation date, calculation period, and the term general state revenues. Should this constitutional amendment be:</p>	<p>APPROVED ←</p> <p>REJECTED ←</p>

<p>Proposed to the People by the Legislature Amendment to the State Constitution Senate Joint Resolution No. 8223</p> <p>The Legislature has proposed a constitutional amendment on investments by the University of Washington and Washington State University. This amendment would create an exception to constitutional restrictions on investing public funds by allowing these universities to invest specified public funds as authorized by the legislature, including in private companies or stock. Should this constitutional amendment be:</p>	<p>APPROVED ←</p> <p>REJECTED ←</p>
<p>Advisory Vote of the People Advisory Vote No. 1 Engrossed Senate Bill 6635</p> <p>The legislature eliminated, without a vote of the people, a business and occupation tax deduction for certain financial institutions' interest on residential loans, costing \$170,000,000, in its first ten years, for government spending. This tax increase should be:</p>	<p>REPEALED ←</p> <p>MAINTAINED ←</p>
<p>Advisory Vote of the People Advisory Vote No. 2 Substitute House Bill 2590</p> <p>The legislature extended, without a vote of the people, expiration of a tax on possession of petroleum products and reduced the tax rate, costing \$24,000,000, in its first ten years, for government spending. This tax increase should be:</p>	<p>REPEALED ←</p> <p>MAINTAINED ←</p>
Port of Bellingham	
<p>Port of Bellingham Proposition No. 1 Number of Port Commissioners</p> <p>The Commissioners of the Port of Bellingham adopted Resolution No. 1310, concerning a proposition to increase the number of Port Commissioners. This proposition would increase the number of Commissioners of the Port District from three (3) Commissioners to five (5) Commissioners. Should this proposition be approved?</p>	<p>YES ←</p> <p>NO ←</p>

Federal - Partisan Office	
President and Vice President	
Barack Obama / Joe Biden Democratic Party Nominees	←
Mitt Romney / Paul Ryan Republican Party Nominees	←
Gary Johnson / James P. Gray Libertarian Party Nominees	←
Virgil Goode / James N. Clymer Constitution Party Nominees	←
Jill Stein / Cheri Honkala Green Party Nominees	←
Peta Lindsay / Yari Osorio Socialism & Liberation Party Nominees	←
James Harris / Alyson Kennedy Socialist Workers Party Nominees	←
Ross C. (Rocky) Anderson / Luis J. Rodriguez Justice Party Nominees	←
Write-In	←
<p>“READ: Each candidate for President and Vice President is the official nominee of a political party. For other partisan offices, each candidate may state a political party that he or she prefers. A candidate's preference does not imply that the candidate is nominated or endorsed by the party, or that the party approves of or associates with that candidate.”</p>	
Federal - Partisan Offices	
U. S. Senator	
Maria Cantwell (Prefers Democratic Party)	←
Michael Baumgartner (Prefers Republican Party)	←
Write-In	←
Federal - Partisan Office	
U.S. Representative Congressional District 1	
John Koster (Prefers Republican Party)	←
Suzan DelBene (Prefers Democratic Party)	←
Write-In	←

**Whatcom County, Washington
General Election - November 6, 2012**

To Vote: Use either blue or black ink. Do not use a felt tip pen or pencil. Connect the Head and Tail of the arrow that points to your choice with a **Single Line** as shown. ←

To Correct A Mistake: Draw a line through the incorrect choice like this: ~~John Doe~~. You then have the option of making another choice if you wish.

Write-In: To vote for a person not on the ballot, connect the arrow and write in the name of the person on the line provided.

In any race you choose to vote, vote for only one candidate.

Sample Ballot
Whatcom County, Washington
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Not all districts or measures on this sample will appear on your ballot. Only the district and measures that you're entitled to vote on will appear

U.S. Representative Congressional District 2	
Rick Larsen (Prefers Democratic Party)	←
Dan Matthews (Prefers Republican Party)	←
Write-In	←
State of Washington - Partisan Offices	
Governor	
Jay Inslee (Prefers Democratic Party)	←
Rob McKenna (Prefers Republican Party)	←
Write-In	←
Lieutenant Governor	
Brad Owen (Prefers Democrat Party)	←
Bill Finkbeiner (Prefers Republican Party)	←
Write-In	←
Secretary of State	
Kim Wyman (Prefers Republican Party)	←
Kathleen Drew (Prefers Democratic Party)	←
Write-In	←
State Treasurer	
Jim McIntire (Prefers Democratic Party)	←
Sharon Hanek (Prefers Republican Party)	←
Write-In	←
State Auditor	
James Watkins (Prefers Republican Party)	←
Troy Kelley (Prefers Democratic Party)	←
Write-In	←
Attorney General	
Bob Ferguson (Prefers Democratic Party)	←
Reagan Dunn (Prefers Republican Party)	←
Write-In	←
Commissioner of Public Lands	
Peter J. Goldmark (Prefers Democratic Party)	←
Clint Didier (Prefers Republican Party)	←
Write-In	←

State of Washington - Nonpartisan Office	
Superintendent of Public Instruction	
Randy I. Dorn	←
Write-In	←
State of Washington - Partisan Offices	
Insurance Commissioner	
Mike Kreidler (Prefers Democratic Party)	←
John R. Adams (Prefers Republican Party)	←
Write-In	←
State of Washington	
State Senator District 40	
Kevin Ranker (Prefers Democratic Party)	←
John Swapp (Prefers Independent-Gop Party)	←
Write-In	←
State Representative District 40 Position 1	
Kristine Lytton (Prefers Democratic Party)	←
Brandon Robinson (States No Party Preference)	←
Write-In	←
State Representative District 40 Position 2	
Jeff Morris (Prefers Democratic Party)	←
Howard A. Pellett (Prefers Green Party)	←
Write-In	←
State Representative District 42 Position 1	
Jason Overstreet (Prefers Republican Party)	←
Natalie McClendon (Prefers Democratic Party)	←
Write-In	←
State Representative District 42 Position 2	
Vincent Buys (Prefers Republican Party)	←
Matthew Krogh (Prefers Democrat Party)	←
Write-In	←
Public Utility District 1 Nonpartisan Office	
Commissioner District 2	
Brad L. Stone	←
Paul D. Kenner	←
Write-In	←

State Judicial - Nonpartisan Offices	
State Supreme Court Justice Position 2	
Susan Owens	←
Write-In	←
State Supreme Court Justice Position 8	
Steve Gonzalez	←
Write-In	←
State Supreme Court Justice Position 9	
Sheryl Gordon McCloud	←
Richard B. Sanders	←
Write-In	←
Court of Appeals Div 1 District 3 Position 1	
Mary Kay Becker	←
Write-In	←
Whatcom County Judicial Nonpartisan Office	
Superior Court Judge Position 2	
Dave Grant	←
Deborra Garrett	←
Write-In	←
City of Bellingham	
City of Bellingham Proposition No. 1 Low-Income Housing Levy	
The City of Bellingham Council adopted Ordinance No. 2012-06-033 concerning property taxes for low-income housing assistance.	
This proposition would fund housing and housing services for people with low or very low incomes, including those with disabilities, veterans, seniors, and families with children by (a) authorizing an increase in the City's regular property tax levy by up to \$0.12/\$1,000 to \$2.62/\$1,000 of assessed value as allowed by RCW 84.55; and (b) authorizing a regular property tax levy of up to \$0.24/\$1,000 of assessed value under RCW 84.52.105, each for seven years, generating approximately \$3,000,000 annually.	
Should this proposition be approved?	
YES	←
NO	←

City of Lynden	
Lynden Transportation Benefit District Lynden, Washington Proposition No. 1 Sales and Use Tax for Transportation Improvements	
The Board of the Lynden Transportation Benefit District, Lynden, Washington, adopted Resolution No. 2012-1 concerning a sales and use tax to fund certain transportation improvements. This proposition would authorize a sales and use tax of two tenths of one percent (0.002) to be collected from all taxable retail sales within the Transportation Benefit District in accordance with RCW 82.14.0455 for a term of ten years, or until such District is dissolved, whichever is earlier, for the purpose of paying or financing costs of necessary transportation improvement projects listed in Resolution No. 2012-1 and identified in the City of Lynden Transportation Improvement Plan:	
Should this proposition be approved?	
YES	←
NO	←
Lynden Regional Parks and Recreation District 3	
Lynden Regional Parks and Recreation District Proposition No. 1 Indoor Recreation Facility Acquisition Bonds - \$9,500,000	
The Board of Commissioners of Lynden Regional Parks and Recreation District, passed Resolution No. 6 concerning this proposition which authorizes the District to purchase a new turnkey indoor recreation facility, to issue \$9,500,000 of general obligation bonds maturing within a maximum term of 30 years to finance acquisition of such facility, and to levy property taxes annually in excess of regular property tax levies to repay such bonds, all as provided in Resolution No. 6. Should this proposition be:	
APPROVED	←
REJECTED	←