Endorsement Process FAQ

By being a delegate to the 2024 State Convention, YOU can be a part of history and help bring victory back to our Party in Washington State!

Q: Why endorse candidates for Federal and Statewide offices at the State Convention?

In Washington State we have a top-two open primary system that allows the top-2 vote getting candidates to go onto the General election, regardless of party affiliation. The system also allows for anyone to run as a Republican candidate, simply by filing their candidacy in mid-May before the August Primary, with no limits on the number of candidates able to enter a race. In several top-ticket races in recent elections, we have seen too many Republican candidates jumping in at the last minute into a race with only 2-3 Democrats, with the result being that no Republican candidate receives enough votes to move onto the General election. In two of the biggest congressional races during the 2022 elections, there was more money spent attacking fellow Republicans in the primary election, than there was spent attacking the Democrat candidates in the General election. We cannot afford to have any more elections that consist of Republicans taking out Republicans, while Democrats slide by without challenges to their disastrous policies and campaign resources.

THE 2024 STATE CONVENTION WILL CHANGE THE GAME!

If you go through the process from your precinct caucus to county convention to being selected as a delegate to the State Convention, you will have the opportunity to join over 2,500 state delegates from across Washington in formally endorsing Republican candidates for Federal and Statewide offices in 2024 – candidates for Governor, Congress, US Senate, etc.
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Q: How does the endorsement benefit our candidates?

Following an endorsement at the State Convention, candidates will receive the full and exclusive support, resources, and infrastructure of the Washington State Republican Party and its partnered organizations for their campaign.

Washington State has a late Primary election schedule with only 3 months between the August Primary and the November General Election. By endorsing candidates at the State Convention in April, we can ensure that viable candidates have emerged on the campaign trail and that they are fully prepared, supported, and funded for victory early against the Democrats.

For too long, circular firing squads and echo-chambers within our Party have obstructed and derailed our chances of getting Republicans elected at the top of the ticket. NO MORE! 2,500 delegates at the State Convention will come together and chart a new path for victory, signaling to Republicans all across Washington State that we need to align in unity with our time, donations, and votes in order to push our Republican candidates to victory in 2024 and beyond.

Join in and be a part of your precinct caucus and county convention and become a delegate to the Republican State Convention in April 2024. You get to decide the future of our Party!
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Q: What races will the state delegates consider for endorsement?

The entire state delegation of over 2,500 statewide delegates will consider endorsements for US Senate and all nine statewide executive offices on the ballot (Governor, Lt. Governor, Sec. of State, Attorney General, Treasurer, Auditor, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Lands Commissioner, and Insurance Commissioner).

During Congressional District breakouts is when delegates will consider the endorsement of congressional candidates running for US House to represent their specific Congressional District. i.e. state delegates in the Congressional District 1 breakout will only consider the endorsement of candidates running for US House in Congressional District 1.

Q: Do the state delegates have to endorse a candidate in every race?

No, the delegates may choose not to endorse a candidate for a specific race if they consider it to not be helpful towards Republican efforts of winning that race in November.

Q: Is it possible for state delegates to endorse more than one candidate in a race?

The proposed rules do allow for the delegates to endorse two candidates in a specific race if they consider it to be helpful towards Republicans efforts of winning that race in November.