WASHINGTON HOSPITALITY ASSOCIATION

Government Affairs — 2026 General Election Results

Nov. 4, 2026 | Results as of Wednesday, Nov. 4

Overview

The 2026 midterm general election was Tuesday, November 3. Washington State conducts elections by mail, with ballots required to be postmarked by Election Day or returned to an official ballot drop box by 8 p.m. Counting will continue over the coming days and weeks, and some close races may take time to determine.

Washington State entered the election with a Democratic trifecta, meaning Democrats hold majorities in both the House and Senate, as well as the governor's office. The governor's office is not on the ballot this year, but legislative races will determine the size and composition of each party's representation in Olympia. Currently, the state House is comprised of 59 Democrats and 39 Republicans. The state Senate is comprised of 30 Democrats and 19 Republicans.

WHA-Backed Candidates — General Results

The table below tracks primary results for candidates endorsed and/or financially supported by WHA's PAC through the 2026 cycle. These **results are preliminary** and will change as additional ballots are counted.

District	Office	WHA-Backed Candidate	General Result	Status
LD 3	House Pos. 2 (open)	Luc Jasmin III (D)	66.4%	**Winning**
LD 4	House Pos. 1 (open)	Trent Maier (R)	45.1%	**Losing**
LD 6	House Pos. 2 (open)	Jonathan Bingle (R)	54.5%	**Winning**
LD 8	Senate (open)	Sen. Nikki Torres (R)	52.1%	**Winning**
LD 12	House Pos. 2	Rep. Mike Steele (R) I	54.9%	**Winning**
LD 13	House Pos. 2 (open)	Deanna Martinez (R)	45.2%	**Losing**
LD 14	House Pos. 1	Rep. Gloria Mendoza (R) I	44.2%	**Losing**
LD 14	House Pos. 2	Rep. Deb Manjarrez (R) I	43.8%	**Losing**
LD 15	House Pos. 2 (open)	Reedy Berg (R)	63.3%	**Winning**
LD 17	House Pos. 1	Rep. Kevin Waters (R) I	44%	**Losing**
LD 17	House Pos. 2	Rep. David Stuebe (R) I	43.7%	**Losing**
LD 18	House Pos. 1	Rep. Stephanie McClintock (R) I	45.7%	**Losing**
LD 18	House Pos. 2	Rep. John Ley (R) I	44%	**Losing**
LD 23	House Pos. 1	Rep. Tarra Simmons (D)	49.8%	**Winning**
LD 26	Senate	Sen. Deb Krishnadasan	57.1%	**Winning**

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LD 26	Senate	Gary Parker	42.7%	**Losing**
LD 26	House Pos. 2 (open)	Katy Cornell (R)	45.2%	**Losing**
LD 29	Senate (open)	Sharlett Mena (D)	69.2%	**Winning**
LD 29	House Pos. 2 (open)	Joe Bushnell (D)	47.7%	**Tied**
LD 29	House Pos. 1	Rep. Melanie Morgan	46.2%	**Losing**
LD 35	Senate	Sen. Drew MacEwen (R) I	48.5%	**Losing**
LD 39	House Pos. 2 (open)	Steve Ewing (R)	50.7%	**Winning**
LD 42	Senate (open)	Erika Creydt (R)	42.9%	**Losing**
LD 43	Senate	Sen. Jamie Pedersen (D) I	75.6%	**Winning**
LD 48	House Pos. 2	Rep. Amy Walen (D) I	47%	**Losing**

Key Takeaways

Democrats are on track to expand their majorities in both chambers of the Legislature, gaining between four to nine seats in the House (from 59-39 to potentially 68-30) and one seat in the Senate (from 30-19 to potentially 31-18) based on current results. The election could also result in significant leadership changes, as two current House committee chairs are trailing in their reelection bids: Rep. Sharon Tomiko Santos, Chair of the House Education Committee, and Rep. Amy Walen, Chair of the House Consumer Protection & Business Committee. If these results hold through certification, House Democratic leadership will need to appoint new chairs for both committees ahead of the 2027 legislative session.

State Supreme Court

Five of the nine Washington State Supreme Court seats are on the general election ballot. With the recent overturning of I-2066, related to natural gas, and the court anticipated to hear challenges to the millionaires income tax passed during the 2026 legislative session, these races have attracted substantial attention and campaign spending.

These measures carry significant implications for state tax policy and public education. Preliminary results from tonight's count are included below. The results below note which candidates have drawn support from business (B) or labor (L) interests generally; these are **not** WHA PAC endorsements, as WHA has not made endorsements in these races.

Seat	General Results	General Results	Notes
Pos. 1	Colleen Melody (L) 60%; Scott Edwards (B) 39.8%	Melody winning	Labor-aligned candidate leads outright
Pos. 3	David Stevens (B) 57.7%; Jamie Hawk (L) 41.9%	Stevens winning	Business & labor split their own fields

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Pos. 4	Ian Birk (L) 48.7%; Sean O'Donnell (B) 50.9%	O'Donnell winning	One labor-aligned, one business-aligned
Pos. 5	Theo Angelis (L) 55.4%; Dave Larson 44.3% (B)	Angelis winning	One labor-aligned, one business-aligned
Pos. 7	Debra Stephens (L) 63.8%; Todd Bloom (B) 36%	Stephens winning	Labor-aligned incumbent leads outright

Initiatives:

- I-645: Repeal of the Millionaire's Income Tax – **Lost 58.1% to 41.9%**

Next Steps

Election Night results remain preliminary, and significant ballot counting will continue in the days ahead as county election offices process mailed ballots received by Election Day. Washington law requires county canvassing boards to certify election results by November 24, 2026, with the Secretary of State certifying the statewide election on December 3, 2026. Close legislative and judicial contests, including several races highlighted above, may shift as additional ballots are counted and certified.

WHA's Government Affairs team will continue monitoring key races and provide updated analysis as results become clearer. A final post-election report will be issued following state certification, including the implications of legislative, judicial, and ballot measure outcomes for the hospitality industry and the 2027 legislative session.