



WASHOE COUNTY 2018 PRIMARY ELECTION

MEDIA GUIDE

On behalf of Washoe County Communications, we appreciate our relationship with our media partners. We are committed to providing you with accurate information as quickly as possible. Please keep in mind, we can only release certain information once it has been approved - we look forward to working with you.

Primary Election Communication & Media Availability:

- **Monday, June 11, 4 p.m.- 4:30 p.m. - Media availability:** Deanna Spikula, Registrar of Voters (ROV), *Media Room* *Interviews here to be used in morning shots the next day
- On Primary Election Day polls open at 7 a.m., we will be releasing an announcement that all locations successfully opened.
- Approximately mid-morning we will be releasing the 10 a.m. turnout percentage (polling place voters only).
- **11:30 p.m.-12 p.m. – Media availability – Excusive Walk-Through Election Night Receiving Process,** ROV Office, *Media Room*
- Approximately mid-afternoon, we will be releasing the 2 p.m. turnout percentage (polling place voters only).
- **3:30 p.m.-4 p.m. - Media availability:** Deanna Spikula, *Media Room*
- On Primary Election Day polls close at 7 p.m. Anyone in line or approaching the door of the polling place will be permitted to vote. After the polls are closed, poll workers will deliver their results flash drives to Election Central (County Complex). Once the results flash drives arrive and have been checked in, they are taken to the “Tally Room” and uploaded to the server. Each results flash drive contains votes from one voting tablet. Each polling place has anywhere from five to 25 voting tablets assigned to it.
- **7:30 p.m. (approx.) – FIRST Media Briefing** with Deanna Spikula, *Media Room*
- **TBD – LAST Media Briefing:** Deanna Spikula to report 100 percent of the precincts are counted and we have unofficial results, *Media Room*

Polling Hours

Polling hours are 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. PST

Media Parking and Cable Placement

Media parking is designated on Ninth Street, in front of the County Complex and the Registrar of Voters (ROV) Office at 1001 E. Ninth St, Bldg. A. The loading zone area outside the building, by the bus stop, is the best location for media satellite trucks. Please be mindful of election workers, should you need to run cables inside the building.





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Poll Reporting

- For the 2018 Primary Election, Washoe County will operate 79 polling locations.
- The Washoe County Registrar of Voters is required to report polls have officially opened and when polls have officially closed after 7 p.m. The ROV is also required to report turnout number updates mid-morning and mid-afternoon on June 12 but must first report those numbers to the Secretary of State *before* they can be released.
- Polling managers begin delivering the results flash drives as soon as possible once their poll location is officially closed and all necessary accounting has been completed. **A Media Staging area will be set-up in the Registrar of Voters Office to have access to this process.**
- Election results will begin to be released as soon as permission is granted by the Secretary of State's Office. As votes are tallied, the ROV will provide updates on the Washoe County website at www.washoecounty.us/voters.
- For media members on-site at the County Complex, updated voter results will be provided via hard copy.
- The Registrar's Office **only** releases the results from the political races. The Registrar **does not** "call" races.

Important: THE NUMBER OF PRECINCTS REPORTING WILL NOT CHANGE DURING THE EVENING. THIS NUMBER WILL REMAIN 0/557 PRECINCTS REPORTING UNTIL ALL RESULTS HAVE BEEN TABULATED.

- First data upload includes all early voting results. Subsequent uploads will be results flash drives from Election Day polling places as they are delivered to Election Central.
- Final upload is absentee ballots. After this upload, the system will reflect 100 percent of precincts reporting.
- Our system **does not** report on election night, by precinct. A precinct-by-precinct report (abstract) will be released following the Board of County Commissioners Canvass of the Election. That will take place on June 19, 2018 at the Board of County Commissioners meeting. At that point, the election results will become "Final and Official."

Bilingual Services

According to the Minority Language Provision of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, Washoe County is required to print and provide election materials in another language if more than 10,000 or over 5 percent of the total voting age citizens are members of a single minority language group. Washoe County reached that benchmark and has been printing election materials in two languages since 2004.





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2018 Election Day Contact Information

NAME	PHONE	E-MAIL	AVAILABLE
Primary Contact			
Amy Ventetuolo	313-8582	aventetuolo@washoecounty.us	All day
Washoe311	3-1-1	washoe311@washoecounty.us	All day until polls close at 7pm
Secondary Contacts			
Nancy Leuenhagen	772-7930	nleuenhagen@washoecounty.us	All day
Josh Andreasen	233-1200	jandreasen@washoecounty.us	All day
Tami Cummings	233-6874	tcummings@washoecounty.us	All day
Chris Ciarlo	240-0871	cciarlo@washoecounty.us	All day
Bob Harmon	722-5517	bharmon@washoecounty.us	After 5 p.m.
Phil Ulibarri	772-1659	pulibarri@washoecounty.us	Morning contact
Registrar of Voters	328-3670		

Additional Information:

- **Online:** www.washoecounty.us/voters
 - Primary Election results will be posted throughout the election on www.washoecounty.us, until all polling locations results are in.
- **Social Media:**
 - Twitter:**
 - [@washoecounty](https://twitter.com/washoecounty)
 - #WashoeVotes
 - Facebook:**
 - [@washoecounty](https://www.facebook.com/washoecounty)
 - #WashoeVotes
 - YouTube:**
 - WashoeCountyTV
 - Live streaming during evening of Primary Election, starting when polls close at 7pm

