

General Election Partner Guide

Key information and dates for
the 2026 General Election



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General Election Timeline

Date	Milestone
September 17	UOCAVA Sample Ballots mailed
September 18	UOCAVA ballots mailed/transmitted
September 21	Out-of-State Sample Ballots mailed
September 24	Out-of-State mail ballots mailed
October 2	In-State Sample Ballots mailed
October 5	In-State mail ballots mailed
October 17	Early Voting begins
October 30	Last day of Early Voting
November 3	Election Day — Vote Centers open 7 a.m.–7 p.m.
November 9	Signature cure deadline — 5 p.m. (sixth day after Election Day)
November 13	Canvass of the Vote

Voting in Person

Washoe County voters can choose from 18 early Vote Centers and 41 Election Day Vote Centers. All locations include a mail ballot drop box. The list of Vote Centers, hours, mail ballot drop boxes and wait time information can be found online at washoecounty.gov/votecenters.

ADA Curbside Voting is available at all Vote Center locations.

Early Voting: Saturday, October 17 through Friday, October 30, 2026. All Early Voting Vote Centers are scheduled for 10 a.m.–6 p.m.

Election Day: Tuesday, November 3, 2026. Vote Centers are open 7 a.m.–7 p.m. Washoe County voters may vote at any Vote Center. A mail ballot drop box is available at each Vote Center.

*RTC Offers free rides to Vote Centers on Election Day.

Vote By Mail

At the direction of the Nevada Secretary of State, Nevada's chief elections official, Washoe County will administer the 2026 General Election under the existing voting process. The U.S. Supreme Court has rejected the federal government's effort to implement new mail-ballot restrictions for the 2026 election, leaving the current process unchanged. Active registered voters who have not opted out of receiving a mail ballot will receive one as usual. Ballots may be returned by mail or at an official ballot drop box.

Tracking Ballots

Voters can track their mail ballot online. If a mail ballot has a missing or mismatched signature, the voter must cure the signature by 5 p.m. on the sixth day after Election Day. For the November 3 General Election, that date is November 9.

washoecounty.gov/trackmyballot — Online tracking of a voter's mail ballot

Signature Verification

Every mail ballot received by the Washoe County Registrar of Voters must undergo signature verification before it can be accepted and counted. If a voter's signature cannot be verified against the signatures on file, the voter must complete the signature cure process before the ballot can be counted. Voters may cure their ballot by contacting the Registrar of Voters Office and verifying their identity no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, November 9.



Public Observation Opportunities

Members of the public may observe multiple aspects of the election process, including activities at Vote Centers during Early Voting and on Election Day, ballot processing at the Central Counting Place, and logic and accuracy testing of voting equipment (Oct 3-16). General Election dates and hours for Central Counting Place observation will be provided once finalized. A livestream of the Central Counting Place begins on October 9 continuing through the Canvass of the Vote.

Results Reporting

Washoe County's Results Dashboard provides unofficial election results beginning after the last polling location in Nevada has closed on Election Day. The initial results will include all Early Voting in-person votes and mail ballots processed through that point. Results will continue to be updated throughout the evening as Vote Center returns are received and processed at the Central Counting Place.

Election Night results are unofficial and will continue to change after Election Day as eligible mail ballots are received and processed and voters complete the signature cure process. Election results become official following completion of the canvass process.

Election Turnout Dashboard

The Nevada Secretary of State's turnout dashboard provides a regularly updated look at voter participation during the election. Users can track turnout across the state or in Washoe County, see how many ballots have been cast by mail, in-person during early voting, or on Election Day, and view turnout by political party. The dashboard also includes mail ballot processing information, such as how many ballots have been returned, accepted, or require a signature cure.

View the in-person and mail ballot tracker at <https://www.nvsos.gov/vivid>





Quick Links

washoecounty.gov/voters — Washoe County Registrar of Voters main election information page

<https://www.nvsos.gov/vivid> - Nevada election turnout dashboard

washoecounty.gov/sampleballot — Online portal for voters' unique eSample Ballot

washoecounty.gov/trackmyballot — Online tracking of voters' mail ballots

washoecounty.gov/votecenters — Vote Center locations, hours, drop boxes and wait times

vote.nv.gov — Register or update voter registration online and view voter information

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“Don’t Wait, Washoe” Early Voting Campaign

Campaign Goal

The overall goal is to encourage Washoe County voters to return their mail ballots early and drive greater voter participation before Election Day. Two key data points from the last Primary underscore the urgency:

- ✓ Nearly 1,800 ballots arrived too late to be counted (postmarked after election day).
- ✓ More than 20% of all mail ballots were received on Election Day, causing significant delays in returning results.

These numbers make clear that earlier ballot return benefits both voters and the integrity of the election results timeline.

What We Are Producing

- ✓ Washoe County Communications is producing both a :30 and :15 PSA for television and online distribution, with a target delivery date of September 30 to support an October 1 launch.
- ✓ A coordinated radio PSA (:30 and :15 versions) is being developed to mirror the television messaging, ensuring a consistent look and feel across all platforms.
- ✓ A key graphic element has been developed and will anchor the visual identity across billboards (Lamar Outdoor is providing pro bono support), digital, television, and print materials.
- ✓ A stakeholder outreach promotional kit, including graphics and messaging, will be distributed to organizational partners and community stakeholders, asking them to amplify the campaign through their own channels.



Media Partnership

Nevada Broadcasters Association (NBA) will distribute both the television and radio PSAs to member stations. The NBA partnership provides an exceptional 3-to-1 ratio of paid to pro bono airtime.

Additionally, the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) and Lamar Outdoor are providing valuable pro bono outreach support, further extending the campaign’s reach throughout the community.