

Spokane County GOP Recommendations for 2019 Ballot Measures

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STATEWIDE HIGHLIGHTS

- [Referendum 88](#) requires a statewide vote on I-1000 (an initiative to allow affirmative action/preferential treatment [that was approved by the legislature](#)), meaning a yes vote on R-88 approves I-1000 and a no vote on R-88 rejects I-1000 and continues to ban affirmative action/preferential treatment policies in Washington. More details at www.SpokaneGOP.com.
- The state legislature referred [one constitutional amendment to the 2019 ballot](#). The amendment would authorize the Washington State Legislature, during periods of catastrophic incidents that are considered emergencies, to pass bills that address the succession of powers and duties of public offices when the offices' incumbents and legal successors are unavailable for carrying out the office.
- [I-976, the \\$30 car tabs measure](#), was certified to appear on the 2019 ballot when the legislature adjourned without acting on the measure.
- Twelve tax advisory votes are on the ballot. These let the legislature know whether or not the citizens support each tax. Please note: Your vote is strictly advisory so even if the citizens vote to repeal the tax, the legislature does not have to repeal it.

Spokane City ballot measures

Recommendations	Title	Subject	Description
Spokane County GOP Recommendation: Vote YES	Proposition No. 1 Charter Amendment	Transparency in city government	Prop 1 Charter Amendment : Regarding Open Government and Transparency in City Government
Spokane County GOP Recommendation: Vote YES	Proposition No. 2 Charter Amendment	Prohibit City of Spokane income tax	Prop 2 Charter Amendment : Shall the Spokane City Charter be amended to prohibit the City of Spokane from imposing an income tax on wages, salaries, investments, the sale of goods or services

Statewide Ballot Measures

Spokane County GOP Recommendation: Vote REJECTED	Referendum 88	Affirmative action	Upholds or rejects the legislature's approval of Initiative 1000 , which authorizes affirmative action/preferential treatment by the state
Spokane County GOP Recommendation: Vote: YES	Initiative 976	Taxes and Transportation	Limits annual registration renewal fees to \$30 for vehicles under 10,000 pounds; other restrictions on vehicle taxes and fees. See WPC, Guide to I-976 .
Spokane County GOP No recommendation. Senate YES 37 (26 D, 11 R) NO 11 (2 D, 9 R) House YES 91 (57D, 34R) NO 7R	Senate Joint Resolution 8200	Legislature	SJR 8200 authorizes Legislature to pass legislation for government continuation during catastrophic incidents

Advisory Ballot Measures

The Spokane GOP is NOT making recommendations on the 12 advisory measures. All are tax bills and are now law. Most passed along party lines but some had significant bipartisan support. The first column shows the Democrat (D) and Republican (R) votes. Not included in the table is the number of legislators not voting. You can see how each legislator voted by opening the link to the bill in the Description column and scrolling down. The link to the bill is for WashingtonVotes.org, a Washington Policy Center service. To get the text of the bill from the WA Legislative site, click on *Official Text and Analysis*. For a summary rather than the entire bill, click on **Final Bill Report**.

How legislature voted	Title	Subject	Description
Senate YES 26 (25D, 1 R) NO 22 (19R, 3 D) House YES 55 D NO 41 R	Advisory Vote 20	Taxes and Healthcare	Advises legislature to either repeal or maintain House Bill 1087 , which was designed to levy 0.58% tax on wages to fund a program for long-term healthcare services
Senate YES 40 (22D, 18R) NO 9 (7D, 2R) House: YES 94-0	Advisory Vote 21	Taxes	Advises legislature to either repeal or maintain House Bill 1324 , which was designed to extend a surcharge on timber products through July 2045, which was otherwise set to expire in June 2024
Senate YES 26 (25D, 1R) NO 22 (3D, 19R) House YES 62 (56D, 6R) NO 35R	Advisory Vote 22	Taxes and Environment	Advises legislature to either repeal or maintain House Bill 1652 , which was designed to require producers of interior or exterior architectural paint sold in containers of 5 gallons or less to fund and take part in programs related to paint waste management
Senate YES 35 (27D, 8R) NO 13 (2D, 11R) House YES 56 (53D, 3R) NO 42 (4D, 38R)	Advisory Vote 23	Taxes and Tobacco	Advises legislature to either repeal or maintain House Bill 1873 , which was designed to levy a tax on e-cigarettes and vapor products
Senate YES 25D NO 22 (2D, 20R) House YES 52D NO 46 (5D, 41R)	Advisory Vote 24	Taxes and Education	Advises legislature to either repeal or maintain House Bill 2158 , which creates and funds the Workforce Education Investment Account, which was designed to fund higher education programs through a tax on certain business activities
Senate YES 25D NO 24 (4D, 20R) House YES 53D NO 43 (4D, 39R)	Advisory Vote 25	Taxes and Banking	Advises legislature to either repeal or maintain House Bill 2167 , which was designed to impose an additional tax on certain financial institutions

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Senate YES 37 (28D, 9R) NO 11R House YES 58 (55D, 3R) NO 36R	Advisory Vote 26	Taxes	Advises legislature to either repeal or maintain Senate Bill 5581 , which was designed to apply retail sales taxes on online retailers
Senate YES 27D NO 22 (2D, 20R) House YES 50D NO 48 (7D, 41R)	Advisory Vote 27	Taxes	Advises legislature to either repeal or maintain Senate Bill 5993 , which was designed to increase taxes on petroleum products
Senate YES 25D NO 22 (4D, 18R) House YES 55D NO 43 (2D, 41R)	Advisory Vote 28	Taxes	Advises legislature to either repeal or maintain Senate Bill 5997 , which was designed to limit the tax exemptions that residents from other U.S. states and Canada can receive while in Washington
Senate YES 26D NO 22 (3D, 19R) House YES 56D NO 42 (1D, 41R)	Advisory Vote 29	Taxes and Property	Advises legislature to either repeal or maintain Senate Bill 5998 , which was designed to increase the excise tax on real property
Senate YES 27 (26D, 1R) NO 21 (2D, 19R) House YES 52D NO 46 (5D, 41R)	Advisory Vote 30	Taxes	Advises legislature to either repeal or maintain Senate Bill 6004 , which was designed to increase the business and occupation tax on specified tour operators and travel agents
Senate YES 27 (26D, 1R) NO 19R (2D, 17R) House YES 76 (50D, 26R) NO 22 (7D, 15R)	Advisory Vote 31	Taxes	Advises legislature to either repeal or maintain Senate Bill 6016 , which was designed to increase the business and occupation tax on specified international investment management services