Washington State Voter Registration Challenge Form

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Voter Challenge Summary: John P. Ley

VRDB Residential Address: 8500 NE Hazel Dell Ave Apt H4, VANCOUVER WA 98665

Voter ID: WA004696031

Statutory Provisions

This Voter Challenge Summary and accompanying materials are presented with reference to RCW 29A.08.810(1)(c)(ii)(A) – (E) (https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=29A.08.810).

- (A) <u>Certified Mail Receipt:</u> A required attempt was made to contact John P. Ley at all known addresses in Camas and Vancouver via a letter and a USPS certified mail receipt. See attached exhibits 01-03.
- (B) <u>Search Local Telephone Directories:</u> A search on the website https://www.searchpeoplefree.com/ and google indicates that John P. Ley has a current mailing address at 444 NW Fremont St. Multiple numbers for him are listed. See attached exhibits 04.
 - (a) 360-254-6225 Camas
 - (b) 360-834-2672 Camas
 - (c) 503-254-6225 Camas
- (C) GIS Property Tax Records: John P. Ley owns the property at 444 NW Fremont Street, Camas WA in Clark County. See attached exhibits 05.
- (D) <u>Statewide Voter Registration Database Search (VRDB)</u>: John P. Ley, the above-listed voter, is identified as living at residential address 8500 NE Hazel Dell Ave Apt H4. Research (below) supports that this is not his <u>permanent</u> address and he does not reside at the VRDB residential address as currently listed in his voter registration.
- (E) Other State Voter Registration Database Search: John P. Ley was not found in Oregon, North Carolina, or Fulton County Georgia.

Declaration:

RCW 29A.04.151 - Residence. (https://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=29A.04.151)

"Residence" for the purpose of registering and voting means a person's **permanent** address where he or she physically resides and maintains his or her abode. However, no person gains residence by reason of his or her presence or loses his or her residence by reason of his or her absence:

- While employed in the civil or military service of the state or of the United States;
- (2) While engaged in the navigation of the waters of this state or the United States or the high seas;
- (3) While a student at any institution of learning;
- (4) While confined in any public prison.

Absence from the state on business shall not affect the question of residence of any person unless the right to vote has been claimed or exercised elsewhere.

John P. Ley owns the property at 444 NW FREMONT ST, CAMAS, WA 98607 (See attached exhibits 05). He purchased the property in 2000 and has maintained a permanent presence there for almost two decades. It is currently valued at \$1.4 million + and has 180 degree views of the Columbia River Gorge.

- 1) According to PDC reports, in 2024, John P. Ley made two donations to the Clark County Republican Central Committee declaring his address as 444 NW Fremont St. after filing to run for office in the 18th LD. (See attached exhibits 06)
- 2) John P. Ley has run for office using this address in 2014, 2018, and 2020 (* Redistricting in 2022 changed 444 Fremont St. to the 17th LD) (See attached exhibits 07)
- 3) John P. Ley has voted regularly from 444 Fremont St. dozens of times since 2006.
- 4) I have visited 444 Fremont St. several times and have seen different cars in the driveway and cars in different locations on the property. There have been package deliveries on the front porch. There are current political signs in the yard.
- 5) In the 2020, 2022, and 2024 Financial Affairs Disclosures, John P. Ley declares two businesses at the 444 Fremont St. address and the residence at 444 Fremont St (See attached exhibits 08)

In 2022, while maintaining his permanent residence in the 17th LD, John P. Ley temporarily changed his voter registration to a "rented" room of a friend in Battle Ground for \$1 without any leasing documents or payment receipts and filed to run in the 18th using this address. Republican Carolyn Crain filed a voter challenge on the grounds that John P. Ley did not live at the address. The subsequent hearing upheld Crain's challenge, and charges were filed against John P. Ley.

According to an article in the Columbian

(https://www.columbian.com/news/2023/nov/19/former-legislative-candidate-john-ley-faces-felony-fraud-charges-in-2022-election-case/)

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"I determined it was highly unlikely that John Ley had ever stayed the night in that location during that time frame, and ultimately, I determined beyond a reasonable doubt that John Ley did not live or reside at that address during that time," Camp wrote.

Camp also said in the probable cause statement that it was "unlikely that John Ley had ever actually even been to the Battle Ground address between the time he claimed to have entered into a rental agreement and the date he filed his declaration of candidacy." (See attached exhibits 09)

Still in 2022, prior to the hearing, John P. Ley again temporarily switched his voter registration; this time to an apartment in Hazel Dell while maintaining his permanent residence in the 17th LD.

In 2024, while maintaining his permanent residence in the 17th LD, John P. Ley yet again changed his voter registration address to 8500 NE Hazel Dell Ave Apt H4. Also in 2024, he filed to run for office in the 18th LD, and once more, Republican Carolyn Crain filed a voter challenge on the grounds that John P. Ley does not live at this address. According to her voter challenge a private investigator was hired and "who has not reported any results at the Hazel Dell location in a month" (See attached exhibits 10). I too have visited 8500 NE Hazel Dell Ave Apt H4 and seen no evidence of occupation.

- None of the cars seen at his permanent residence in Camas have been seen in the parking lot.
- The apartment appears to be unfurnished.
- Unlike moat other occupied apartments, there is nothing on the balcony.
- Mail and flyers remain on the door for weeks and weeks.
- The USPS certified letter sent to this address was undeliverable at the door. Instead it
 was picked up at the post office.
- According to records searches, there is no phone line to the apartment

It's clear and convincing that John P. Ley's **permanent** address, throughout all this and for two decades prior to this, is 444 Fremont St. in Camas. Based on the activity, signing for the registered mail at 444 Fremont St., the pattern of "address shopping" and the reasonable nature that he would reside at a beautiful home in Camas rather than an apartment also makes it highly probable.

This voter meets the requirements for a successful voter challenge under RCW 29A.08.810. It is therefore respectfully requested that the voter be removed forthwith from the voter roll, or the government show good cause in writing why this particular voter may not be so removed from the roll.

Respectfully submitted, Geoffrey Munson Vancouver, WA

2024 Voter Challenge - John P. Ley Exhibits

Exhibit 01



Tracking Number:

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Latest Update

Your item was picked up at the post office at 1:47 pm on August 26, 2024 in VANCOUVER, WA 98661.

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Delivered, Individual Picked Up at Post Office

VANCOUVER, WA 98661 August 26, 2024, 1:47 pm

Available for Pickup

VANCOUVER 2700 CAPLES AVE VANCOUVER WA 98661-6100 M-F 0900-1730; SAT 0900-1400 August 21, 2024, 6:16 pm

Notice Left (No Authorized Recipient Available)

VANGOUVER, WA 98665 August 21, 2024, 1:45 pm

In Transit to Next Facility

August 20, 2024

Arrived at USPS Facility

PORTLAND, OR 97215 August 19, 2024, 9:21 pm

USPS in possession of item

VANCOUVER, WA 98685 August 19, 2024, 1:40 pm

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Latest Update

Your Item was delivered to an individual at the address at 12:36 pm on August 19, 2024 in CAMAS, WA 98607.

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CAMAS, WA 98607 August 19, 2024, 12:36 pm

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August 18, 2024

Arrived at USPS Facility

PORTLAND, OR 97215 August 17, 2024, 9:37 pm

USPS in possession of item

VANCOUVER, WA 98685 August 17, 2024, 1:39 pm

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Your item was returned to the sender on August 19, 2024 at 1:44 pm in VANCOUVER, WA 98665 because the address was vacant or the business was no longer operating at the location and no further information was available.

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Alert

Vacant

VANCOUVER, WA 98665 August 19, 2024, 1:44 pm

in Transit to Next Facility

August 18, 2024

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What Do USPS Tracking Statuses Mean?

John Patrick Ley in Vancouver, WA also Johnjeff Ley

Home address, vacation, business, rental and apartment property addresses for John

8500 NE Hazel Dell Ave, APT H4, Vancouver, WA 98665 - 1913 Stephens St. Goldsboro, NC 27530

Current

444 NW Fremont St, Camas, WA 98607

16728 NE Halsey St, Portland, OR 97230

3141 NE 38th Ave, Portiond, OR 97212

Home telephone number and mobile/wireless/cell phone numbers for John

(360) 254-6225 -Current

(360) 834-2672

(503) 254-6225

(206) 254-6225

Spouse, partner, mother, father, sister, brother and ex-spouse/partner for John

Jeffery W Ley

Patricia M Ley

Richard W Ley

Deborah Gall Vandenberg

Lisa A Plasencia

Friends, family, business associates and current/previous roommates for John

Meredith Ann Honeycutt

Teresa L Headley

Zachariah John Berning

More Free Details ⇒



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https://nuwber.com > ... > 2 444 NW Fremont St

John P Ley from Camas, WA - 1244 NW Fremont St

Name: John P Ley, Phone number: (360) 254-6225, State: WA, City: Camas, Zip Code: 98607 and more information.

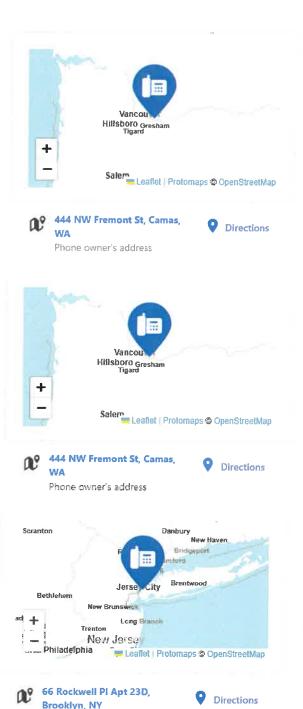


Whitepages

https://www.whitepages.com > ... > WA > Camas

John P Ley 444 NW Fremont St, Camas, WA 98607

John P Ley, age 69, lives in Camas, WA. Find their contact information including current home address, phone number **360-254-6225**, background check reports,



Phone owner's address



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PROPERTY INFORMATION CENTER

Account Summary

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Property Identification Number: 82990584 MapsOnline 👸 Fact Sheet 🗒

Property Type: Real Property Status: Active

Site Address: 444 NW FREMONT ST, CAMAS, WA 98607 (Situs Addresses)

Abbreviated Description: THE RIDGE LOT 11 SUB 92

Tax Status: Regular

Info for Senior/Disabled Property Tax Exemption

LEA JOHN		Owner Mailing Address 444 NW FREMONT ST CAMAS WA , 98507 US Electoral Data		Property Site Address 444 NW FREMONT ST, CAMAS, WA 98607 Google Maps Street View	
				Assessment Data Info	
Jurisdiction Camas Land Use Planning		Board of County Councilors District 4		2024 Uncertified Values Market Value	
Comprehensive	SFL	Camas Council Ward	3	Land Value	\$338,250.00
Plan Designation		CPU Commissioner District	2	Building Value	\$1,067,545.00
Comprehensive Plan Overlay(s)	none	Election Precinct	965	Total Property	\$1,405,795.00
Urban Growth	Camas	Legislative District Library District	Camas Public Library	Taxable Value Info	
Zoning Designation - Codes	Residential-15,000 (R-15)	Port District	Camas Port District 2	2023 Values for 202	\$1,405,795.00 4 Taxes
Zoning Overlay(s)	none	School District Board Director District	Director District	Market Value as of January 1, 2023	
Miscellaneous		Sewer Board District	Camas	Land Value	\$357,750.00
Census Tract	414.00	State Weed Board District	2	Building Value	\$1,171,404.00
Drainage District	n/a			Total Property	\$1,529,154.00
Neighborhood	n/a	Land Data			
Park District	n/a	Approximate Area Info	16,785 sq. ft.	Taxable Value Info.	
Public Safety		Approximate as ea annous	0.39 acres	Total	\$1,529,154.00
Burning Allowed	No	Clark County Road Atlas	Page 2		
EMS Response Area	Camas Washougal Fire	DOR Land Use Code Info	11	2022 Values for 202	7
Fire District Increased Wildfire	Camas	Section-Township-Range	SE 1/4,509,T1N,R3F	Market Value as of	January 1, 2022 \$344,100.00

Danger Area	Yes		/ PDF	Building Value	\$1,047,918.00
Police Jurisdiction	Camas Police Dept	Subdivision	THE RIDGE	Total Property	\$1,392,018.00
Schools		Survey	No Records	Taxable Value Info	
School District Name	Camas	Sales History		Total	\$1,392,018.00
Elementary School	Dorothy Fox	Date of Sale	08/30/2000		
Middle School Attendance Area	Skyridge Middle	Document Type Document Number	DEED	General	
High School		Excise Number	468617	Assessor Neighborhood	169
Attendance Area	Camas	Sale Amount	\$95,000.00	Re-valuation Cycle	5
Fransportation				Notice of Value	2024
C-TRAN Public Transportation Benefit Area	Yes	Date of Sale Document Type	03/23/1999 DEED		2023 2022 2021
Traffic Impact Fee		Document Number			2020
(TIF) District	Camas	Excise Number	445701		2019
Transportation Analysis Zone	1766	Sale Amount	\$0.00	Preperty assessment value is vi	2018
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CPU Lighting Utility District	n/a	Date of Sale Document Type	08/05/1993 DEED	reflect any updates to property the notice mail date. Please cor If you have a question about yo	tact the Assessor's office
Last Street	n/a	Document Number			
Sweeping	11/a	Excise Number	354685		
Sewer District	Camas	Sale Amount	\$72,100.00		
Waste Collection Provider	n/a				
Waste Collection Day	No Data				
Water District	Camas				
	The water service provider may be different from the indicated water district. Please contact the parcel's jurisdiction if you need to know the water service provider.				

(https://gis.clark.wa.gov/gishome/Property/?pid=findSN&account=82990584)

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CASH RECEIPTS MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS

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Clark County Republican Central Committee Non-Exempt

PO Box 205 Vancouver, WA 98666 Deposit date: 07/01/2024 Report number: 110227662 Submitted date: 07/08/2024

1. MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS DEPOSITED IN ACCOUNT

Date received		Amount	Total
	a. Anonymous	\$0.00	\$0.00
	 b. Candidate's personal funds deposited in the bank (include candidate loans in 1c) 	\$0.00	\$0.00
	c. Loans, notes, security agreements (Schedule L)	\$0.00	
	d. Miscellaneous receipts (interest, refunds, auctions, other)	\$0.00	
	e. Small contributions	\$0.00	

2. TOTAL FUNDS RECEIVED AND DEPOSITED OR CREDITED TO ACCOUNT: \$3,559.20

Corresponds to amount on line 1, Schedule A to C4, and itemized below

3. ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS

Date received	Contributor (Name and address)	Employer and address	Amount	Aggregate total
07/01/2024	Van Eynde Phil 13201 NE 61st Ave , Vancouver, WA 98685	Occupation: RETIRED	\$125.00	\$345.00
07/01/2024	Rogie Rebecca 9808 NE 94th Ave , Vancouver, WA 98662	John I Scott Vancouver WA Occupation: BROKER	\$300.00	\$300.00
07/01/2024	Robin John 2302 NE 154th Circle , Vancouver, WA 98686	Tetra Pak Vancouver WA Occupation: Maintenance Supervisor	\$387.48	N \$387.48
07/01/2024	Closson Kevin 12109 NW 42nd Ave , Vancouver, WA 98685	Amazon Vancouver WA Occupation: SOFTWARE ENGINEER	\$258.41	N \$258.41
07/01/2024	LEY JOHN 444 NW Fremont St , Camas, WA 98607	retired Occupation: Retired	\$250.00	N \$290.00



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CASH RECEIPTS MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS

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Clark County Republican Central Committee Non-Exempt

PO Box 205 Vancouver, WA 98666 Deposit date: 07/22/2024 Report number: 110233249 Submitted date: 07/29/2024

1. MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS DEPOSITED IN ACCOUNT

Date received		Amount	Total
	a. Anonymous	\$0.00	\$0.00
	b. Candidate's personal funds deposited in the bank (include candidate loans	\$0.00	\$0.00
	in 1c)		
	c. Loans, notes, security agreements (Schedule L)	\$0.00	
	d. Miscellaneous receipts (interest, refunds, auctions, other)	\$0.00	
	e. Small contributions (27 persons giving)	\$1,481.12	

2. TOTAL FUNDS RECEIVED AND DEPOSITED OR CREDITED TO ACCOUNT: \$55,718.73

Corresponds to amount on line 1, Schedule A to C4, and namized below

3. ITEMIZED CONTRIBUTIONS

Date received	Contributor (Name and address)	Employer and address	Amount	Aggregate total
07/12/2024	Anderson Jon	Retired	\$50.00	N
	8009 NW11th Ct, Vancouver, WA 98565	Occupation: RETIRED		\$820.00
07/14/2024	Dean William		\$25.00	14
	9513 NE 12th PI , Vancouver, WA 98564			\$195.00
07/15/2024	ONERL JACKIE		\$10.00	₽€
	97202 NE 216th Ave , Yacott, WA 98675			\$235.00
07/15/2024	Conway Rebecca	Retired	\$50.00	M
	2420 185th Ave E , Lake Tapps, WA 98391	Occupation: RETIRED		\$408.41
07/15/2024	Koch Nola		\$20.00	#
	9909 NE 103rd Cir , Vancouver, WA 98662			\$249.36
07/15/2024	Kulla Barlene	Camp Hope	\$150.00	散
	10505 NE 331st , La Center, WA 98629	Battle Ground WA		\$1,588.00
	99029	Occupation: PROGRAM ASSISTANT		
07/15/2024	Soyes Donna	Silver Star Industries	\$50.00	N
	PO Box 433 , N. Bonneville, WA	N. Bonneville WA		\$408.41
	98648	Occupation: ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR		
07/15/2024	MicHugh Richard	Retired	\$125.00	N
	3016 NE 154th Ave , Vancouver, WA 98682	Occupation: Retired		\$383.41

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Date received	Contributor (Name and address)	Employer and address	Amount	Aggregate total
07/15/2024	Tucker Bertha 10506 NW 33rd Ave , Vancouver, WA 98665	Retired Vancouver WA Occupation: RETIRED	\$20.00	\$310.00
07/15/2024	Ware Paul PO Box 55817 , Portland, OR 97238	Occupation: SELF EMPLOYED	\$50.00	N \$363.41
07/15/2024	Robin John 2302 NE 154th Circle , Vancouver, WA 98686	Tetra Pak Vancouver WA Occupation: Maintenance Supervisor	\$25.00	N \$512.48
07/15/2024	Wubben Nicole 4800 NW 175th Way , Ridgefield, WA 98642	Self Ridgefield WA Occupation: REAL ESTATE INVESTOR	\$50.00	N \$1,623.41
07/15/2024	Wubben Nicole 4800 NW 175th Way , Ridgefield, WA 98642	Self Ridgefield WA Occupation: REAL ESTATE INVESTOR	\$450.00	N \$1,623.41
07/15/2024	Stupak Mike 4113 NE Tacoma Ct , Camas, WA 98607		\$51.93	\$346.93
67/15/2024	Reed Trianna 491 Mathews Rd , Washougal, WA 98671	Pacific Northwest Business Services, LLC Washougal WA Occupation: President	\$10.00	N \$360.00
07/15/2024	custy James 5317 NE 101st St., Vancouver, WA 98686	Retired Occupation: Retired	\$100.00	\$600.00
07/15/2024	Meuchel Connie 29612 NW 51st Ave , Ridgefield, WA 98642	Retired Occupation: RETIRED	\$110.00	\$610.00
67/15 /2624	LEY JOHN 444 NW Fremont St , Camas, WA 98607	retired Occupation: Retired	\$50.00	\$340.00
07/15/2024	Horn Maureen 16402 NE 74th Cir, Vancouver, WA 98682	Retired Occupation: RETIRED	\$20.00	\$358.41

a) https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/110227662

b) https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/registrations/campaign-finance-report/11023324

Exhibit 07

https://www.pdc.wa.gov/political-disclosure-reporting-data/browse-search-data/candidates/filer_name=John+Ley&office=STATE+REPRESENTATIVE%7CSTATE+SENATOR

JOHN P LEY (JOHN LEY)	2018	LEG DISTRICT 18 - HOUSE	STATE REPRESENTATIVE
JOHN P LEY	2014	LEG DISTRICT 18 - HOUSE	STATE REPRESENTATIVE
JOHN P LEY (John Lev)	2020	LEG DISTRICT 18 - SENATE	STATE SENATOR

a) 2024: https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/financial-affairs/statement/121920
 b) 2022: https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/financial-affairs/statement/107770
 c) 2020: https://apollo.pdc.wa.gov/public/financial-affairs/statement/107770

Business associations

Business entitles where John P Ley owns 10 percent or more, or serves as an officer, director or general partner.

NW Safe Retirements, LLC (JOHN P LEY)

444 NW Fremont St.
Camas WA 98607
limited liability corporation
100% ownership

Government Payments

No payments were received by NW Safe Retirements, LLC from a government agency where John P Ley sought or held office.

Other Government Payments

No payments were received by NW Safe Retirements, LLC in excess of \$12,000 from a government agency where John P Ley did not seek or hold office.

Business Payments

No payments were received by NW Safe Retirements, LLC in excess of \$12,000 from any business customer.

Safe Haven Assets, LLC (JOHN P LEY)

444 NW Fremont St.
Camas WA 98607
IRA owned LLC
100% ownership

Government Payments

No payments were received by Safe Haven Assets, LLC from a government agency where John P Ley sought or held office.

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Real estate

Real estate owned in the state of Washington:

444 NW Fremont St. Camas, WA 98607

Owned by: JOHN P LEY

Assessed value: more than \$1,000,000.00

https://www.columbian.com/news/2023/nov/19/former-legislative-candidate-john-ley-faces-felony-fraud-charges-in-2022-election-case/

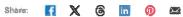


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Former legislative candidate John Ley faces felony fraud charges in 2022 election case

Camas resident to appear in court on Nov. 28

By Shan Phys. Countries staff writer Published November 19, 2023 2:23pm





John Ley (The Columbian files)

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Former legislative candidate John Ley of Camas is facing felony elections fraud charges after claiming he lived in Battle Ground and Hazel Dell, according to court filings.

Ley, who made those claims in 2022 during an unsuccessful bid to run in the 18th Legislative District, was ordered to appear before Superior Court Judge David Gregerson on Nov. 28 to respond to allegations of providing false information for voter registration and providing false information on a declaration of candidacy.

The prosecuting attorney's office filed the allegations on Nov. I following an investigation by the Clark County Sheriff's Office. They are considered Class C felonies, punishable by a maximum fine of \$10,000 or five years in jail.

Ley, a Republican, filed to run for the 18th Legislative District Position 2 seat. Approximately one month before filing. Ley changed the address on his voter registration from his Fremont Street home in Camas, which is in the 17th District, to a Battle Ground address in the 18th District.



Ley was found to be ineligible for the office following a <u>voter registration challenge</u> filed by Vancouver resident Carolyn Crain.

At a hearing on the challenge, Ley said he didn't live in Battle Ground in a traditional sense but was renting a room in a home owned by friends Philip and Eileen Haggerty. Ley said he was paying \$1 per month and was free to stay there whenever he wanted.

County Auditor Greg Kimsey issued a ruling on the challenge in July 2022, stating there was "clear and compelling" evidence in support of Crain's challenge, and that Ley "did not state, or otherwise provide evidence, that he resides at the Battle Ground location."

Prior to the hearing. Ley changed the address on his voter registration again — this time to an apartment on Hazel Dell Avenue, which is also in the 18th District.

Public records show that address is currently listed on Ley's voter registration. Kimsey confirmed a ballot for the Nov. 8 general election was sent to Ley at the Hazel Dell Avenue address, and that ballot was received and processed.

Kimsey turned the matter over to the <u>sheriff's office to investigate</u>, with any decision to pursue charges made by the prosecuting attorney's office.

A probable cause statement signed by sheriff's Sgt. Jayson Camp shows phone records for Ley were analyzed during the investigation. According to the statement, phone records for April 1 through May 17 showed, "John Ley's cellphone was active hear (his) residence in Camas, Washington, nearly every day."

In the statement, Camp said he inspected the records for any activity near the Battle Ground address and found no evidence that Ley's cellphone was ever located near the home during the entire date range.

"I determined it was highly unlikely that John Ley had ever stayed the night in that location during that time frame, and ultimately, I determined beyond a reasonable doubt that John Ley did not live or reside at that address during that time," Camp wrote.

Camp also said in the probable cause statement that it was "unlikely that John Ley had ever actually even been to the Battle Ground address between the time he claimed to have entered into a rental agreement and the date he filed his declaration of candidacy."

One issue the court will have to decide is whether Ley knowingly lied when he changed his voter registration and filed to run for office.

"As a result of my investigation, I do not believe John Ley intentionally lied; rather, he negligently and recklessly perjured himself by attempting to create a loophole in order to run for an office for which he was not legally eligible under Washington state law," Camp wrote.

Ley could not be reached for comment.

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Declaration:

In 2022 I filed a voter challenge on the grounds that John Ley didn't live at the address he filed to run for office from. A hearing on the issue was found to concur with my filing.

Afterwards I filed in our county Superior Court to have John's name removed from the ballot. Due to the ballots being mailed already the judge determined that removing of the "candidates name" was going to confound the elections and disenfranchise thousands of voters. The ballots were already in the mail. The judge ordered that the county auditor would send notifications to all addresses on file which had a registered voter that the votes cast for John Ley would not be counted towards advancement in the primary to be on the general election ballot.

John Ley at that time had already switched his voter registration address to a Vancouver Housing Authority property address. He has claimed that address on his voter registration ever since and even voted from that address while continuing to reside in his million+ dollar home in Camas a residence in the 17th LD.

I had stopped by there a couple of times back in March and April of this year but there was no answer at the door. Address of registration: 8415 NE Hazel Dell Ave, Apt 21, Vancouver, WA 98665 visited on March 1st and April 20th 2024.

I do not believe he lives there. His property in Camas is still in his name as owner at 444 NW Fremont St, Camas, WA 98607. It is currently valued at \$1,405,795.00 Property ID Number is 82990584 Desc: THE RIDGE LOT 11 SUB 92

According to MAPS it is a 24 minute commute time of 16.6 miles which means it does not qualify for an IRS mileage tax exemption even.

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