

## Summary Statement

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From: Matt Hawkins, Candidate for State Auditor and Friends of Hawkins  
TO: Media and Public,



**LaVoz**, The Voice of The People.

We have all heard references to The Greatest Generation, well, **“The Greatest Generation is living now”**. If you can hear my voice or read my message, you are a part of the greatest generation this country has ever seen. This is your time, our time to ensure that through our voting we can make a difference for our families and country. To do so, **everyone**, needs to vote. **We have teams of volunteers that are working to ensure that our elections are Fair and Honest.**

I am Matt Hawkins, a husband and father who just like you would like to know that our government is spending our money wisely and running our state in a lawful and honest manner. I have learned that our state has lost hundreds of millions of dollars to contractors, has consistently violated our own election laws and has failed to conduct any audits of elections in this century. Our hard working families deserve better and that is why I am asking the good people of Washington to choose me as their next State Auditor.

The State Auditor works to benefit the public Trust, by

- 1) Auditing the **financial** conditions of government agencies,
- 2) Auditing for **Compliance** regarding how laws are being respected and
- 3) Auditing for the **Process & Systems** within government to ensure public agencies are delivering the benefits and services the public expects.

With regard to the financial conditions my opponent in the race, the incumbent auditor, takes great pride in tracking down a \$900,000 dollar problem but fails to mention the cyber swindling we fell victim to that cost the state **“at least”** \$647,000,000. My opponent appears to be setting mouse traps while the barn is on fire.

**As for new news:** laws are being disrespected and our elections not being properly managed and that is the reason I have asked for your attention today.

Our elections have never been Audited in 25+ years. In the last 25 years we have moved completely from a Precinct based, in-person election system; to one where

there is a greater reliance on computers with everyone receiving a ballot by mail. We found in the 2024 Primary election, that “fingers were put onto the scales of justice” as an APP was used in at least King County, but only by one of the political parties. Literally, it was a “Finger Swipe” that was used to elect someone. Only one political party was to benefit. The outcome for the Lands Commission race, denied a win for Sue Kuehl Pederson. **This was wrong.**

I am aware of numerous inconsistencies that have been found by private researchers, through Public Records requests, which due to legislation are now being difficult to secure. My point, Transparency is taking a holiday.

In the private sector, the standard operating procedure is that when you move from one system to another, you design safeguards with transparency, so that people can have confidence in future outcomes. Instead, what we have incurred is:

- 1) an election system that has no Audits,
- 2) lacks in transparency,
- 3) allows for biases to take place as ballot signatures are cured.

This is the only government system that I can find that has not been audited by the State Auditor’s office.

**This is what needs to be done:**

1. Implement Audits of the Election system as outlined in the attached materials.
2. Stop the immediate use of APPS in voting that are not systematically used Statewide and
3. Decertify the 2024 Primary results of the Lands Commissioner race.

This race deserves that the intended rightful top two winners (Butler and Pederson) to be rerun in a new and fair General election, without a biased use of technology to benefit one Major Political Party over another. The Audit approach needs to be blind to Political Party status. My commitment is to ensure that the Audit process is non-partisan.

Documents as well as hyperlinks to additional resource materials showcasing how the senior leaders of Washington’s government have been leading in a corruptible and non-transparent manner, can be found on my website, at [www.MCHawkins.org](http://www.MCHawkins.org)

I am open to Q&A

