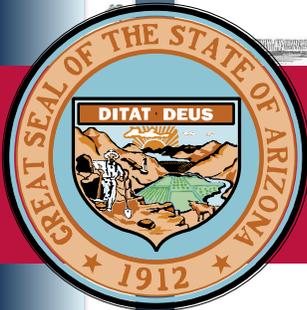
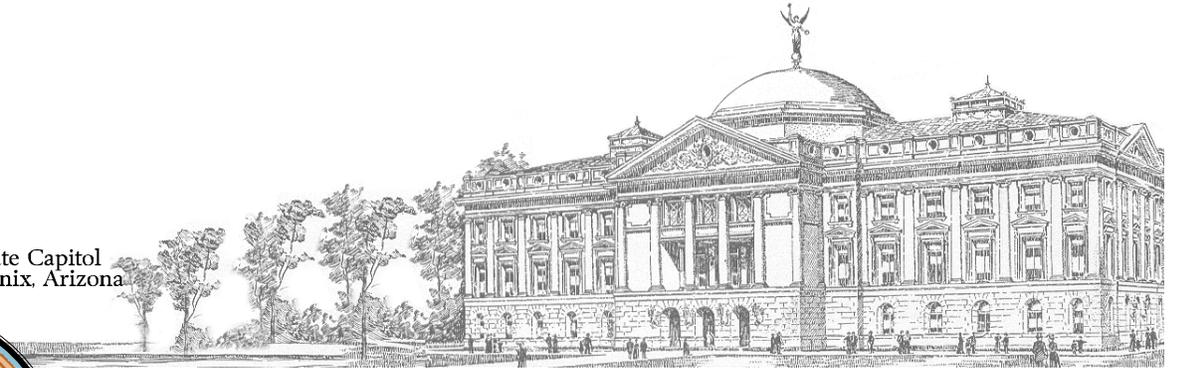




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An Introduction from Secretary of State Michele Reagan

A candidate may run for U.S. President in Arizona by taking one of several distinct approaches:

Nomination. Being “nominated” for President guarantees that your name will appear on the general election ballot in November 2016. There are two methods for obtaining a nomination: one reserved for candidates running under recognized party labels, and one reserved for unaffiliated candidates.

- If you seek the nomination of a recognized political party, you may run in the Presidential Preference Election--which is held in March 2016. This process produces, among other nominees, the well-known Republican Party and Democratic Party presidential hopefuls that go on to be formally nominated by party delegates at national conventions during summer of 2016.

Candidates must meet basic qualifications to appear on the Presidential Preference Election ballot for their political party. However, only the party’s presidential and vice-presidential nominees that emerge from the national conventions will appear on the general election ballot in November 2016.

- If you do not seek to run under a recognized political party label, you may be nominated by gathering a certain number of petition signatures from any registered voter. Once you designate your vice-presidential running mate and complete other required paperwork, your name (along with a label of your choice) will appear on Arizona’s general election ballot alongside the recognized party nominees.

Write-In. Even if you do not receive a nomination for President, and therefore your name will not be listed on the general election ballot, your supporters can still write your name in for President at the November 2016 general election. However, in order for those write-in votes to count, you must file certain paperwork with the Secretary of State’s office in advance of the general election.

This Guide explains in greater detail the requirements for each of the three methods to run for President in Arizona. If you have any questions after reading this Guide, please contact the Secretary of State’s office.

Sincerely,

MICHELE REAGAN
Arizona Secretary of State

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Chapter 1: Nomination through Presidential Preference Election for Recognized Party Candidates

The Presidential Preference Election (PPE) is only open to candidates seeking the nomination of one of the four recognized political parties in Arizona: the Democratic Party, Green Party, Libertarian Party or Republican Party.¹ Write-in candidates are prohibited from participating in the PPE.²

Candidates interested in having their name placed on their political party's PPE ballot must meet the constitutional qualifications for President of the United States and submit valid nomination documents before the filing deadline.

Overview of the PPE Process

The presidential candidate will submit paperwork with the Secretary of State to qualify for the PPE ballot. The candidate that receives the most votes at the March 2016 PPE will be entitled to have their party's delegates from the State of Arizona vote for them at their political party's national convention.³

Separately, the chairman of the state's political party will appoint eleven candidates for the office of "presidential elector," which is equal to the number of United States senators and representatives in Congress from Arizona.⁴ Should you go on to win the 2016 General Election in Arizona, these eleven presidential electors represent one vote each for your presidency in the Electoral College---the constitutionally-created mechanism to actually select the President of the United States.

Required Documents

1. Presidential Preference Candidate "Nomination Paper & Notice of Candidacy;" and either:
 - 2a. Presidential Preference Nomination Petitions with a sufficient number of signatures;
- OR-
- 2b. Certificates of PPE Ballot Qualification from at least two other states.⁵

The required sample forms are appended to this chapter.

¹ A.R.S. § 16-244. However, not all currently recognized parties will necessarily participate in the PPE. Furthermore, new parties may seek recognition through October 24, 2015.

² A.R.S. § 16-247.

³ A.R.S. § 16-243.

⁴ A.R.S. § 16-344.

⁵ A.R.S. § 16-242.



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Certificates of PPE Ballot Qualification

A candidate seeking to qualify for the PPE through this method must submit official documentation from the chief election office, commission or board in at least two other states proving that the candidate previously qualified for the partisan party ballot in that state. A signed letter on official government letterhead will normally suffice. Only states with primary-style (not caucus) presidential preference elections are eligible for this reciprocity.⁶

Required Nomination Petition Signatures

A candidate seeking to qualify for the PPE through this method must submit at least 500 valid signatures.

- ❖ Democratic Party & Republican Party Candidates: at least 500 registered voters of the same political party affiliation.
- ❖ Green Party & Libertarian Party Candidates: at least 500 registered voters from any recognized political party.⁷

Please note the historical 30% - 40% invalidity rate for petition signatures in Arizona.

Filing Period

Candidate Filing Period

First day to file candidate nomination paper and certificate of qualification/petition signatures:
November 13, 2015.

Last day to file candidate nomination paper and certificates of qualification/petition signatures:
December 14, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. (Arizona time)⁸

Presidential Elector Filing Period

First day for party chairman to file nomination paper for presidential electors: May 2, 2016.

Last day for party chairman to file nomination paper for presidential electors: June 1, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. (Arizona time)⁹

⁶ A.R.S. § 16-242(E).

⁷ A.R.S. § 16-242(C). Unaffiliated voters, including independents, are not qualified to sign petitions.

⁸ A.R.S. § 16-242(B).

⁹ A.R.S. § 16-311(E).



Ballot Order Drawing

At a public meeting, the Secretary of State will draw, at random, the order in which the candidates' names will appear on the PPE ballot.¹⁰ Please check back with our office after December 14, 2015 for the exact date of this meeting.

(All incomplete documents will be rejected and returned to the candidate)

¹⁰ A.R.S. § 16-245(B).





STATE OF ARIZONA

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE ELECTION
CANDIDATE NOMINATION PAPER & NOTICE OF CANDIDACY
(A.R.S. § 16-242)

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

You are hereby notified that I, _____ am seeking nomination as a candidate for the office of President of the United States from the _____ Party, at the Presidential Preference Election to be held on the 22nd day of March 2016.

I am a natural born citizen of the United States, will be at least thirty-five years of age at the time of election, and will have been a resident within the United States for at least fourteen years at the time of election.

Candidate's Residence Address City State Zip

Candidate's Mailing Address City State Zip

Print or type your name on the following line in the exact manner you wish it to appear on the ballot, last name first. LAST NAME FIRST NAME

Candidate's Arizona Point of Contact:

Name _____

Address _____
Number and Street City Zip

File with:
Arizona Secretary of State
Elections Services Division
1700 West Washington Street, 7th Floor
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

CANDIDATE SIGNATURE

Presidential Preference Election - Nomination Petition

Put optional photo here

I, the undersigned, a qualified elector of the county of _____, state of Arizona, and a member of the _____ party, hereby nominate _____ to be the party nominee candidate for the office of President of the United States to be voted at in the state of _____ the Presidential Preference Election to be held March 22, 2016, as representing the principles of such party, and I hereby declare that I am qualified to vote for this office and that I have not signed, and will not sign, any nomination petition for more persons than the number of candidates necessary to fill such office at the Presidential Preference Election. I further declare that if I choose to use a post office box address on this petition, my residence address has not changed since I last reported it to the county recorder for purposes of updating my voter registration file.

Signature	Printed name	Actual residence address, description of place of residence or Arizona post office box address, city or town	Date of signing
1.			
2.			
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Instructions for Circulators

1. All petitions shall be signed by circulator.
2. Circulator is not required to be a resident of this state but otherwise must be qualified to register to vote in this state and, if not a resident of this state, shall register as a circulator with the secretary of state.
3. Circulator's name shall be typed or printed under the circulator's signature.
4. Circulator's actual residence address or, if no street address, a description of residence location shall be included on the petition.

I, _____ a person who is not required to be a resident of this state but who is otherwise qualified to register to
(Printed Name)

vote in the county of _____, in the state of Arizona, hereby verify that each of the names on the petition was signed in my presence on the date indicated; that in my belief each signer was a qualified elector who resides at the address given as their residence on the date indicated. I further verify that each signer is a member of the party from which the candidate is seeking nomination, unless the candidate's political party has fewer than fifty thousand qualified electors.

Signature of Circulator

Typed or Printed Name of Circulator

Circulator's Actual Residence Address
(If no street address, a description of residence location shall be included on the petition)

City, State and Zip Code

Chapter 2: Nomination through Petition for “Independent” Candidates

An “independent” candidate who is not formerly nominated by a recognized political party at its national convention may still be nominated by registered voters to appear on the general election ballot.¹¹

Candidates must meet the constitutional qualifications for President of the United States and submit valid nomination documents before the filing deadline.

Overview of the Process

The presidential candidate will submit paperwork with the Secretary of State to qualify for the general election ballot in November 2016. This filing will include petitions and nomination paperwork for the presidential candidate, as well as nomination papers for the vice-presidential candidate and eleven presidential electors.¹² (These eleven presidential electors are equal to the number of United States senators and representatives in Congress for the state of Arizona.) Should you win the 2016 General Election in Arizona, these eleven presidential electors represent one vote each for your presidency in the Electoral College---the constitutionally-created mechanism to actually select the President of the United States.

Required Documents

1. A letter designating the name of the candidate’s vice-presidential running mate and the names of eleven presidential electors who will represent the candidate, along with their signed consent to be designated as presidential electors.¹³
2. Nomination Paper for the presidential candidate.
3. Nomination Paper for the vice-presidential candidate.
4. Nomination Papers for each of the eleven presidential electors.
5. Nomination Petitions with a sufficient number of valid signatures for the presidential electors.¹⁴

The required sample forms are appended to this chapter.

Required Nomination Petition Signatures

Petitions may be signed by any registered Arizona voter.¹⁵

The requisite number of signatures will be based on March 1, 2016 voter registration statistics. Until that number is available, you may use the 2014 signature requirements as a guideline: 34,028. Please be sure to check back with our office in late March for an updated number.¹⁶

¹¹ A.R.S. § 16-341(A). The candidate cannot be a registered member of a recognized political party in Arizona.

¹² A.R.S. § 16-341.

¹³ The letter of consent is separate from the nomination paper that must be submitted for the vice-president and presidential elector candidates. The wording used in the letter is left to the discretion of the candidate; there is no sample form.

¹⁴ A.R.S. § 16-341(G), (I).

¹⁵ A.R.S. § 16-341(F).



Filing Period

First day to file nomination papers and petition signatures: August 10, 2016.

Last day to file nomination papers and petition signatures: September 9, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. (Arizona time)¹⁷

Three Word “Party” Designation

An “independent” candidate may designate up to three words to appear with their name on election-related material. From the designated word(s), a three-letter abbreviation will be printed next to the candidate’s name on the general election ballot in parentheses. The Secretary of State’s office reserves the right to select the candidate’s three-letter designation to ensure that it does not cause voter confusion or produce an obscene expression. If you would like to have (IND) appear next to your name on the ballot, use the word “Independent” as your designation.

(All incomplete documents will be rejected and returned to the candidate)

¹⁶ A.R.S. § 16-341(F).

¹⁷ A.R.S. § 16-341(G).





STATE OF ARIZONA
"INDEPENDENT" PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES
NOMINATION PAPER
(A.R.S. §§ 16-311, 16-341)

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

You are hereby notified that I, the undersigned, am a candidate for the office of **President of the United States** at the general election to be held on the 8th day of November, 2016.

I am a natural born citizen of the United States, will be at least thirty-five years of age at the time of the election, and will have been a resident of the United States for at least fourteen years at the time of the election.

I meet the statutory requirements to be nominated as a candidate for public office at the general election and I am not a member of a recognized political party in the State of Arizona.

Residence Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

OR

Description of Place of Residence _____ Post Office Box _____ City _____ Zip _____

Print or type your name on the following line in the exact manner you wish it to appear on the ballot, last name first.

LAST NAME

FIRST NAME

"PARTY" DESIGNATION (up to 3 words)

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE SIGNATURE



STATE OF ARIZONA
"INDEPENDENT" VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES
NOMINATION PAPER
(A.R.S. §§ 16-311, 16-341)

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

You are hereby notified that I, the undersigned, am a candidate for the office of **Vice President of the United States** at the general election to be held on the 8th day of November, 2016.

I am a natural born citizen of the United States, will be at least thirty-five years of age at the time of the election, and will have been a resident of the United States for at least fourteen years at the time of the election.

I meet the statutory requirements to be nominated as a candidate for public office at the general election and I am not a member of a recognized political party in the State of Arizona.

Residence Address	City	Zip
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OR

Description of Place of Residence	Post Office Box	City	Zip
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Print or type your name on the following line in the exact manner you wish it to appear on the ballot, last name first.

LAST NAME

FIRST NAME

VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE SIGNATURE



STATE OF ARIZONA
"INDEPENDENT" PRESIDENTIAL ELECTOR
NOMINATION PAPER
(A.R.S. §§ 16-311, 16-341)

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

You are hereby notified that I, the undersigned, am a candidate for the office of **Presidential Elector** at the general election to be held on the 8th day of November, 2016, pledged to support _____ for President of the United States.

I meet the statutory requirements to be nominated as a candidate for public office at the general election and I am not a member of a recognized political party in the State of Arizona.

Residence Address City Zip

OR

Description of Place of Residence Post Office Box City Zip

Print or type your name on the following line in the exact manner you wish it to appear on the ballot, last name first.

LAST NAME

FIRST NAME

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTOR SIGNATURE

“Independent” Presidential Elector Nomination Petition

The undersigned, qualified electors of _____ county in the state of Arizona, do hereby nominate (name all 11 candidates for presidential elector, with each candidates' address of residence and county of residence)

as candidates for the office of Presidential Elector at the general election to be held on the 8th day of November, 2016, pledged to support _____ for President of the United States. I hereby declare that I have not signed the nomination petitions of any candidate for the office of Presidential Elector for this general election, and I do hereby select the following designation under which name the said candidate shall be placed on the official ballot (here insert such "party" designation not exceeding three words in length): _____. I further declare that if I choose to use a post office box address on this petition, my residence address has not changed since I last reported it to the county recorder for purposes of updating my voter registration file.

Signature	Printed name	Actual residence address, description of place of residence or Arizona post office box address, city or town	Date of signing
1.			
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10.			

Instructions for Circulators

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2. Circulator is not required to be a resident of this state but otherwise must be qualified to register to vote in this state and, if not a resident of this state, shall register as a circulator with the secretary of state.
3. Circulator's name shall be typed or printed under the circulator's signature.
4. Circulator's actual residence address or, if no street address, a description of residence location shall be included on the petition.

I, _____ a person who is not required to be a resident of this state but who is otherwise qualified
(Printed Name)

to register to vote in the county of _____, in the state of Arizona, hereby verify that each of the names on the petition was signed in my presence
on the date indicated; that in my belief each signer was a qualified elector who resides at the address given as their residence on the date indicated.

Signature of Circulator

Typed or Printed Name of Circulator

Circulator's Actual Residence Address
(If no street address, a description of residence location shall be included
on the petition)

City or Town and Zip Code

Chapter 3: Run as a Write-in Candidate at the General Election

Candidates that wish to run as write-in candidates do not submit petition signatures; rather, they provide notice to the Secretary of State in order for their write-in votes to be counted.¹⁸ The names of each write-in candidate will not appear on the ballot, but will be made available online and posted at each polling place or vote center.¹⁹ If a write-in candidate does not file the required paperwork in advance of the general election, any write-in votes for the candidate will not be tallied.²⁰

Overview of the Write-In Process

The presidential candidate will submit paperwork with the Secretary of State to qualify as a write-in candidate at the general election in November 2016. This filing will include the nomination paper for the presidential candidate, as well as the nomination papers for the vice-presidential candidate and all eleven presidential electors.²¹ (These eleven presidential electors are equal to the number of United States senators and representatives in Congress for the state of Arizona.) Should you win the 2016 General Election in Arizona, these eleven presidential electors represent one vote each for your presidency in the Electoral College---the constitutionally-created mechanism to actually select the President of the United States.

Required Documents

1. A letter designating the name of the candidate's vice-presidential running mate and the names of the eleven presidential electors who will represent the candidate, along with their signed consent to be designated.²²
2. Write-In Nomination Paper for the presidential candidate
3. Write-In Nomination Paper for the vice-presidential candidate
4. Write-In Nomination Paper for each of the eleven presidential electors²³

The required sample forms are appended to this chapter.

¹⁸ A.R.S. § 16-312(G).

¹⁹ A.R.S. § 16-312(E).

²⁰ A.R.S. § 16-312(C).

²¹ A.R.S. § 16-312(G).

²² The letter of consent is separate from the nomination paper that must be submitted for the vice-president and presidential elector candidates. The wording used in the letter is left to the discretion of the candidate; there is no sample form.

²³ A.R.S. § 16-312(G).



Filing Period

First day to file nomination papers: September 12, 2016.

Last day to file nomination papers: September 29, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. (Arizona time)²⁴

(All incomplete documents will be rejected and returned to the candidate)

²⁴ A.R.S. § 16-312(B).





STATE OF ARIZONA
WRITE-IN PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES
NOMINATION PAPER
(A.R.S. §§ 16-311, 16-312)

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

You are hereby notified that I, the undersigned, a qualified elector, am a candidate for the office of **President of the United States** for the _____ Party (if applicable) to be voted on at the general election to be held on the 8th day of November, 2016.

I am a natural born citizen of the United States, will be at least thirty-five years of age at the time of the election, and will have been a resident of the United States for at least fourteen years at the time of the election.

Residence Address City Zip

OR

Description of Place of Residence Post Office Box City Zip

Print or type your name on the following line in the exact manner you wish it to appear on the Notice of Official Write-In Candidates, last name first.

LAST NAME

FIRST NAME

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE SIGNATURE



STATE OF ARIZONA
WRITE-IN VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES
NOMINATION PAPER
(A.R.S. §§ 16-311, 16-312)

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You are hereby notified that I, the undersigned, a qualified elector, am a candidate for the office of **Vice President of the United States** for the _____ Party (if applicable) to be voted on at the general election to be held on the 8th day of November, 2016.

I am a natural born citizen of the United States, will be at least thirty-five years of age at the time of the election, and will have been a resident of the United States for at least fourteen years at the time of the election.

Residence Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

OR

Description of Place of Residence _____ Post Office Box _____ City _____ Zip _____

Print or type your name on the following line in the exact manner you wish it to appear on the Notice of Official Write-In Candidates, last name first.

_____,
LAST NAME

FIRST NAME

VICE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE SIGNATURE



STATE OF ARIZONA
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Residence Address City Zip

OR

Description of Place of Residence Post Office Box City Zip

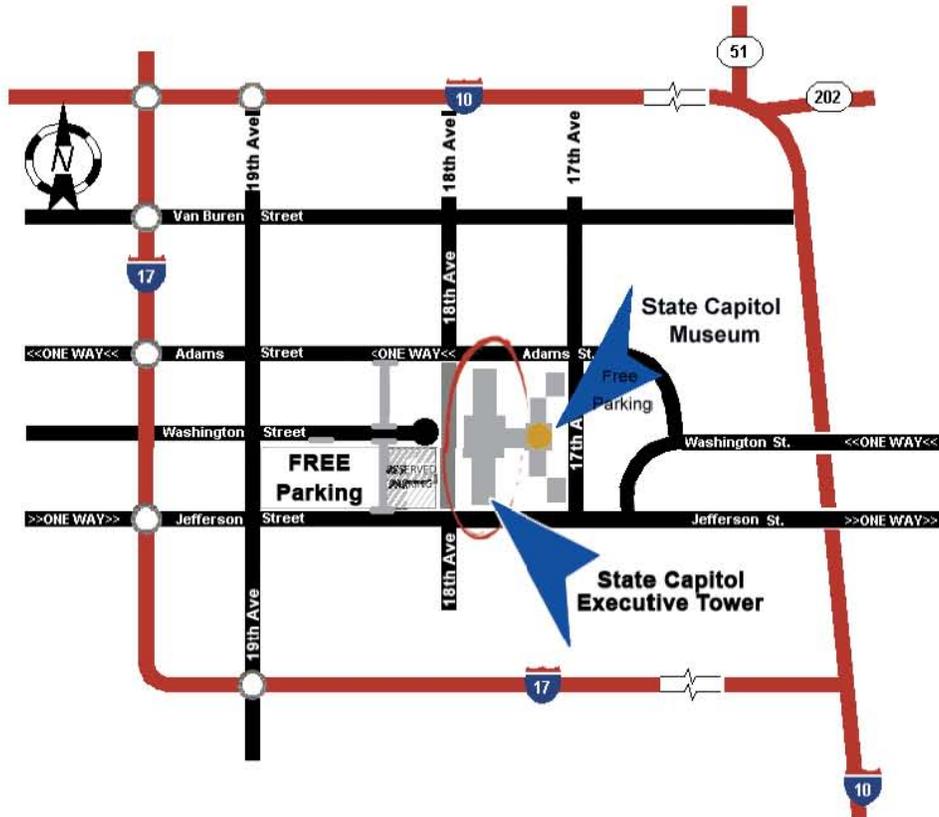
Print or type your name on the following line in the exact manner you wish it to appear on the Notice of Official Write-In Candidates, last name first.

LAST NAME

FIRST NAME

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTOR SIGNATURE

Capitol Office Directions



From I-17, Southbound

Exit I-17 onto Jefferson Street
 East on Jefferson Street (one way)
 First entrance past 19th Avenue on North (left) side
 of Jefferson Street

From I-17, Northbound

Exit I-17 onto 19th Avenue
 North (right) onto 19th Avenue
 East (Right) on Washington Street
 Next right (South) into parking lot driveway

From I-10, Westbound

Exit I-10 Westbound at 19th Avenue
 Left (South) on 19th Avenue to Washington Street
 Left (East) on Washington Street
 Next right (South) into parking lot driveway

From I-10, Eastbound

Exit I-10 Eastbound onto I-17 Southbound (truck
 route)
 Exit I-17 Southbound onto Jefferson Street
 East on Jefferson Street (one way)
 First driveway past 19th Avenue on left (North) side

From Downtown Phoenix

West on Washington Street (one way)
 Stay on Washington as it jogs North to Adams Street
 (approx. 15th Avenue)
 Left (South) on 19th Avenue
 Next left (East) on Washington Street
 Next right (South) into parking lot driveway



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