

Candidate Filing
Major Political Party or Nonpartisan

SEL 101

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| Filing Dates | | Candidate Filing | Candidate Withdrawal |
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| Primary Election May 19, 2026 | First Day to File Last Day to File | September 11, 2025 March 10, 2026* | March 13, 2026 |
| General Election November 3, 2026 | First Day to File Last Day to File | June 3, 2026 August 25, 2026* | August 28, 2026 |

*An incumbent seeking re-election to the same office must file their declaration of candidacy or nominating petition at least seven days before applicable filing deadline for non-incumbent candidates. Incumbent candidates that were appointed to the position they are seeking election to are subject to the same filing deadline as non-incumbent candidates.

Filing Information

This filing is an ☒ Original ☐ Amendment

Office Information

Filing for Office of: **Columbia County Commissioner**

District, Position or County: **Position 2**

Party Affiliation: ☐ Democratic Party ☐ Republican Party ☒ Nonpartisan

Incumbent: ☒ No ☐ Yes If Incumbent: ☐ Elected** ☐ Appointed

****If you are an Elected Incumbent, you are subject to an earlier filing deadline!**

Filing Method

☒ Fee

| Office | Filing Fee | Office | Filing Fee |
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| United States Senator | \$150 | Justice of the Peace | n/a |
| United States Representative | \$100 | County Office | \$50 |
| Statewide Offices | \$100 | City Office | Set by charter or ordinance |
| State Senator or Representative | \$25 | MSD Executive Officer, MAD Director | \$100 |
| Circuit Court, District Attorney | \$50 | MSD Councilor | \$25 |

☐ Prospective Petition, in lieu of filing fee ☐ Some circulators may be paid ☐ Yes ☐ No

Candidate Information

Name of Candidate

| | | |
|--------|----|----------|
| First | MI | Last |
| Gerald | G | Cole Jr. |

How you would like your name to appear on the ballot

Jerry Cole

Candidate Residence / Route Address

| | | | | |
|----------------|---------|-------|-------|----------|
| Street Address | City | State | Zip | County |
| 316 East 3rd | Rainier | OR | 97048 | Columbia |

Candidate Mailing Address and Contact Information Only one phone number and an email is required.

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|--------------------------|---------|-------|-------|
| Street Address or PO Box | City | State | Zip |
| PO Box 912 | Rainier | OR | 97048 |

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| Work Phone | Home Phone | Cell Phone |
| | | 503-396-0683 |

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| Email Address | Web Site, if applicable |
| Jerry@electjerrycole.com | www.electJerryCole.com |

Race and Ethnicity Optional

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Occupation (present employment) If not employed, enter "Not Employed".

Retired Firefighter, Currently Interim Fire Chief

Occupational Background (previous employment) If no relevant experience, None or NA must be entered.

Firefighter, Paramedic, Division Chief, Current Interim Fire Chief Lewis County Fire District 6, Mayor City of Rainier 22 years,
Community Volunteer and Economic Development Advocate

Educational Background (schools attended)

Complete name of School

Last Grade completed

Diploma/Degree/Certificate

Course of Study

Portland Community College

AAS Degree

Fire Science

Oregon Health Sciences University

Paramedic

Certified Paramedic

Educational Background (other) Attach a separate sheet if necessary.

See Attached page ;

Prior Governmental Experience (elected or appointed) If no relevant experience, None or NA must be entered.

Mayor, City of Rainier - January 2003 to Present

Board Member Columbia 911 Communications District 1999 - 2003

Past member Rainier School District Budget Committee

Campaign Finance Information Not applicable to candidates for federal office.

A candidate must file a Statement of Organization not later than three business days of first receiving a contribution or making an expenditure and no later than the deadline for filing a nominating petition, declaration of candidacy, or certificate of nomination, whichever occurs first, unless they meet the criteria for an exemption. To meet the criteria, the candidate must serve as their own treasurer, not have an existing candidate committee, and not expect to spend or receive more than \$1,500 during the entire calendar year (including in-kind contributions and personal funds).

If you have an existing candidate committee you must amend the statement of organization not later than 10 days after a change in information. This includes changes to the election you are active in and the office you are running for.

See the [Campaign Finance Manual](#) for the procedural and legal requirements of establishing and maintaining a candidate committee.

Residence Address Exemption

To exempt your residence address from public disclosure, complete form [SEL 180 – Residence Address Exemption Request](#). The request for a Residence Address Exemption MUST include a publicly disclosable mailing address. See the Candidates Manual for further information.

☐ I don't want my residence address to be disclosed. I will be filing a separate [SEL 180 – Residence Address Exemption Request](#).

Candidate Attestation

By signing this document, I hereby state that:

- I will accept the nomination for the office indicated above;
- I will qualify for said office if elected;
- All information provided by me on this form is true to the best of my knowledge; **and**
- No circulators will be compensated based on the number of signatures obtained by the circulator on a prospective petition

For Major Political Party Candidates

- if not nominated, I will not accept the nomination or endorsement of any political party other than the one named
- I have been a member of said political party, subject to the exceptions stated in ORS 249.046, for at least 180 days before the deadline for filing a nominating petition or declaration of candidacy (ORS 249.031). Does not apply to candidates filing for the office of US President.



Warning

Supplying false information on this form may result in conviction of a felony with a fine of up to \$125,000 and/or prison for up to 5 years. (ORS 260.715). A person may only file for one lucrative office or not more than one precinct committee person at the same election. Unless (ORS 249.013 and ORS 249.170)

Candidate Signature

Date

9/15/2025