

**Pierce County Special Election - March 10, 2009\***  
**Canvassing Board Certification Report**  
**March 25, 2009**

<b>VOTER STATISTICS</b>	
Total number of active registered voters in all precincts	176,214
Total number of inactive registered voters in all precincts	12,348
Total registered voters in all precincts	188,562

<b>BALLOT STATISTICS</b>	
<b><u>Vote By Mail (VBM) Ballots</u></b>	
The total number of VBM ballots issued	176,694
Total number of VBM ballots returned (includes challenged ballots)	58,857
Total ballots counted**	58,531
**includes VBM, overseas, out of state, service voters, e-ballots, and Address Confidentiality Program ballots	
<b><u>Return Statistics (See report 1 and 2 for detail)</u></b>	
Ballots returned by mail	43,998
Ballots returned at staffed Express Booths	12,343
Ballots returned at drop boxes	2,516
<b><u>Out of State, Overseas, Service Voters and E-ballots</u></b>	
The total number of out-of-state, overseas, service voters, and e-ballots issued	3,490
The total number of out-of-state, overseas, service voters, and e-ballots returned	733
The total number of out-of-state, overseas, service voters, and e-ballots rejected	11
The total number of out-of-state, overseas, service voters, and e-ballots counted	722
<b><u>Provisional Ballots</u></b>	
Total number of provisional ballots issued	0

<b>VOTER TURNOUT STATISTICS - OVERALL</b>	
Total ballot counted	58,531
Overall Turnout Percentage	33.22%

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<b>REJECTED BALLOT STATISTICS</b>		
<b><u>Total ballots rejected</u></b>		<b>357</b>
<b><u>Mail Ballots rejected</u></b>		
<b>Total ballots rejected (voter challenge code applied, no credit given)</b>		<b>323</b>
Unsigned ballot envelopes	52	
Signed by someone other than the voter (Wrong Signer)	12	
Signature did not match	230	
Unsigned registration	12	
Voter cancelled	5	
No ballot in envelope	9	
Voter moved out of district after the ballot had been issued	2	
Voter pended for ID. Did not respond to request for ID	1	
<b>Total ballots rejected (No challenge code applied, credit given)</b>		<b>6</b>
Signature on the ballot	6	
<b>Total ballots rejected (No challenge code applied, No credit given)</b>		<b>28</b>
Received two ballots in one envelope. One ballot counted one ballot rejected	1	
Wrong Election	1	
Returned secrecy only. No voter oath	10	
Returned after 8:00pm on Election Day (Express Booth and Drop Box)	16	

<b>MAILING STATISTICS</b>		
<b><u>Undeliverable absentee ballots</u></b>		
<b>Total number of undeliverable ballots returned by the Post Office</b>		<b>544</b>
<b><u>Ballots postmarked too late</u></b>		
Received March 12, 2009	251	
Received March 13, 2009	91	
Received March 16, 2009	47	
Received March 17, 2009	61	
Received March 18, 2009	12	
Received March 19, 2009	10	
Received March 20, 2009	6	
Received March 23, 2009	9	
Received March 24, 2009	11	
<b>Total number of ballots postmarked too late</b>		<b>498</b>

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<b>Reconciliation report as required by RCW 29A.60.235</b>	
<b>30 DAY RECONCILIATION REPORT</b>	
Total number of registered voters (active and inactive)	188,562
Total number of voters credited	58,534
Number of poll voters credited	0
Number of poll provisional ballot voters credited (absentee provisional ballots credited in absentee category)	0
Number of federal write-in ballot voters credited (included in absentee credit)	0
Number of out-of-state, overseas, and service voters credited	included in absentee credit
Number of voters credited even though the ballot was late and not counted	0
Address Confidentiality Program ballots counted (not credited add to credit)	6
Voters credited/ballots rejected by canvassing board (subtract from credit)	-6
Total ballots counted	58,531
Overall Variance (credit exceeds ballots cast)	3
Percentage of variance	0.000051

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## **Global Reconciliation**

The overall reconciliation review of this election indicates that voter credit exceeds ballots cast by 3. This reflects a variance of .000051 (3 divided by 58,531 ballots cast). Our ultimate goal is to have a zero variance in the outcome of any given election. This number is less than our typical variance; the variance in past elections has ranged from .0001 to .0003. Common causes for variances may include mechanical, technical, procedural and human errors. Our goal is to minimize these common causes or errors.

In an effort to research and resolve any discrepancies, election staff performed the following actions during the election certification process:

- ❖ All ballot envelopes were checked and double checked to ensure they were empty (secrecy and outer envelopes).
- ❖ The remake area was checked and audited to ensure all the appropriate ballots were tabulated on the 400C.
- ❖ All challenged ballots were verified multiple times to ensure they were properly flagged in the voter registration system.
- ❖ Election staff spent extensive hours reviewing and comparing voter credit to the number of ballots counted by reviewing reports generated by the county voter registration system, the state voter registration system and the tabulation system to ensure credit was applied and that all eligible ballots were tabulated.
- ❖ 400C logs were checked to ensure that no ballots were mishandled on the tabulation equipment. Election staff reviewed the report for any anomalies.
- ❖ Staff performed an extensive inspection of the Election Center to ensure all eligible ballots were processed and tabulated. Shelves, trays, and bins were checked.

Possible explanations for this variance may include:

- ❖ Voter credit was inadvertently applied to a voter who did not return a valid ballot.
- ❖ A voter returned their mail ballot envelope but failed to include their ballot. The voter was given credit, but the fact that the envelope was empty was not caught in the opening process.
- ❖ A voter returned a ballot from a previous election, which was not discovered or identified during the opening process.

- ❖ A ballot which is being reported as valid was in fact rejected but the challenge code was not properly applied to the voter's record.
- ❖ A ballot jam on the 400C tabulator could have been incorrectly resolved by the operator, resulting in the ballot not being processed.
- ❖ The integration of the statewide voter registration database with the Pierce County voter registration database is a challenge as we reconcile each election. Multiple instances of voter credit could have been applied inconsistently to voter's record as a result of automated changes made by the state voter registration database. Status changes are typically the result of voter's moving out of the county, becoming deceased or cancelled.

# March 10, 2009 Special Election

Report 1

<b>Absentee Ballots Issued</b>		<b>176,694</b>	
Date	# Received	Cumulative	% Received
2/24/2009	7,752	7,752	4.39%
2/25/2009	5,173	12,925	7.31%
2/26/2009	3,586	16,511	9.34%
2/27/2009	2,753	19,264	10.90%
3/2/2009	5,344	24,608	13.93%
3/3/2009	4,326	28,934	16.38%
3/4/2009	2,682	31,616	17.89%
3/5/2009	1,986	33,602	19.02%
3/6/2009	1,818	35,420	20.05%
3/9/2009	8,072	43,492	24.61%
3/10/2009	8,308	51,800	29.32%
3/11/2009	6,763	58,563	33.14%
3/12/2009	220	58,783	33.27%
3/13/2009	32	58,815	33.29%
3/17/2009	29	58,844	33.30%
3/19/2009	5	58,849	33.31%
3/20/2009	3	58,852	33.31%
3/24/2009	5	58857	33.31%

Note: Turnout on this report is based on the cumulative number of absentee ballots received (including challenged ballots) to the total number of absentee ballots issued.

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Ballot Return Statistics - Express Booths and Ballot Drop Boxes (Report 2)**

<b>Drop Boxes</b>	2/20	2/23	2/24	2/25	2/26	2/27	3/2	3/3	3/4	3/5	3/6	3/7	3/8	3/9	3/10	<b>Totals</b>
Election Center	2	83	140	115	95	111	188	145	55	81	93	0	0	111	303	<b>1,522</b>
County City Bldg	0	0	42	0	0	45	0	0	0	0	86	0	0	49	89	<b>311</b>
Parkland/ Spanaway Library	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	<b>6</b>
Soundview Medical Clinic	0	0	24	0	0	23	0	22	6	10	17	10	4	26	57	<b>199</b>
Tacoma Area Coalition of Individuals with Disabilities	0	0	45	0	0	61	0	42	0	24	17	29	13	59	188	<b>478</b>
																<b>2,516</b>

<b>Express Booths</b>	2/20	2/23	2/24	2/25	2/26	2/27	3/2	3/3	3/4	3/5	3/6	3/7	3/8	3/9	3/10	<b>Totals</b>
Browns Point Town Center											47	147	93	224	371	<b>882</b>
Fred Meyer Puyallup											473	410	281	613	1,273	<b>3,050</b>
Oasis of Hope Tacoma											16	5	12	26	89	<b>148</b>
PC Annex											251	135	74	426	922	<b>1,808</b>
Rite Aid Tacoma											560	490	295	783	1,554	<b>3,682</b>
Surprise Lake Edgewood											138	137	53	199	353	<b>880</b>
Thun Field South Hill											275	249	144	347	878	<b>1,893</b>
																<b>12,343</b>

<b>Polling Sites</b>	2/20	2/23	2/24	2/25	2/26	2/27	3/2	3/3	3/4	3/5	3/6	3/7	3/8	3/9	3/10	<b>Totals</b>
Polling Site Totals																<b>0</b>

<b>Grand Totals</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>1,973</b>	<b>1,612</b>	<b>969</b>	<b>2,863</b>	<b>6,078</b>	<b>14,859</b>
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