

Pierce County Special Election - April 28, 2009*
Canvassing Board Certification Report
May 13, 2009

VOTER STATISTICS	
Total number of active registered voters in all precincts	11,834
Total number of inactive registered voters in all precincts	1,155
Total registered voters in all precincts	12,989

BALLOT STATISTICS	
<u>Vote By Mail (VBM) Ballots</u>	
The total number of VBM ballots issued	12,143
Total number of VBM ballots returned (includes challenged ballots)	4,287
Total ballots counted**	4,256
**includes VBM, overseas, out of state, service voters, e-ballots, and Address Confidentiality Program ballots	
<u>Return Statistics (See report 1 and 2 for detail)</u>	
Ballots returned by mail	4,105
Ballots returned at staffed Express Booths	0
Ballots returned at drop boxes	182
<u>Out of State, Overseas, Service Voters and E-ballots</u>	
The total number of out-of-state, overseas, service voters, and e-ballots issued	981
The total number of out-of-state, overseas, service voters, and e-ballots returned	268
The total number of out-of-state, overseas, service voters, and e-ballots rejected	5
The total number of out-of-state, overseas, service voters, and e-ballots counted	263
<u>Provisional Ballots</u>	
Total number of provisional ballots issued	0

VOTER TURNOUT STATISTICS - OVERALL	
Total ballot counted	4,256
Overall Turnout Percentage	35.96%

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REJECTED BALLOT STATISTICS	
Total ballots rejected	74
Mail Ballots rejected	
Total ballots rejected (voter challenge code applied, no credit given)	30
Unsigned ballot envelopes	3
Signed by someone other than the voter (Wrong Signer)	2
Signature did not match	24
Unsigned registration	1
Total ballots rejected (No challenge code applied, No credit given)	44
Voter moved out of district after the ballot had been issued	1
Voter cancelled	1
Wrong Election	42

MAILING STATISTICS	
Undeliverable absentee ballots	
Total number of undeliverable ballots returned by the Post Office	254
Ballots postmarked too late	
Received April 30, 2009	24
Received May 1, 2009	5
Received May 4, 2009	9
Received May 5, 2009	8
Received May 6, 2009	1
Received May 7, 2009	1
Received May 8, 2009	3
Received May 12, 2009	3
Total number of ballots postmarked too late	54

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Reconciliation report as required by RCW 29A.60.235	
30 DAY RECONCILIATION REPORT	
Total number of registered voters (active and inactive)	12,989
Total number of voters credited	4,257
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)	1
Voters credited but there was no ballot in the secrecy envelope (subtract from credit)	-1
Total ballots counted	4,256
Overall Variance (credit exceeds ballots cast)	1
Percentage of variance	0.000235

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Global Reconciliation

The overall reconciliation review of this election indicates that voter credit exceeds ballots cast by 1. This reflects a variance of .000235 (1 divided by 4,256 ballots cast) for an accuracy rating of 99.999765. Our ultimate goal is to have a zero variance in the outcome of any given election. 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.

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Report 1

Absentee Ballots Issued		12,143	
Date	# Received	Cumulative	% Received
4/15/2009	1,059	1,059	8.72%
4/17/2009	1,114	2,173	17.90%
4/20/2009	362	2,535	20.88%
4/22/2009	516	3,051	25.13%
4/27/2009	476	3,527	29.05%
4/28/2009	321	3,848	31.69%
4/29/2009	419	4,267	35.14%
4/30/2009	5	4,272	35.18%
5/1/2009	2	4,274	35.20%
5/7/2009	12	4,286	35.30%
5/12/2009	1	4,287	35.30%

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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**Pierce County Special Election - April 28, 2009
Ballot Return Statistics - Express Booths and Ballot Drop Boxes (Report 2)**

Drop Boxes	4/8	4/9	4/10	4/13	4/14	4/15	4/16	4/17	4/20	4/21	4/22	4/23	4/24	4/27	4/28	Totals
Election Center					29	25	6	15	0	0	10	0	0	21	72	178
County City Bldg										2					2	4
Gig Harbor Fire Station																0
Parkland/ Spanaway Library																0
Soundview Medical Clinic																0
TACID																0

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Express Booths	4/8	4/9	4/10	4/13	4/14	4/15	4/16	4/17	4/20	4/21	4/22	4/23	4/24	4/27	4/28	Totals
Bethel Rite Aid																0
Browns Point Town Center																0
Fred Meyer Bonney Lake																0
Fred Meyer Puyallup																0
Fred Meyer Sumner																0
Green Firs University Place																0
Lakewood Towne Center																0
Oasis of Hope Tacoma																0
PC Annex																0
Pt Fosdick Gig Harbor																0
Purdy Fire Station																0
Rite Aid Tacoma																0
Sprinker Spanaway																0
Surprise Lake Edgewood																0
Thun Field South Hill																0

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Polling Sites	4/8	4/9	4/10	4/13	4/14	4/15	4/16	4/17	4/20	4/21	4/22	4/23	4/24	4/27	4/28	Totals
Polling Site Totals																0

Grand Totals	0	0	0	0	29	25	6	15	0	2	10	0	0	21	74	182
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