

Pierce County Special Election - February 3, 2009*
Canvassing Board Certification Report
February 18, 2009

| VOTER STATISTICS | |
|---|---------------|
| Total number of active registered voters in all precincts | 49,030 |
| Total number of inactive registered voters in all precincts | 2,231 |
| Total registered voters in all precincts | 51,261 |

| BALLOT STATISTICS | |
|--|---------------|
| <u>Vote By Mail (VBM) Ballots</u> | |
| The total number of VBM ballots issued | 49,224 |
| Total number of VBM ballots returned (includes challenged ballots) | 21,222 |
| Total ballots counted** | 21,022 |
| **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 | 15,132 |
| Ballots returned at staffed Express Booths | 5,971 |
| Ballots returned at drop boxes | 104 |
| Ballots returned at the customer service counter | 15 |
| <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 | 893 |
| The total number of out-of-state, overseas, service voters, and e-ballots returned | 215 |
| The total number of out-of-state, overseas, service voters, and e-ballots rejected | 6 |
| The total number of out-of-state, overseas, service voters, and e-ballots counted | 209 |
| <u>Provisional Ballots</u> | |
| Total number of provisional ballots issued | 0 |

| VOTER TURNOUT STATISTICS - OVERALL | |
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| Total ballot counted | 21,022 |
| Overall Turnout Percentage | 42.88% |

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| REJECTED BALLOT STATISTICS | | |
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| Total ballots rejected | | 202 |
| Mail Ballots rejected | | |
| Total ballots rejected (voter challenge code applied, no credit given) | | 196 |
| Unsigned ballot envelopes | 12 | |
| Signed by someone other than the voter (Wrong Signer) | 7 | |
| Signature did not match | 170 | |
| Signed by Power of Attorney | 1 | |
| Voter cancelled | 1 | |
| Miscellaneous challenge codes | 5 | |
| Total ballots rejected (No challenge code applied, credit given) | | 4 |
| Signature on the ballot | 3 | |
| No ballot in envelope | 1 | |
| Total ballots rejected (No challenge code applied, No credit given) | | 2 |
| Returned secrecy only. No voter oath | 1 | |
| Wrong Election | 1 | |

| MAILING STATISTICS | | |
|--|----|------------|
| Undeliverable absentee ballots | | |
| Total number of undeliverable ballots returned by the Post Office | | 544 |
| Ballots postmarked too late | | |
| Received February 5, 2009 | 92 | |
| Received February 6, 2009 | 44 | |
| Received February 9, 2009 | 39 | |
| Received February 10, 2009 | 13 | |
| Received February 11, 2009 | 13 | |
| Received February 12, 2009 | 9 | |
| Received February 13, 2009 | 7 | |
| Received February 17, 2009 | 6 | |
| Total number of ballots postmarked too late | | 223 |

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| Reconciliation report as required by RCW 29A.60.235 | |
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| 30 DAY RECONCILIATION REPORT | |
| Total number of registered voters (active and inactive) | 51,261 |
| Total number of voters credited | 21,024 |
| 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 |
| Adjustment to credit. Voter credited, no ballot in envelope (subtract from credit) | -1 |
| Address Confidentiality Program ballots counted (not credited add to credit) | 4 |
| Voters credited/ballots rejected by canvassing board (subtract from credit) | -3 |
| Total ballots counted | 21,022 |
| Overall Variance (credit exceeds ballots cast) | 2 |
| Percentage of variance | 0.000095 |

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Global Reconciliation

The overall reconciliation review of this election indicates that voter credit exceeds ballots cast by 2. This reflects a variance of .000095 (2 divided by 21,022 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.

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Report 1

| Absentee Ballots Issued | | 49,224 | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Date | # Received | Cumulative | % Received |
| 1/20/2009 | 9 | 9 | 0.02% |
| 1/21/2009 | 1,729 | 1,738 | 3.53% |
| 1/22/2009 | 2,415 | 4,153 | 8.44% |
| 1/23/2009 | 1,424 | 5,577 | 11.33% |
| 1/26/2009 | 1,876 | 7,453 | 15.14% |
| 1/27/2009 | 1,945 | 9,398 | 19.09% |
| 1/28/2009 | 1,041 | 10,439 | 21.21% |
| 1/29/2009 | 848 | 11,287 | 22.93% |
| 1/30/2009 | 678 | 11,965 | 24.31% |
| 2/2/2009 | 3,589 | 15,554 | 31.60% |
| 2/3/2009 | 2,522 | 18,076 | 36.72% |
| 2/4/2009 | 3,073 | 21,149 | 42.96% |
| 2/5/2009 | 33 | 21,182 | 43.03% |
| 2/6/2009 | 17 | 21,199 | 43.07% |
| 2/9/2009 | 6 | 21,205 | 43.08% |
| 2/10/2009 | 1 | 21,206 | 43.08% |
| 2/11/2009 | 5 | 21,211 | 43.09% |
| 2/12/2009 | 0 | 21,211 | 43.45% |
| 2/13/2009 | 2 | 21,213 | 43.09% |
| 2/17/2009 | 9 | 21,222 | 43.11% |

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.

**Pierce County
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Vote by Mail Express Booths, Election Center and Drop Boxes - Absentee Ballot Returns
Report 2**

| Date | Election Center Drop Box | Election Center Counter | Fred Meyer Bonney Lake | Point Fosdick Gig Harbor | Purdy Gig Harbor | County City Bldg | Soundview Medical Plaza Drop Box | Total |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---|--------------|
| 1/20 | 0 | 3 | | | | | | 3 |
| 1/21 | 4 | 2 | | | | | | 6 |
| 1/22 | 13 | 1 | | | | | | 14 |
| 1/23 | 0 | 2 | | | | | | 2 |
| 1/26 | 4 | 5 | | | | | | 9 |
| 1/27 | 14 | 0 | | | | | | 14 |
| 1/28 | 6 | 0 | | | | | | 6 |
| 1/29 | 12 | 0 | 35 | | | | | 47 |
| 1/30 | 5 | 0 | 69 | 753 | 156 | 13 | | 996 |
| 1/31 | 0 | 0 | 144 | 611 | 100 | | | 855 |
| 2/1 | 0 | 0 | 86 | 476 | 65 | | | 627 |
| 2/2 | 7 | 0 | 248 | 924 | 197 | | | 1,376 |
| 2/3 | 16 | 2 | 364 | 1,473 | 270 | 9 | 1 | 2,135 |
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| Total | 81 | 15 | 946 | 4,237 | 788 | 22 | 1 | 6,090 |