

**November 3, 2009 Pierce County General Election
Canvassing Board Certification Report
November 24, 2009**

VOTER STATISTICS	
Total registered absentee and vote by mail (VBM) voters	319,796
Total registered poll voters	88,044
Total number of active registered voters in all precincts	407,840
Total number of inactive registered voters in all precincts	36,979
Total registered voters in all precincts	444,819

BALLOT STATISTICS	
<u>Absentee and Vote By Mail (VBM) Ballots</u>	
The total number of absentee/VBM ballots issued	322,673
Total number of absentee/VBM ballots returned (includes challenged ballots)	158,604
Total absentee ballots counted*	157,849
Percentage of absentee/VBM voter turnout (based on valid ballots counted against ballots issued)	48.92%
*includes absentee, VBM, overseas, out of state, service voters, e-ballots, ACP and polling place provisional ballots	
<u>Absentee Return Statistics (See report 1 and 2 for detail)</u>	
Ballots returned by mail	103,015
Ballots returned at staffed Express Booths	38,331
Ballots returned at the Elections customer service counter	417
Ballots returned at the Auditor's Office	331
Ballots returned at drop boxes	12,633
Ballots returned at a polling place	3,877
<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	10,947
The total number of out-of-state, overseas, service voters, and e-ballots returned	2,114
The total number of out-of-state, overseas, service voters, and e-ballots rejected	30
The total number of out-of-state, overseas, service voters, and e-ballots counted	2,084
<u>Federal Write-In Ballots</u>	
The total number of federal write-in ballots counted	0
<u>Polling Place Ballots</u>	
Total poll site ballots counted	17,549
Percentage of poll voter turnout	19.93%
<u>Provisional Ballots</u>	
Total number of provisional ballots issued by Pierce County	913
Total number of provisional ballots received from other counties	9
Total provisional ballots counted (included in absentee ballot count)	808
Number of valid provisional ballots voted by absentee voters	530
Number of valid provisional ballots voted by poll voters	278

VOTER TURNOUT STATISTICS - OVERALL	
Total traditional ballot cards counted	175,398
Total Ranked Choice Voting ballot cards counted	159,987
Total ballot cards counted	335,385
Overall Turnout Percentage (based on traditional ballot cards cast)	43.01%

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REJECTED BALLOT STATISTICS	
Total ballots rejected	1,157
<u>Absentee ballots rejected</u>	
Total absentee ballots rejected (voter challenge code applied, no credit given)	910
Unsigned registration or ballot envelopes	164
Signed by someone other than the voter (Wrong Signer)	32
Signature did not match	705
Signed by Power of Attorney	4
Cancellation notice received after ballot had been issued	3
No voter oath returned	2
Total absentee ballots rejected (No challenge code applied, credit given)	3
No ballot in envelope	1
Multiple ballots in one envelope voted differently. Rejected by Canvassing Board	2
Total absentee ballots rejected (No challenge code applied, No credit given)	130
Cannot identify voter	20
Multiple ballots received in one envelope. At least one ballot counted, one rejected.	8
Received at the polls, express booths or Election Center after 8:00 pm on Election Day	7
Wrong Election	95
<u>Provisional ballots rejected</u>	
Total Provisional ballots rejected	114
Not registered	29
Cannot identify voter	15
Voter registered in another county (ballot sent to respective county)	43
Voter has been cancelled	17
Voter returned an absentee ballot	10

MAILING STATISTICS	
<u>Undeliverable absentee ballots</u>	
Total number of undeliverable ballots returned by the Post Office	3,387
<u>Total ballots postmarked too late</u>	
	1,157
Received November 5, 2009	992
Received November 6, 2009	83
Received November 9, 2009	43
Received November 10, 2009	8
Received November 12, 2009	9
Received November 13, 2009	11
Received November 16, 2009	2
Received November 17, 2009	2
Received November 18, 2009	3
Received November 19, 2009	1
Received November 20, 2009	1
Received November 23, 2009	2

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Reconciliation report as required by RCW 29A.60.235	
Total number of registered voters (active and inactive)	444,819
Total number of voters credited	175,519
Number of absentee voters credited	157,693
Number of vote by mail voters credited	included above
Number of poll voters credited	17,548
Number of poll provisional ballot voters credited	278
Number of absentee provisional ballot voters credited (credited into absentee category)	530
Number of federal write-in ballot voters credited	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)	15
Voters credited/ballots rejected by canvassing board (subtract from credit)	3
Number of RCV ballot cards returned by voter without a traditional ballot card (add to ballots cast)	194
Total Traditional ballot cards counted	175,398
Total Ranked Choice Voting ballot cards counted	159,987
Total ballot cards counted	335,385
Overall Variance (Ballots cast exceeds credit)	61
Percentage of variance	0.00018

Reconciliation Recap

The overall reconciliation review of this election indicates that ballots cast exceeds voter credit by 61. This reflects an accuracy rate of 99.99982%. Our ultimate goal is to have a zero variance in the outcome of any given election. The accuracy rate in previous elections has ranged from 99.9997 - 100%.

During canvassing staff performed an extensive election review to ensure credit was properly applied for all voters.

Ranked Choice Voting creates reconciliation challenges. Voters were sent two ballots and asked to return two ballots. Not all voters did. Some voters:

- Returned multiple Traditional ballot cards;
- Returned multiple Ranked Choice Voting ballot cards;
- Returned only a Traditional ballot card;
- Returned only a Ranked Choice Voting ballot card.

Staff implemented manual measures for tracking all of these instances. These multiple variations could have attributed to the ballots cast figure (which is based on the traditional ballot card returned) to be greater than credit.

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Report 1

Absentee Ballots Issued		322,673	
Date	Ballots Received	Cumulative Total	Percent Received
10/19/2009	1,011	1,011	0.31%
10/20/2009	4,535	5,546	1.72%
10/21/2009	5,773	11,319	3.51%
10/22/2009	6,336	17,655	5.47%
10/23/2009	4,646	22,301	6.91%
10/26/2009	7,330	29,631	9.18%
10/27/2009	8,093	37,724	11.69%
10/28/2009	5,358	43,082	13.35%
10/29/2009	6,294	49,376	15.30%
10/30/2009	5,252	54,628	16.93%
11/2/2009	20,293	74,921	23.22%
11/3/2009	22,669	97,590	30.24%
11/4/2009	12,814	110,404	34.22%
11/5/2009	24,574	134,978	41.83%
11/6/2009	21,741	156,719	48.57%
11/9/2009	1,163	157,882	48.93%
11/10/2009	9	157,891	48.93%
11/12/2009	571	158,462	49.11%
11/13/2009	82	158,544	49.13%
11/16/2009	34	158,578	49.15%
11/17/2009	6	158,584	49.15%
11/18/2009	11	158,595	49.15%
11/19/2009	2	158,597	49.15%
11/20/2009	5	158,602	49.15%
11/23/2009	2	158,604	49.15%

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)

Drop Boxes	10/16	10/17	10/18	10/19	10/20	10/21	10/22	10/23	10/24	10/25	10/26	10/27	10/28	10/29	10/30	10/31	11/1	11/2	11/3	Totals	
County City Bldg	0	0	0	0	34	0	34	0	0	0	41	0	65	0	54	0	40	174	84	526	
Gig Harbor Fire Station	0	3	0	0	67	3	75	62	28	37	34	62	49	60	158	65	24	59	125	911	
Parkland/ Spanaway Library	2	0	0	0	72	2	99	104	31	38	44	71	79	150	99	0	90	434	306	1,621	
PC Annex	0	0	0	59	81	95	196	175	28	31	155	397	225	252	345	0	331	883	2066	5,319	
Election Center	0	0	0	83	57	73	144	128	34	90	120	322	157	248	102	0	260	689	391	2,898	
Soundview Medical Clinic	0	0	0	0	8	0	26	16	11	5	13	10	12	19	50	29	10	154	139	502	
TACID	0	0	0	0	46	0	27	33	11	14	17	36	26	50	73	29	47	124	323	856	
Daily Totals	2	3	0	142	365	173	601	518	143	215	424	898	613	779	881	123	802	2517	3434	12,633	
Express Booths	10/16	10/17	10/18	10/19	10/20	10/21	10/22	10/23	10/24	10/25	10/26	10/27	10/28	10/29	10/30	10/31	11/1	11/2	11/3	Totals	
Bethel Rite Aid															235	216	147	628	521	1,747	
Browns Point Town Center															180	142	153	1305	455	2,235	
Fred Meyer Bonney Lake															402	365	418	877	362	2,424	
Purdy Fire Station															164	85	29	365	272	915	
Pt Fosdick Gig Harbor															573	493	581	1430	1240	4,317	
Green Firs University Place															397	455	313	1082	700	2,947	
Lakewood Towne Center															550	428	317	1251	1125	3,671	
Oasis of Hope Tacoma															20	16	32	65	146	279	
Rite Aid Tacoma															473	610	359	1350	1500	4,292	
Fred Meyer Sumner															339	425	435	919	418	2,536	
Fred Meyer Puyallup															634	548	460	1421	1472	4,535	
Sprinker Spanaway															325	351	277	934	934	2,821	
Surprise Lake Edgewood/Milton															239	249	177	582	303	1,550	
Thun Field South Hill															444	387	466	965	1800	4,062	
Daily Totals															4975	4770	4164	13174	11248	38,331	
In Person	10/16	10/17	10/18	10/19	10/20	10/21	10/22	10/23	10/24	10/25	10/26	10/27	10/28	10/29	10/30	10/31	11/1	11/2	11/3	Totals	
Election Center Customer Service	0	0	0	46	11	26	45	42	0	0	42	49	45	65	2	0	0	138	76	417	
Auditors Office	0	0	0	0	6	8	57	39	0	20	61	26	24	34	23	0	0	63	100	331	
Daily Totals	0	0	0	46	17	34	102	81	0	20	103	75	69	99	25	0	0	201	176	748	
Polling Sites																				3877	3,877
Grand Totals	2	3	0	188	382	207	703	599	143	235	527	973	682	878	5881	4893	4966	15892	18735	55,589	