

November 4, 2008
Pierce County General Election
Canvassing Board Certification Report
November 25, 2008

VOTER STATISTICS	
Total registered absentee and vote by mail (VBM) voters	317,999
Total registered poll voters	93,104
Total number of active registered voters in all precincts	411,103
Total number of inactive registered voters in all precincts	57,553
Total registered voters in all precincts	468,656

BALLOT STATISTICS	
<u>Absentee and Vote By Mail (VBM) Ballots</u>	
The total number of absentee/VBM ballots issued	327,961
Total number of absentee/VBM ballots returned (includes challenged ballots)	278,715
Total traditional absentee ballot cards counted*	281,690
Percentage of absentee/VBM voter turnout (based on valid ballots counted against ballots issued)	85.89%
*includes absentee, VBM, overseas, out of state, service voters, e-ballots, Federal Write-In Absentee Ballots, ACP and polling place provisional ballots	
<u>Absentee Return Statistics (See report 1 and 2 for detail)</u>	
Ballots returned by mail	227,860
Ballots returned at Express Booths	41,476
Ballots returned at the customer service counter and outside drop box	3,847
Ballots returned at a polling place	5,532
<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	10,880
The total number of out-of-state, overseas, service voters, and e-ballots returned	8,171
The total number of out-of-state, overseas, service voters, and e-ballots rejected	43
The total number of out-of-state, overseas, service voters, and e-ballots counted	8,128
<u>Federal Write-In Ballots</u>	
The total number of federal write-in ballots counted	256
Total number of federal write-in ballots rejected	3
<u>Polling Place Ballots</u>	
Total poll site ballots counted	52,134
Percentage of poll voter turnout	56.00%
<u>Provisional Ballots</u>	
Total number of provisional ballots issued by Pierce County (includes ballots counted and rejected)	9,210
Total provisional ballots counted (included in absentee ballot count)	7,869
Number of valid provisional ballots voted by absentee voters	3,438
Number of valid provisional ballots voted by poll voters	4,431
Total number of provisional ballots rejected (see page 2 for detail)	1,344
Total number of provisional ballots received from other counties	838
Total number of provisional ballots sent to other counties (included in ballots issued)	846

VOTER TURNOUT STATISTICS - OVERALL	
Total traditional ballot cards counted	333,824
Total RCV ballot cards counted	312,771
Total ballot cards counted	646,595
Overall Turnout Percentage (based on traditional ballot card)	81.20%

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REJECTED BALLOT STATISTICS	
Total ballots rejected	3,347
Absentee ballots rejected	
Total absentee ballots rejected (voter challenge code applied, no credit given)	1,471
Unsigned ballot envelopes	571
Signed by someone other than the voter (Wrong Signer)	37
Signature did not match	717
Printed signature	54
Signed by Power of Attorney	3
Voter cancelled	75
Voter pended for ID. Did not respond to request for ID.	1
No ballot in envelope	4
Miscellaneous challenge codes	9
Total absentee ballots rejected (No challenge code applied, credit given)	17
Signature on the ballot	17
Total absentee ballots rejected (No challenge code applied, No credit given)	515
Received at an express booth after Election Day	1
Federal Write-In ballot could not be counted due to missing information	1
Loose absentee ballots returned at a Polling Place with no envelope	29
Loose absentee ballot returned at an Express Booth with no envelope	1
Loose ballot returned via the USPS with no envelope	1
Multiple ballot cards received in one envelope. At least one ballot counted, one rejected.	14
Multiple ballot cards received in one envelope were voted differently, both ballots rejected.	1
Returned secrecy only. No voter oath, cannot identify voter.	68
Wrong Election	399
Provisional ballots rejected	1,344
Not registered	944
Voter cancelled	248
Multiple ballot cards received in one envelope. At least one ballot counted, one rejected.	1
Multiple ballot cards received in one envelope were voted differently, both ballots rejected.	2
Voter returned an absentee ballot	35
Voter signed the poll book and voted a provisional ballot	5
Ballot in secrecy envelope only - no oath or identifying information	89
Loose provisional ballot cards received from the polls with no envelopes	20

MAILING STATISTICS	
Undeliverable absentee ballots	
Total number of undeliverable ballots returned by the Post Office	2,722
Ballots postmarked too late	
Received November 6, 2008	1,103
Received November 7, 2008	144
Received November 10, 2008	28
Received November 12, 2008	5
Received November 13, 2008	4
Received November 16, 2008	6
Received November 21, 2008	3
Received November 24, 2008	3
Total number of ballots postmarked too late	1,296

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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)	468,656
Total number of voters credited	333,890
Number of absentee voters credited	277,244
Number of vote by mail voters credited	included above
Number of poll voters credited	52,215
Number of poll provisional ballot voters credited (absentee provisional ballots credited in absentee category)	4,431
Number of federal write-in ballot voters credited (included in absentee credit)	256
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)	40
Voters credited/ballots rejected by canvassing board (subtract from credit)	17
Number of RCV ballot cards returned by voter without a traditional ballot card (add to ballots cast)	206
Total Traditional Ballot Cards counted	333,824
Total RCV Ballot Cards counted	312,771
Total ballot cards counted	646,595
Overall Variance (Ballots cast exceeds credit)	117
Percentage of variance	0.000181

Global Reconciliation

The overall reconciliation review of this election indicates that ballots cast exceeds voter credit by 117. This reflects a variance of .000181 (117 divided by 646,595 ballot cards). Our ultimate goal is to have a zero variance in the outcome of any given election. Typically, we have a variance in the range of .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:

- ❖ Ballot envelopes that were credited manually were re-wanded and uploaded into the voter registration system to ensure credit was applied. Voters were updated with a ballot return date and credit was applied.
- ❖ All provisional ballots were checked to ensure voter credit was applied.
- ❖ All challenged absentee ballots were verified multiple times to ensure they were properly flagged in the voter registration system.
- ❖ Lists of voters receiving credit for casting a polling place ballot were compared to the voters signing the poll book.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Staff performed an extensive inspection of the Election Center to ensure all eligible ballots were processed and tabulated.

Possible explanations for this variance may include:

- ❖ Ranked Choice Voting created some new 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 cardStaff implemented measures for tracking all of these instances, but some could have been inadvertently missed, causing the ballots cast figure to be greater than credit.

- ❖ 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.
- ❖ A poll voter may have not signed the poll book, but been issued and voted a ballot. In this instance, the voter would not have been credited but a ballot would have been cast.
- ❖ Ballot envelopes may have stuck together or jammed during the incoming and opening sortation process resulting in voter credit not being applied to the voter.
- ❖ A ballot jam could have been incorrectly resolved by the operator, a ballot could have been inadvertently tabulated more than once.
- ❖ A voter could have returned a valid ballot, where the ballot was counted but voter history failed to be applied properly.
- ❖ A valid ballot could have been returned and counted, but the challenge/rejection code was not removed from the voter's registration record.
- ❖ An unidentified voter could have returned a valid ballot, the ballot was counted, and the voter received credit for voting, but later inadvertently was merged or deleted by election staff from the voter registration system.

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Report 1

Absentee Ballots Issued		327,961	
Date	Number Received	Cumulative	Percent Received
10/20/2008	2864	2864	0.87%
10/21/2008	5793	8657	2.64%
10/22/2008	11915	20572	6.27%
10/23/2008	13009	33581	10.24%
10/24/2008	12212	45793	13.96%
10/27/2008	24252	70045	21.36%
10/28/2008	7313	77358	23.59%
10/29/2008	21089	98447	30.02%
10/30/2008	10166	108613	33.12%
10/31/2008	16717	125330	38.21%
11/1/2008	22064	147394	44.94%
11/2/2008	11943	159337	48.58%
11/3/2008	16636	175973	53.66%
11/4/2008	21614	197587	60.25%
11/5/2008	10772	208359	63.53%
11/6/2008	40321	248680	75.83%
11/7/2008	16707	265387	80.92%
11/8/2008	1	265388	80.92%
11/9/2008	7989	273377	83.36%
11/10/2008	64	273441	83.38%
11/12/2008	1456	274897	83.82%
11/13/2008	898	275795	84.09%
11/14/2008	688	276483	84.30%
11/15/2008	1103	277586	84.64%
11/16/2008	839	278425	84.90%
11/17/2008	154	278579	84.94%
11/18/2008	57	278636	84.96%
11/19/2008	37	278673	84.97%
11/20/2008	21	278694	84.98%
11/21/2008	9	278703	84.98%
11/24/2008	12	278715	84.98%

The above numbers reflect ballots processed as of 3:30 p.m.

Includes challenged ballots.

**Pierce County
General Election - November 4, 2008
Vote by Mail Express Booths, Election Center & Annex Front Office - Absentee Ballot Counts
Report 2**

Date	Elect. Ctr	Election Center Counter	Pierce County Annex	Sprinker Spanaway Parkland	Bethel Rite Aid	Thun Field Puyallup	Fred Meyer Puyallup	Surprise Lake Edgewood	Fred Meyer Bonney Lake	Point Fosdick Harbor	Purdy Gig Harbor	Town Center Browns Point	Lkwd City Hall	Rite Aid Tac	Oasis of Hope Tac	U.P. Green Firs	Fred Meyer Summer	County City Bldg	County City Bldg	U.P. Green Firs	Fred Meyer Summer	County City Bldg	County City Bldg	U.P. Green Firs	Fred Meyer Summer	County City Bldg	County City Bldg	Total
10/10	0	11	0																									11
10/17	0	403	0																									403
10/20	0	37	22																									59
10/21	0	61	26																									87
10/22	0	173	36																									209
10/23	0	8	47																							42		97
10/24	0	193	42																							7		242
10/27	0	226	61																							0		287
10/28	0	23	77																							53		153
10/29	0	384	144																							0		528
10/30	70	185	18																							51		324
10/31 11am	53	62	311	30	23	48	100	23	49	68	10	27	73	94	4	46	70	35										1126
2pm			246	107	37	94	100	51	80	188	28	24	175	144	4	75	86	19										1458
8pm			31	98	84	50	42	36	45	115	28	16	18	87	4	85	65	0										804
11/1 11am	119	58	33	20	9	14	29	13	21	103	21	23	18	84	0	48	43	0										656
2pm			90	140	80	115	82	56	100	212	28	49	97	109	5	100	100	0										1363
8pm			96	187	78	101	130	55	103	105	27	48	154	152	4	142	105	0										1487
11/2 11am	82	42	35	80	46	98	33	20	108	50	10	21	14	58	5	51	120	0										873
2pm			101	120	0	90	101	43	100	222	48	34	73	97	5	100	98	0										1232
8pm			64	133	125	77	163	51	91	205	39	38	151	210	12	145	89	0										1593
11/3 11am	195	46	540	300	120	320	401	94	191	305	45	67	150	325	12	168	316	108										3703
2pm	359		745	320	160	265	0	133	320	560	83	89	600	329	21	300	238	35										4557
8pm			219	426	400	282	560	167	302	568	115	136	260	451	24	348	289	0										4547
11/4 11am	298	73	1030	560	304	649	813	189	480	570	105	170	350	711	68	442	633	163										7608
2pm	229	66	979	387	240	450	200	164	320	590	115	99	550	297	41	325	428	70										5550
8pm	194	91	344	558	370	465	620	228	500	728	165	108	714	375	67	487	246	0										6260
11/5																												5638
																												0
																												0
Total	1599	2248	5337	3466	2076	3118	3374	1323	2810	4589	867	949	3397	3523	276	2862	2926	583	5532	50855								