

Pierce County General Election - November 8, 2011
Canvassing Board Report
November 23, 2011

Status Report
Ballot Statistics as of 11/22/2011

VOTER STATISTICS	
Total number of active registered voters in all precincts	414,360
Total number of inactive registered voters in all precincts	45,461
Total registered voters in all precincts	459,821

BALLOT STATISTICS	
The total number of ballots issued	415,885
Total number of ballots returned (includes challenged ballots)	206,398
Total ballots counted*	204,594
*includes overseas, out of state, service voters, email ballots, and Address Confidentiality Program ballots	
<u>Ballot Return Statistics (See report 1 and 2 for detail)</u>	
Ballots returned by mail	103,340
Ballots returned at drop boxes	99,798
Ballots returned at the Elections customer service counter	1,222
Ballots returned at Voting Centers	2,038
<u>Provisional Ballots</u>	
Total number of provisional ballots issued by Pierce County	77
Provisional ballots received from other counties	24
Total provisional ballots counted	38

VOTER TURNOUT STATISTICS	
Total ballots counted	204,594
Overall turnout percentage	49.38%

CHALLENGED BALLOT STATISTICS	
<u>Unsigned ballot envelopes</u>	
Total unsigned ballot envelopes received	997
Signature updates received and processed	628
Outstanding letters sent to voters with no response	369
<u>Signature Discrepancies**</u>	
Total signature discrepancies received	1,983
Signature discrepancies resolved and processed	643
Outstanding letters sent to voters with no response	1,340
**Includes signatures that do not match, wrong signers, and envelopes signed with Power of Attorney	
Total ballots currently challenged	1,709

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TO BE CANVASSED	
Ballots	
<u>Voter Intent Unclear - Refer to Voter Intent Statewide Standards on What is a Vote</u>	
Group 1, Ballots 1 - 34 (Hesitation mark or overvote? Pages 11, 15, 17, 48, 49)	34
Group 2, Ballots 35 - 54 (Inconsistent Pattern; Pages 2, 22 - 32, 34 - 35)	20
Group 3, Ballots 55 - 68 (Outside target area; Pages 2, 22 - 32, 34 - 35)	14
Group 4, Ballots 69 - 89 (Corrected votes 32 - 43)	21
Group 5, Ballot 90 - 91 (Write-ins / overvotes; pages 62 - 63)	2
Group 6, Ballots 92 - 94 (Messy Marks; pages 70 - 71)	3
Group 7, Ballots 95 - 109 (Anything Else / Voter Intent; page 73)	15
Group 8, Ballots 110 - 112 (Two ballots in one envelope, WAC 434-262-031)	3
Group 9, Ballot 113. A voter with ALS was not able to mark an X on the signature line. The declaration was witnessed by two people. Do we count the ballot?	1
Total ballots canvassed	113

REJECTED BALLOT STATISTICS	
<u>Ballots rejected (voter challenge code applied, no credit given)</u>	
No ballot in envelope	15
Voter cancelled after ballots were mailed (sent to other counties)	19
<u>Ballots rejected (No challenge code applied, No credit given)</u>	
Cannot identify voter (returned secrecy only or no outer envelope)	73
Wrong election	144
Received too late at Customer Service or left outside a drop box	8
UOCAVA ballot dated after Election Day	3
<u>Provisional ballots rejected</u>	
Not currently registered	22
Registered too late	4
Registered in another county (ballot sent to respective county)	33
Registered online with DOL. Registration form incomplete	2
Voter returned absentee ballot	2
Total ballots rejected	325

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VOTING CENTER RECONCILIATION:

Ballot accountability forms

Election workers are required to complete a ballot accountability form at the end of each night the voting centers are open. A thorough review has been completed. This involves an extensive review of the number of people signing the voter declarations compared to the number of ballots cast at the voting center and the number of voters receiving credit.

ACCESSIBLE VOTING AUDIT:

Touch Screen Audit of Results

In accordance with state law, Pierce County conducted an audit of results of votes cast on the touch screen voting machines. Three contests were selected by lot and one machine audited. To conduct the audit, an election worker read the results from the voter verifiable paper audit trail and another election worker tallied the results. These results were compared to the results accumulated in the election tabulation system. No discrepancies or anomalies were found. The audit was conducted for: Initiative Measure No. 1163, Initiative Measure No. 1183, Senate Joint Resolution No. 8206 on the following machine:

<u>Machine Number</u>	<u>Voting Center</u>
35258	TACID

RANDOM CHECK OF BATCHES

On November 7, 2011, representatives of the Republican and Democratic political parties requested a manual tally of selected Vote-By-Mail batches. The request was made to perform a random check of the votes cast for State of Washington, Initiative Measure No. 1163 in the 25th, 27th and 28th Legislative districts. The ballots and tabulators were selected at random. All results matched exactly, no discrepancies were found. This audit was performed in the presence of the official political party observers.

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Typographical Error in Pierce County Proposition No. 1

- Pierce County Proposition No. 1 contained a typographical error.
- We were notified of the error on Wednesday, October 19, 2011. The typographical error appeared in both the Ballot Title and the Explanatory Statement for Pierce County's Proposition 1 – The sales and use tax for improvements to the 9-1-1 communication system.
- The text for this proposition stated the rate of tax as "one-tenth of one percent." This was accurate and correctly-stated. However, in parenthesis, the rate was expressed as, "0.01%". This was not correct.
- The ballot title was prepared by the Prosecuting Attorney's Office. The text was reviewed and proofed by many individuals. No one detected the error.
- The Prosecuting Attorney's Office has advised that the language (text) which was correct controls.
- It was not possible to reprint the voters' pamphlet or the ballots. In fact, we already had received voted ballots back from our military and overseas voters.

Status Update:

Election Customer Service staff responded to eight phone calls from voters on this issue. We responded to six emails on this issue.

Voter Registration information not received from Department of Licensing

On the Friday before the election November 4, 2011 we were informed by the Office of the Secretary of State that new online registrations and address changes were not transferred from the Department of Licensing to the Office of the Secretary of State and the counties. A total of 2,375 voters in Pierce County were identified as potentially affected voters. This was an overstatement as many of these voters had already updated their voter registration with Pierce County.

We analyzed the records and fewer voters were potentially affected.

Only 886 Pierce County voters who renewed at DOL didn't get their updated address on file.

At least 689 of these voters had contacted us previously to update their address.

For the 886 voters who still have an old address on file, it's likely the USPS forwarded the ballot to their new address.

Of the remaining records, 734 were not registered voters and not on file at all. That means that 734 Pierce County residents attempted to register at the DOL website, but their registrations were considered incomplete.

DOL did not configure their page properly:

- They didn't ask the user to attest that they were a U.S. Citizen.
- They didn't require the user to sign an oath.

These 734 records were treated as "incomplete" registrations. We instructed our Election Workers to:

- Ask these citizens to sign a Voter Registration form.
- Accept these as completed registrations.
- Offer a Provisional Ballot.
- Count the ballot after verifying the applicant's identity.

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On Election Day, we called the potentially affected voters (886) with the following message:

"If you have not received a ballot for this election, it is not too late to vote. Visit a voting center today, before 8 p.m. To find a voting center, call 798-VOTE or check your local voters' pamphlet."

Status Update:

- Election Customer Service staff responded to seven phone calls from voters on this issue. We received no emails on this issue
- Five voters registered on time with DOL and voted a provisional ballot at a voting center.
 - Three of these voters completed a voter registration form, they were entered into the voter registration system and their ballot was counted.
 - Two of these voters did not complete a registration form, thus the voter registration remains incomplete. These voters have been contacted by phone and in writing advising them a voter registration form needs to be completed in order to count their ballot.

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MAILING STATISTICS		
<u>Undeliverable ballots</u>		
Total number of undeliverable ballots returned by the Post Office		5,381
<u>Ballots postmarked too late</u>		
Received November 10, 2011	963	
Received November 14, 2011	142	
Received November 15, 2011	10	
Received November 16, 2011	14	
Received November 17, 2011	7	
Received November 18, 2011	5	
Received November 21, 2011	1	
Received November 22, 2011	13	
Total number of ballots postmarked too late		1,155

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Report 1

Ballots Issued		415,885	
Date	Ballots Received	Cumulative Total	Percent Received
10/24/2011	1,496	1,496	0.36%
10/25/2011	10,172	11,668	2.81%
10/26/2011	11,285	22,953	5.52%
10/27/2011	5,924	28,877	6.94%
10/28/2011	9,844	38,721	9.31%
10/31/2011	10,782	49,503	11.90%
11/1/2011	12,634	62,137	14.94%
11/2/2011	13,994	76,131	18.31%
11/3/2011	6,331	82,462	19.83%
11/4/2011	11,942	94,404	22.70%
11/7/2011	20,352	114,756	27.59%
11/8/2011	43,920	158,676	38.15%
11/9/2011	44,942	203,618	48.96%
11/10/2011	2,061	205,679	49.46%
11/14/2011	523	206,202	49.58%
11/15/2011	67	206,269	49.60%
11/16/2011	59	206,328	49.61%
11/17/2011	43	206,371	49.62%
11/18/2011	4	206,375	49.62%
11/21/2011	8	206,383	49.63%
11/22/2011	15	206,398	49.63%

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

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Ballot Return Statistics - Ballot Drop Boxes (Report 2)**

Drop Boxes	10/6	10/13	10/18	10/20	10/25	10/26	10/27	10/28	10/29	10/31	11/1	11/2	11/3	11/4	11/5	11/6	11/7	11/8	Totals
72nd Park & Ride	0	0	0	1	198		128				332		237	98	64	101	397	966	2,522
Anderson Island					23		21				27		17	9	0	0	53	59	209
Barney's Corner - Eatonville	0	1	1	0	61		79				234		125	66	51	54	242	488	1,402
Bonney Lake Park & Ride	0	6	0	2	214		285		318	327	230		520	229	185	288	1149	2838	6,591
Browns Point Substation	0	0	5	6	189		155				431		205	120	82	122	446	1711	3,472
County City Bldg	0	0	0	0	67		56				136		97	34	21	14	159	540	1,124
Edgewood City Hall	2	0	0	0	94		123				339		197	110	83	109	412	917	2,386
Fife Municipal Court	0	0	0	0	38		48				113		57	35	17	30	77	485	900
Gig Harbor Fire Station	0	0	2	5	292	51	163	156	80	207	162	86	185	151	160	178	623	1143	3,644
Kandle Park Substation	1	2	0	2	285		308				709		433	238	145	257	708	3331	6,419
Lakewood City Hall	1	3	4	0	412		285		268	231	320		480	232	197	238	1211	2230	6,112
Lakewood Park & Ride	0	0	0	0	48		39				90		57	17	28	22	98	309	708
Parkland/ Spanaway Library	2	2	1	0	467		436		312	330	346		577	278	301	300	1175	2304	6,831
PC Annex	1	0	0	1	378		500	202	389	533	281		621	315	387	337	1866	3897	9,708
Pt Fosdick	0	2	5	2	197	74	207				420		370	204	203	273	832	2306	5,095
Purdy Fire Station	2	0	2	1	101		133				311		243	84	71	120	236	1142	2,446
Puyallup Library	4	4	2	2	400		347		325	365	319		534	244	248	343	1260	2453	6,850
Ross Plaza - DuPont	4	4	3	1	75		48				175		111	34	37	33	195	332	1,052
Roy Y Park & Ride	0	1	2	0	223		220				471		280	144	106	191	876	1497	4,011
Sound View Medical Clinic	0	0	0	0	45		34				101		44	23	18	35	84	477	861
South Hill Library	0	0	3	3	584		596		421	522	618		629	390	359	502	2004	3965	10,596
Steilacoom Library	1	3	1	1	208		144				375		203	90	43	91	279	1421	2,860
Sumner Library	0	3	3	0	237		274				727		423	223	157	249	944	1672	4,912
TACID	0	0	0	0	138		110				280		176	80	93	93	439	1020	2,429
Tacoma Dome Transit	0	0	1	1	69		71				107		54	18	19	22	110	339	811
University Place Fire Department	0	2	2	6	339		291		317	294	179		381	202	215	240	1108	2271	5,847
Daily Totals	18	33	37	34	5382	125	5101	358	2430	2809	7833	86	7256	3668	3290	4242	16983	40113	99,798
In Person	10/6	10/13	10/18	10/20	10/25	10/26	10/27	10/28	10/29	10/31	11/1	11/2	11/3	11/4	11/5	11/6	11/7	11/8	Totals
Election Center Customer Service	0	2	0	6	75	0	94	0	0	0	119	0	73	39	0	1	265	548	1,222
Daily Totals	0	2	0	6	75	0	94	0	0	0	119	0	73	39	0	1	265	548	1,222
Grand Totals	18	35	37	40	5457	125	5195	358	2430	2809	7952	86	7329	3707	3290	4243	17248	40661	101,020