

Pierce County General Election - November 5, 2013

Canvassing Board Report

November 22, 2013

Status Report

Ballot Statistics as of 11/22/2013

VOTER STATISTICS	
Total number of active registered voters in all precincts	439,532
Total number of inactive registered voters in all precincts	48,858
Total registered voters in all precincts	488,390

BALLOT STATISTICS	
The total number of ballots issued	439,532
Total number of ballots returned (includes challenged ballots)	182,990
Total ballots counted*	181,814
*includes overseas, out of state, service voters, email ballots, and Address Confidentiality Program ballots	
Ballot Statistics (See report 1 and 2 for detail)	
Ballots returned by mail	89,243
Ballots returned at drop boxes	91,360
Ballots returned at the Elections customer service counter	1,159
Ballots returned at Voting Centers	850
Ballots returned at UWT staffed collection site	71
Ballots returned electronically	29
Ballots counted on touch screen	278
Provisional Ballots	
Total number of provisional ballots issued by Pierce County	26
Valid provisional ballots received from other counties	10
Total provisional ballots counted	12

VOTER TURNOUT STATISTICS	
Total ballots counted	181,814
Overall turnout percentage	41.37%

CHALLENGED BALLOT STATISTICS	
Unsigned ballot envelopes	
Total unsigned ballot envelopes received	821
Signature updates received and processed	513
Outstanding letters sent to voters with no response	308
Signature Discrepancies**	
Total signature discrepancies received	1,174
Signature discrepancies resolved and processed	502
Outstanding letters sent to voters with no response	672
**Includes signatures that do not match, wrong signers, and envelopes signed with Power of Attorney	
Total ballots currently challenged	980

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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 1-18 (Hesitation mark or overvote? Pages 2, 11, 15, 17, 48-49)	18
Group 2, ballots 19-38, (Consistent pattern, two or three marks outside target area. Pages 2, 22 - 31)	20
Group 3, ballots 39-103 (Consistent pattern, one mark outside target area.)	65
Group 4, ballots 104-117 (Consistent pattern, different front and back.)	14
Group 5, ballots 118-149, (Consistent pattern?)	32
Group 6, ballots 150-170 (Corrected votes; pages 32-41)	21
Group 7, ballots 171-173 (messy marks; pages 70-71)	3
Group 8, ballots 174-184 (Voter intent/anything else)	11
Group 9, ballots 185-186 (Two voted ballots in one envelope. Page 77)	2
Group 10, ballot 187 (Two declarations with 1 ballot returned, who do we credit?)	1
Group 11, ballots 188-197. Each drop box is emptied on election night at 8:00 p.m. by a team of two election workers. State law requires all boxes be closed promptly at 8:00 p.m. While doing our routine post election check of drop boxes, 10 ballots were found inside the South Hill Library drop box. Upon further inspection workers discovered the back slot had not been locked. Do we count these ballots?	10
<p>Pierce County runs ballots in batches. A comparison of the ballot processing logs to the 400C ballot scanner logs indicates two of our 1,217 logs don't reconcile. It appears that in one batch a ballot may have been scanned twice. The other log indicates that two additional ballots were scanned twice. The variance of three votes would not affect the outcome of any contest. However, we strive to ensure that our tallies are correct and accurate.</p>	
Options	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open the sealed containers, hand count the number of ballots in each batch and rescan. • Do nothing and certify the election with the existing count. 	
Considerations	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no legal requirement to recount and rescan. • Opening the sealed containers requires approval from the Canvassing Board. • We estimate the additional work may take between 1 - 3 hours. 	
Total ballots canvassed	197

REJECTED BALLOT STATISTICS	
<u>Ballots rejected (voter challenge code applied, no credit given)</u>	
No ballot in envelope	9
Voter cancelled after ballot had been issued - (16 ballots sent to other counties, 6 voters deceased)	22
<u>Ballots rejected (No challenge code applied, No credit given)</u>	
Cannot identify voter (returned secrecy only or no outer envelope)	50
Wrong election	121
Received too late at customer service or left outside a drop box	36
Voter returned their own ballot and also signed their spouses	11
Total ballots rejected	249

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RANDOM CHECK OF BATCHES:

On November 5, 2013, representatives of the Republican and Democratic political parties requested a manual tally of ballots. The request was made to perform a random check of Initiative Measure No. 522 in the 25th, 27th and 28th legislative districts. Batches of ballots and machines were chosen at random. Two batches matched exactly. On one batch one ballot was not counted. After visual inspection of all ballots, two ballots were identified with very light marks which should have been removed from the batch for duplication. Additional reminders and instruction was provided to election workers performing the visual scan of ballots. The audit was performed on November 7, in the presence of the official political party observers.

TOUCH SCREEN AUDIT:

In accordance with state law, Pierce County conducted an audit of results of votes cast on the touch screen voting machines. Initiative Measure No. 517, Advisory Vote No. 7 and Port of Tacoma Commissioner Position No. 2 contests were selected 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 on the following machine:

Machine Number	Voting Center
35360	Pierce County Maintenance Facility

MAILING STATISTICS

Undeliverable ballots

Total number of undeliverable ballots returned by the Post Office **5,206**

Ballots postmarked too late

Received November 7, 2013	921
Received November 8, 2013	64
Received November 12, 2013	82
Received November 13, 2013	13
Received November 14, 2013	1
Received November 15, 2013	18
Received November 18, 2013	16
Received November 19, 2013	1
Received November 20, 2013	0
Received November 21, 2013	2

Total number of ballots postmarked too late **1,118**

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Registered Voters		439,532	
Date	Ballots Received	Cumulative Total	Percent Received
10/21/2013	2,510	2,510	0.57%
10/22/2013	7,357	9,867	2.24%
10/23/2013	5,723	15,590	3.55%
10/24/2013	7,720	23,310	5.30%
10/25/2013	8,989	32,299	7.35%
10/28/2013	15,288	47,587	10.83%
10/29/2013	7,591	55,178	12.55%
10/30/2013	4,905	60,083	13.67%
10/31/2013	13,146	73,229	16.66%
11/1/2013	7,150	80,379	18.29%
11/4/2013	22,336	102,715	23.37%
11/5/2013	40,644	143,359	32.62%
11/6/2013	29,881	173,240	39.41%
11/7/2013	9,065	182,305	41.48%
11/8/2013	326	182,631	41.55%
11/12/2013	200	182,831	41.60%
11/13/2013	14	182,845	41.60%
11/14/2013	112	182,957	41.63%
11/15/2013	18	182,975	41.63%
11/18/2013	0	182,975	41.63%
11/19/2013	8	182,983	41.63%
11/20/2013	1	182,984	41.63%
11/21/2013	6	182,990	41.63%
11/22/2013			
11/25/2013			

Note: Turnout on this report is based on the cumulative number of ballots received (including challenged ballots) to the total number of registered voters.

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

Drop Boxes	10/21	10/24	10/28	10/31	11/1	11/2	11/3	11/4	11/5	Totals
72nd Park & Ride	54	164	171	225	61	54	87	217	1175	2,208
Anderson Island	0	69	0	128	21	0	0	33	90	341
Barney's Corner - Eatonville	25	92	102	149	43	60	29	79	545	1,124
Bonney Lake Park & Ride	97	306	420	443	143	157	214	463	2942	5,185
Browns Point Substation	22	190	238	249	56	80	101	261	1619	2,816
Central District	17	51	34	62	12	14	15	51	647	903
Edgewood City Hall	15	145	233	201	75	77	101	201	1177	2,225
Fife Municipal Court	10	39	38	59	16	14	30	42	433	681
Gig Harbor Fire Station	104	433	476	623	136	154	168	330	1607	4,031
Kandle Park Substation	170	457	479	484	185	198	204	628	4283	7,088
Key Center Fire Station	36	183	172	211	59	53	58	126	858	1,756
Lakewood City Hall	50	446	530	564	198	128	247	492	2774	5,429
Lakewood Park & Ride	9	46	46	41	23	7	15	53	291	531
Parkland/ Spanaway Library	66	453	561	600	229	195	210	322	2402	5,038
PC Annex	179	656	772	1012	253	251	243	573	4752	8,691
Pt Fosdick	147	508	617	675	212	252	307	632	2922	6,272
Purdy Fire Station	32	203	240	227	76	87	120	216	1107	2,308
Puyallup Library	59	471	586	780	197	200	251	704	4268	7,516
Ross Plaza - DuPont	12	110	148	125	41	23	45	125	529	1,158
Roy Y Park & Ride	52	248	268	270	119	86	99	183	1242	2,567
Community Connections	23	77	70	79	24	27	31	96	477	904
South Hill Library	129	553	921	684	278	289	394	644	4106	7,998
Steilacoom Library	16	214	264	222	61	68	53	157	977	2,032
Sumner Library	116	295	394	465	152	201	165	373	2091	4,252
TACID	43	168	187	219	53	45	78	129	1556	2,478
Tacoma Dome Transit	25	80	77	79	27	14	16	127	482	927
University Place Fire Department	115	450	424	529	141	193	190	315	2544	4,901
Daily Totals	1623	7107	8468	9405	2891	2927	3471	7572	47896	91,360

In Person										Totals
Election Center	0	0	251	149	64	40	0	0	655	1,159
Clover Park Voting Center									48	48
Gig Harbor Voting Center									128	128
Puyallup Voting Center									329	329
PC Maintenance Voting Center									277	277
TACID Voting Center									68	68
UWT Collection Site				11					60	71
Daily Totals	0	0	251	160	64	40	0	0	1565	2,080
Grand Totals	1623	7107	8719	9565	2955	2967	3471	7572	49461	93,440