

# Pierce County Special Election - February 11, 2014

## Canvassing Board Report

February 21, 2014

### Status Report

Ballot Statistics as of 2/21/2014

<b>Voter Statistics</b>	
Total number of active registered voters in all precincts	359,830
Total number of inactive registered voters in all precincts	43,969
Total registered voters in all precincts	403,799

<b>Ballot Statistics</b>	
The total number of ballots issued	359,830
Total number of ballots returned (includes challenged ballots)	106,546
Total ballots counted*	105,626
*includes overseas, out of state, service voters, email ballots, and Address Confidentiality Program ballots	
<b>Ballot Statistics (See report 1 and 2 for detail)</b>	
Ballots returned by mail	60,647
Ballots returned at drop boxes	45,189
Ballots returned at the Elections customer service counter	482
Ballots returned at Voting Centers	150
Ballots returned electronically	29
Ballots counted on touch screen	49
<b>Provisional Ballots</b>	
Total number of provisional ballots issued by Pierce County	4
Valid provisional ballots received from other counties	0
Total provisional ballots counted	0

<b>Voter Turnout Statistics</b>	
Total ballots counted	105,626
Overall turnout percentage	29.35%

<b>Challenge Ballot Statistics</b>	
<b>Unsigned ballot envelopes</b>	
Total unsigned ballot envelopes received	633
Signature updates received and processed	418
Outstanding letters sent to voters with no response	215
<b>Signature Discrepancies**</b>	
Total signature discrepancies received	580
Signature discrepancies resolved and processed	252
Outstanding letters sent to voters with no response	328
**Includes signatures that do not match, wrong signers, and envelopes signed with Power of Attorney	
<b>Total ballots currently challenged</b>	<b>543</b>

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<b>To Be Canvassed</b>	
<b>Ballots</b>	
<b>Voter Intent Unclear - Refer to Voter Intent Statewide Standards on What is a Vote</b>	
Group 1, ballots 1-5 (Hesitation mark/overvote - pages 2, 5, 11, 15, 17, 48-49)	5
Group 2, ballots 6-13, (Consistent pattern, single issue - circles - pages 2, 22 - 31)	8
Group 3, ballots 14-23 (Consistent pattern, single issue - mark outside the target area)	10
Group 4, ballots 24-26 (Consistent pattern, single issue)	3
Group 5, ballots 27-65 (Consistent pattern - one mark outside the target area)	39
Group 6, ballots 66-76 (Consistent pattern?)	11
Group 7, ballots 77-78 (Corrected votes - pages 32-41)	2
Group 8, ballots 79-80 (Written instructions - pages 42-43)	2
Group 9, ballots 81-87 (Anything else - page 73)	7
<p>Group 10 - While picking up ballots from the South Hill Library drop box on Monday, January 27, the team identified that the drop box key mechanism had malfunctioned. The nut holding the latch and key mechanism had come loose and had fallen off. There was no evidence of tampering, the door was being held closed by the security seal rather than the lock itself. The seal remained intact until the team unsealed it to retrieve that day's ballots. Furthermore, the ballot envelopes were inspected for opening or tampering, and the batch of 265 ballots was signature checked here at the election center and no irregularities were discovered. Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup> was the first day of ballot pickup, the box was first opened on Thursday, January 23rd and ballots were mailed on Friday, January 24th. As a result of this event, Election staff checked all other drop boxes, the lock mechanisms were in place and there was no evidence of tampering. For future elections, the lock mechanisms will be inspected prior to opening or during the box opening process. Do we count these ballots?</p>	
	265
<b>Total ballots canvassed</b>	<b>352</b>

<b>Rejected Ballot Statistics</b>	
<b>Ballots rejected (voter challenge code applied, no credit given)</b>	
No ballot in envelope	4
Voter cancelled after ballot had been issued	8
A person signed a voter's ballot and the person who signed is not registered	3
Voter returned their own ballot and also signed another voter's ballot	21
<b>Ballots rejected (No challenge code applied, No credit given)</b>	
Cannot identify voter (returned secrecy or ballot, but no outer envelope)	10
Wrong election	12
Received too late at customer service or left outside a drop box	20
<b>Total ballots rejected</b>	<b>78</b>

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### Random Check of Ballots

On February 10, 2014, representatives of the Republican and Democratic political parties requested a manual tally of ballots. The request was made to perform a random check of Tacoma School District No. 10 Proposition No. 1 in the 27th legislative district. Three batches of ballots and three machines were chosen at random. Results from two batches matched exactly. On one batch one vote was not counted. The vote was tallied as an undervote due to being lightly marked. After visual inspection of all ballots in that batch, four ballots were identified with light marks which should have been removed from the batch for duplication. A review of current results indicates 170 undervotes were counted out of 29,624 ballots cast in this contest. These undervotes do not impact the outcome of this election. Additional reminders and instruction will continue to be provided to election workers performing the visual scan of ballots. The audit was performed on February 12, 2014 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. Tacoma School District No. 10 Proposition No. 2 was selected and two machines 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 machines:

Machine Number	Voting Center
35255	Puyallup Library
35268	TACID

### Mailing Statistics

<b>Total number of undeliverable ballots returned by USPS</b>	<b>2,829</b>
<b>Ballots postmarked too late</b>	
Received February 13, 2014	502
Received February 14, 2014	179
Received February 18, 2014	117
Received February 19, 2014	76
Received February 20, 2014	36
<b>Total number of ballots postmarked too late</b>	<b>910</b>

# February 11, 2014 Special Election

Report 1

<b>Registered Voters</b>		<b>359,830</b>	
Date	Ballots Received	Cumulative Total	Percent Received
1/27/2014	2,544	2,544	0.71%
1/28/2014	10,395	12,939	3.60%
1/29/2014	6,279	19,218	5.34%
1/30/2014	4,885	24,103	6.70%
1/31/2014	7,965	32,068	8.91%
2/3/2014	12,777	44,845	12.46%
2/4/2014	9,287	54,132	15.04%
2/5/2014	8,395	62,527	17.38%
2/6/2014	4,140	66,667	18.53%
2/7/2014	3,844	70,511	19.60%
2/10/2014	8,714	79,225	22.02%
2/11/2014	14,202	93,427	25.96%
2/12/2014	12,574	106,001	29.46%
2/13/2014	157	106,158	29.50%
2/14/2014	0	106,158	29.50%
2/18/2014	381	106,539	29.61%
2/19/2014	0	106,539	29.61%
2/20/2014	7	106,546	29.61%
2/21/2014			
2/24/2014			

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

**February 11, 2014 Pierce County Primary Election  
Ballot Return Statistics - Ballot Drop Boxes (Report 2)**

<b>Drop Boxes</b>	<b>27-Jan</b>	<b>31-Jan</b>	<b>Feb 1&amp;2</b>	<b>3-Feb</b>	<b>4-Feb</b>	<b>5-Feb</b>	<b>6-Feb</b>	<b>7-Feb</b>	<b>Feb 8&amp;9</b>	<b>10-Feb</b>	<b>11-Feb</b>	<b>Totals</b>
72nd Park & Ride	77	206	0	116	43	60	33	50	27	90	378	<b>1,080</b>
Anderson Island	0	100	0	37	11	11	11	11	4	8	23	<b>216</b>
Barney's Corner - Eatonville	13	230	0	121	33	34	47	41	17	67	268	<b>871</b>
Bonney Lake Park & Ride	190	606	0	310	149	137	97	103	92	288	1255	<b>3,227</b>
Browns Point Substation	121	318	0	177	92	110	51	41	54	147	515	<b>1,626</b>
Central District	24	56	0	21	14	13	13	10	6	36	248	<b>441</b>
Edgewood City Hall	125	347	0	200	55	78	60	67	44	164	512	<b>1,652</b>
Fife Municipal Court	41	117	150	31	32	17	18	8	24	34	146	<b>618</b>
Gig Harbor Fire Station	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Kandle Park Substation	171	667	0	348	163	149	83	112	97	341	1566	<b>3,697</b>
Key Center Fire Station	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Lakewood City Hall	16	95	0	54	31	16	11	13	11	37	126	<b>410</b>
Lakewood Park & Ride	9	50	0	20	10	4	5	7	5	19	56	<b>185</b>
Parkland/ Spanaway Library	175	855	0	367	206	208	144	127	122	233	1180	<b>3,617</b>
PC Annex	276	904	179	304	150	185	159	159	111	314	1576	<b>4,317</b>
Pt Fosdick	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Purdy Fire Station	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Puyallup Library	423	973	201	331	176	315	187	159	150	360	1471	<b>4,746</b>
Ross Plaza - DuPont	50	157	0	92	46	37	33	25	20	50	218	<b>728</b>
Roy Y Park & Ride	52	388	0	242	105	115	102	83	59	156	786	<b>2,088</b>
Community Connections	40	69	22	8	20	20	14	16	21	39	196	<b>465</b>
South Hill Library	254	1534	230	460	389	402	225	249	128	519	2237	<b>6,627</b>
Steilacoom Library	58	359	0	173	64	46	46	41	32	56	294	<b>1,169</b>
Sumner Library	191	594	0	280	139	126	68	89	97	210	774	<b>2,568</b>
TACID	74	234	76	41	67	46	42	30	32	98	504	<b>1,244</b>
Tacoma Dome Transit	35	104	0	41	23	16	11	14	8	52	127	<b>431</b>
University Place Fire Department	220	449	0	390	202	206	132	90	123	246	1108	<b>3,166</b>
<b>Daily Totals</b>	<b>2635</b>	<b>9412</b>	<b>858</b>	<b>4164</b>	<b>2220</b>	<b>2351</b>	<b>1592</b>	<b>1545</b>	<b>1284</b>	<b>3564</b>	<b>15564</b>	<b>45,189</b>
<b>In Person</b>	<b>1/27</b>	<b>1/31</b>	<b>Feb 1&amp;2</b>	<b>3-Feb</b>	<b>4-Feb</b>	<b>5-Feb</b>	<b>6-Feb</b>	<b>7-Feb</b>	<b>Feb 8&amp;9</b>	<b>10-Feb</b>	<b>11-Feb</b>	<b>Totals</b>
Election Center Customer Service	46	141	0	19	0	0	0	0	123	0	153	<b>482</b>
<b>Daily Totals</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>482</b>
<b>Grand Totals</b>	<b>2681</b>	<b>9553</b>	<b>858</b>	<b>4183</b>	<b>2220</b>	<b>2351</b>	<b>1592</b>	<b>1545</b>	<b>1407</b>	<b>3564</b>	<b>15717</b>	<b>45,671</b>