

Pierce County General Election - November 3, 2015
Certification Report Presented on November 24, 2015

Voter Statistics	
Total number of active registered voters in all precincts	450,941
Total number of inactive registered voters in all precincts	52,928
Total registered voters in all precincts	503,869

Ballot Statistics	
The total number of ballots issued	450,941
Total number of ballots returned (includes challenged ballots)	154,231
Total ballots counted*	153,368
*includes overseas, out of state, service voters, email ballots, and Address Confidentiality Program ballots	
Ballot Returns (See report 1 and 2 for detail)	
Ballots returned by mail	73,897
Ballots returned at drop boxes	78,971
Ballots returned at the Elections Division customer service counter	701
Ballots returned at voting centers	396
Ballots returned electronically (fax and email)	59
Ballots counted on touch screen	207
Overseas, Service Voters and E-ballots	
Total number of overseas, service voters, and e-ballots issued	13,318
Total number of overseas, service voters, and e-ballots returned	2,132
Total number of overseas, service voters, and e-ballots rejected	16
Total number of overseas, service voters, and e-ballots counted	2,116
Provisional Ballots	
Total number of provisional ballots issued by Pierce County	23
Total number of provisional ballots sent to other counties	10
Valid provisional ballots received from other counties	1
Total provisional ballots counted	7
Total provisional ballots rejected	7

Voter Turnout Statistics	
Total ballots counted	153,368
Overall turnout percentage	34.01%

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Rejected Ballot Statistics		
Total ballots rejected (voter challenge code applied, no credit given)		
Unsigned ballot envelopes	321	
Signature discrepancies (signature doesn't match and signed by someone else)	518	
Other Ballots Rejected (includes cancelled after ballot was issued, envelopes marked deceased, envelopes marked moved, no ballot in envelope, missing ID, marked with stamp)	49	
Total ballots rejected challenged code applied		888
Ballots Rejected - no challenge code applied (includes returned secrecy or ballot but no outer envelope and wrong election)		
		236
Total ballots rejected		1,124

Mailing Statistics		
Total number of undeliverable ballots returned by USPS		4,986
Received too late at customer service or a drop box		86
Ballots postmarked too late		
Received - 11/4/2015	751	
Received - 11/6/2015	107	
Received - 11/9/2015	67	
Received - 11/10/2015	25	
Received - 11/12/2015	21	
Received - 11/13/2015	14	
Received - 11/16/2015	20	
Received - 11/17/2015	3	
Received - 11/18/2015	1	
Received - 11/19/2015	5	
Received - 11/20/2015	3	
Received - 11/23/2015	3	
Total number of ballots postmarked too late		1,020

Random Check of Ballots
 On November 3, 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. 1366 in the 25th, 28th and 29th legislative districts. Three batches of ballots and three machines were chosen at random. Results from all three batches matched exactly. The audit was performed on November 5 in the presence of the official political party observers.

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Touch Screen Audit

In accordance with state law, Pierce County conducted an audit of results of votes cast on the touch screen voting machines. Advisory Vote No. 11, Advisory Vote No. 13 and Port of Tacoma Commissioner No. 3 contests were audited and one machine was chosen at random and 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 machine 35281.

Write-In Tally

A write-in tally review was conducted for the following close races: Gig Harbor Council Position No. 6, Orting Council Position No. 5, University Place School District No. 83 Position No. 5 and Orting School District No. 344 Director District No. 2. Results showed that none of the write-in votes were for any of the candidates on the ballot.

Results

Final results show that the difference between the candidates in the City of Orting, Council Position No. 5 race is less than one quarter of one percent. Final certified results indicate a difference of 3 votes (.00226) requiring a mandatory hand recount.

Final results show that the difference between the candidates in the University Place School District, Director Position No. 5 race is less than one half of one percent. Final certified results indicate a difference of 32 votes (.00492) requiring a mandatory machine recount.

The recount will begin Monday, November 30 at 8:30 a.m. at the Pierce County Election Center and will conclude with a certification meeting on Thursday, December 3 at 11:00 a.m.

Any interested parties may observe this recount.