

Recount

City of Orting, Council Position No. 5

University Place School District No. 83, Director Position No. 5

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As required by RCW 29A.64.021, mandatory machine and manual recounts were conducted. The recounts began on Monday, November 30, 2015 and ended on Wednesday, December 2, 2015.

Below is a summary of the steps taken during the recount:

Sorting

- Election staff sorted through all of the ballots counted in the Election to identify and isolate ballots containing the above contests.
- Ballots were sorted to the precinct level.
- The total number of ballots in each precinct was counted.
- Staff sorted 153,368 ballots.

Orting Recount Results (Manual Recount)

- Ballots were recounted by hand by a team of four elections workers. Ballots were manually counted twice to confirm the votes for each candidate.
- The results confirmed McDonald received the most votes and is the winner.
- The total number of ballots cast decreased by one vote in the recount.
- The recount shows a decrease of one vote for McDonald.

Two possible reasons for the decrease in ballots during the recount:

- Ballots weren't located during the sorting process.
- During the November election, a ballot may have been counted twice due to a ballot jam. This is very unlikely.

Ballots cast variance

Original Count 1,457

Recount 1,456

1,456/1,457 99.931%

Vote total variance

1 vote change/1,456 .0687%

University Place School District Recount Results (Machine Recount)

- Ballots were recounted on tabulation scanners. Four tabulation scanners were used.
- The results confirmed Fitzsimmons received the most votes and is the winner.
- The total number of ballots cast decreased by one vote in the recount.
- The recount shows an increase of one vote for Maloney.

Why the vote totals changed:

- The recount focused only on the school district contest.
- Machines were setup to only count the contest. Undervotes and overvotes were outstacked for the operator to review.
- The total number of undervotes decreased by three.
- The total number of overvotes increased by one.
- These changes could be from light marks made by a voter, the transfer of pencil lead from another contest on the ballot, bleed through, dots or hesitation marks made by a voter, or dirt on the ballot.

Ballots cast variance

Original Count	7,319
Recount	7,318
7,318/7,319	99.986%

Vote total variance

1 vote change/7,318 .0137%