

**Pierce County General Election – November 6, 2012
Canvassing Board Meeting – Voter Intent
November 16, 2012**

Topics of Interest

Voter Turnout

Registered Voters	442,985
Ballots Cast	348,334
Voter Turnout	78.63%

Pierce Transit

Voters in precincts 31-873.01 and 31-873.03 were mis-precincted inside the boundaries of Pierce Transit. A total of 108 voters received a ballot containing Pierce Transit, when in fact they were not in the District. The correct ballot was mailed to these voters, which did not contain the Pierce Transit issue.

No voters in these precincts were allowed to vote on the Pierce Transit measure. A total of 75 ballots were returned.

10th Congressional District misprinted ballots

Voters in two Pierce County precincts (29-623 and 29-663) were issued misprinted ballots with the incorrect congressional district. Ballots were mailed on Friday, October 19th, the printing error was identified Monday, October 22nd, and corrected ballots were mailed that same day. Voters who sent only the incorrect ballot were called on Saturday, November 3 and reminded to return their correct ballot by the deadline. This printing problem impacted 1,422 voters.

In no cases were voters permitted to vote on the wrong Congressional District. A total of 1,006 ballots were returned. A total of 852 returned the corrected ballot containing the 10th Congressional District candidates. A total of 154 voters returned the incorrect ballot; all issues on these ballots were counted except for votes in the 6th Congressional race. This printing error did not impact the outcome of either the 6th or 10 Congressional District elections.

Summary of November 8th Political Party Audit ¹

Representatives of the Republican and Democratic political parties requested a manual tally of batches of vote-by-mail ballots. The request was made to perform a random check of the votes cast for Governor in the 26th, 27th, and 28th legislative districts. The audit was conducted on four machines chosen at random. The batches were also chosen at random. This audit was performed at 7:00 a.m. in the presence of the official political party observers.

The Audit

Machine 1

- District selected: 26th District.
- The hand count and machine count matched.

Machine 4

- District selected: 28th District
- The hand count had one more vote for Inslee than the machine report.
- A review of the ballots showed that one ballot should have been removed from the batch during the visual scan step. The ballot contained a light mark ² in the Governor's race.
- The batch was cancelled, the machine zeroed and the lightly marked ballot was sent to duplication.
- The ballots were scanned again and the hand count matched the machine count.

Machine 7

- District selected: 28th District
- The hand count had two more votes for McKenna than the machine report.
- A review showed that two ballots should have been removed from the batch during the visual scan step. These ballots had light marks in the target area.
- The batch was cancelled, the machine zeroed, and three lightly marked ballots were sent to duplication.
- All ballots were scanned again.
- The hand count had one more vote for McKenna than the machine report.
- The batch was cancelled, the machine zeroed, and four ballots were sent to duplication.

¹ RCW 29A.60.170

² Pierce County's system is an optical scan system which reads marks made by the voter. Not all voters mark their ballots with a solid strong mark. Some marks are light, broken, or not consistent throughout a ballot.

- The ballots were scanned again.
- The hand count had one more vote for McKenna than the machine report.

Machine 9

- District selected: 27th District.
- The hand count had one more vote for McKenna than the machine report.
- A review showed that one ballot should have been removed from the batch during the visual scan step. The ballot contained a light mark in the Governor's race.
- The batch was cancelled, the machine zeroed, and the lightly marked ballot was sent to duplication.
- The ballots were scanned again and the hand count matched the machine count.

Conclusion

Corrective Action on Machine 7

- Machine 7 was immediately removed from service.
- Election staff performed a machine analysis. The analysis looked at results tallied on each machine for results released on November 6th and 7th. Specifically the percentage of undervotes for President, Governor and County Executive were reviewed. The percentage of undervotes was consistent across all machines.
- Based upon this review, the elections staff determined that no corrective action was needed regarding any ballots scanned on machine 7.
- A vendor technician was called and arrived on November 8th at 1:00 p.m.
- The vendor technician indicated that the sensitivity on the system was set correctly.
- He replaced the read heads and adjusted read head alignment on the machine.
- The technician performed sensitivity and alignment tests.
- Test decks marked with a variety of marking devices were run through the machine.
- The logic and accuracy test deck for the election was also run on the machine. All votes matched the expected results.
- Although repaired and tested for accuracy, Machine 7 remains out-of-service for this election.

Safeguards

- Pierce County's voter tabulation system was extensively tested prior to the election. These tests include running multiple test decks, ballot types and marking devices. The Secretary of State's Office conducted a Logic and Accuracy test of the system on October 15, 2012. Machine 7 was included in all tests.
- State law provides a recount procedure to recount the votes in close races.

TO BE CANVASSED**Ballots****Voter Intent Unclear - Refer to Voter Intent Statewide Standards on What is a Vote**

Group 1, Ballots 1 - 129 (Hesitation mark or overvote? Pages 2, 11, 15, 17, 48-49)	129
Group 2, Ballots 130 - 160 (Inconsistent pattern in target area; Pages 2, 22 - 31)	31
Group 3, Ballots 161 - 207 (Outside target area pages 2, 22, 23-31)	47
Group 4, Ballots 208 - 284 (Corrected votes; pages 32 - 41)	77
Group 5, Ballots 285 - 288 (Messy marks; Pages 70-71)	4
Group 6, Ballots 289 - 391 (Voter Intent / Anything Else)	103
Group 7, Ballots 392 - 405 (Federal Write-in Ballots)	14
Group 8, Ballots 406 - 413 (Two ballot in one envelope)	8

Total ballots canvassed**413**