

**Pierce County Special Election - February 9, 2010
Canvassing Board Report
February 19, 2010**

**Canvassing Board Status Report
Ballot Statistics as of 2/18/2010**

VOTER STATISTICS	
Total registered Vote-By-Mail voters	318,946
Total registered poll voters	39,223
Total number of active registered voters in all precincts	358,169
Total number of inactive registered voters in all precincts	36,531
Total registered voters in all precincts	394,700

BALLOT STATISTICS	
<u>Vote-By-Mail (VBM) Ballots</u>	
The total number of Vote-By-Mail ballots issued	321,707
Total number of Vote-By-Mail ballots returned (includes challenged ballots)	132,629
Total Vote-By-Mail ballots counted*	131,727
Percentage of Vote-By-Mail voter turnout (based on valid ballots counted against ballots issued)	40.95%
*includes Vote-By-Mail, provisionals, overseas, out of state, service voters, email ballots, and Address Confidentiality Program ballots	
<u>Vote-By-Mail Return Statistics (See report 1 and 2 for detail)</u>	
Ballots returned by mail	102,482
Ballots returned at staffed Express Booths	23,054
Ballots returned at the Elections customer service counter	190
Ballots returned at the Auditor's Office	370
Ballots returned at drop boxes	5,771
Ballots returned at a polling place	762
<u>Polling Place Ballots</u>	
Total poll site ballots counted	4,148
Percentage of poll voter turnout	10.58%
<u>Provisional Ballots</u>	
Total number of provisional ballots issued by Pierce County	200
Total number of provisional ballots received from other counties	0
Total provisional ballots counted (included in Vote-By-Mail ballot count)	189
Number of valid provisional ballots voted by Vote-By-Mail voters	141
Number of valid provisional ballots voted by poll voters	48

VOTER TURNOUT STATISTICS - OVERALL	
Total ballots counted	135,875
Overall Turnout Percentage	37.94%

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CHALLENGED BALLOT STATISTICS		
<u>Unsigned ballot envelopes</u>		
Total unsigned ballot envelopes received	809	
Signature updates received and processed	551	
Outstanding letters sent to voters with no response		258
<u>Signature Discrepancies**</u>		
Total Signature Discrepancies received	800	
Signature discrepancies resolved and processed	170	
Outstanding letters sent to voters with no response		630
**Includes signatures that do not match, wrong signers, and envelopes signed with Power of Attorney		
<u>Other challenged ballots</u>		31
Total ballots currently challenged		919

TO BE CANVASSED		
<u>Voter Intent Unclear - Refer to Voter Intent Statewide Standards on What is a Vote</u>		
Group 1, Ballots 1 - 15 (See Rule B - Consistent Pattern pages 22, 28, 34, 16)	15	
Group 2, Ballots 16 - 17 (See Rule B - Inconsistent Pattern pages 22, 32, 29, 34)	2	
Group 3, Ballots 18 - 31 (See Rule B - Consistent Pattern pages 22, 23)	14	
Group 4, Ballots 32 - 33 (See Rule C - Corrected Votes pages 32, 35, 39)	2	
Group 5, Ballots 34 - 44 (See Rule S - Anything Else page 73)	11	
<u>Group 6, Ballots 45-46 Ballots to Canvass</u>		
- Voter signed the oath and signature matches. Name was crossed out and cancel written next to it. Unable to reach voter. Is this a cancellation notice or do we count the ballot?	1	
- Question regarding signature - updated information obtained. Staff took a new registration form to the voter (who is disabled) and had him sign with an X. Can we count this ballot?	1	
Total ballots to be canvassed		46

REJECTED BALLOT STATISTICS		
<u>Vote-By-Mail ballots rejected</u>		
Total Vote-By-Mail ballots rejected (voter challenge code applied)		25
Voter cancelled after ballots were mailed	15	
No ballot in envelope	10	
Total Vote-By-Mail ballots rejected (No challenge code applied, No credit given)		38
Received at the polls, express booths or Election Center after 8:00 pm on Election Day	0	
Cannot identify voter (returned secrecy only)	11	
Wrong election	27	
Total Vote-By-Mail ballots rejected		63
<u>Provisional ballots rejected</u>		
Not registered	7	
Not eligible	1	
Registered in another county	1	
Voter had been cancelled	1	
Voter returned a Vote-By-Mail ballot	1	
Total Provisional ballots rejected		11

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POLLING PLACE RECONCILIATION***

Ballot Accountability Forms

Poll workers are required to complete a ballot accountability form at the end of election night after closing the polls. Election staff have reviewed and reconciled all ballot accountability forms. This involves an extensive review of the number of people signing the poll book compared to the number of ballots cast at the polling places and the number of voters receiving credit.

Political parties requested a manual count of selected precincts

On election night, political party observers requested a manual tally of Tacoma School District Proposition No. 1 for the following precincts: 27-306, 27-314, and 27-319. Election staff performed this manual tally on Election Night in accordance with state law. The manual tally was compared to the results tabulated for each precinct. All results matched exactly. No discrepancies were found. This requested manual audit was done in the presence of the official political party observers.

Touch Screen Audit of Results

In accordance with State Law, Pierce County conducted an audit of results of votes cast on the touch screen voting machines. The law requires that this audit be conducted on four percent of the devices used in the election. Accordingly, two machines were selected by lot. 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 for Tacoma School District Proposition No. 1 and 2 and University Place School District Proposition No. 1 on the following machines:

<u>Machine Number</u>	<u>Polling Location</u>
35331	Praise Covenant Church
35275	Waller Road Grange

*** All activities were conducted in the presence of political party observers

OF ADDITIONAL NOTE:

Two streets assigned to the wrong precinct

On January 26, 2010 it was brought to our attention by a voter that a group of voters on 184th St. (South Hill) in precinct 02-045.02 were incorrectly precincted into 02-045.01. Voters were originally issued ballot type 1036. This ballot type contained Bethel School District No. 403. They should have received ballot type 1037 containing Puyallup School District No. 3. Research identified 21 voters were affected. None of the Vote-By-Mail ballots had been returned. On this same day all voters were sent the correct ballot and their previous ballot was suspended. Of the 21 voters, three voted in this election. One voter returned the incorrect ballot which was not counted and also returned the correct ballot which was counted. The street has been corrected in the Voter Registration database to resolve this issue.

On January 26, 2010 it was discovered that four voters on 219th St. E (Graham) in precinct 02-047.02 were incorrectly precincted into 02-047.01. Voters were originally issued ballot type 1039. This ballot type contained Bethel School District No. 403. They should have received ballot type 1040 containing Orting School District No. 344. This matter was brought to our attention by a voter. None of the Vote-By-Mail ballots had been returned. On this same day, all voters were sent the correct ballot and their previous ballot was suspended. Of the four voters, one voted in this election. No voter returned the incorrect ballot. The street has been corrected in the Voter Registration database to resolve this issue.

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MAILING STATISTICS	
<u>Undeliverable Vote-By-Mail ballots</u>	
Total number of undeliverable ballots returned by the Post Office	5,353
<u>Ballots postmarked too late</u>	
Received February 11, 2010	659
Received February 16, 2010	176
Received February 17, 2010	29
Received February 18, 2010	12
Total number of ballots postmarked too late	876

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Report 1

Vote-By-Mail Ballots Issued		321,707	
Date	Ballots Received	Cumulative Total	Percent Received
1/25/2010	1,321	1,321	0.41%
1/26/2010	14,976	16,297	5.07%
1/27/2010	11,921	28,218	8.77%
1/28/2010	8,523	36,741	11.42%
1/29/2010	7,160	43,901	13.65%
2/1/2010	11,576	55,477	17.24%
2/2/2010	10,409	65,886	20.48%
2/3/2010	6,907	72,793	22.63%
2/4/2010	4,495	77,288	24.02%
2/5/2010	4,421	81,709	25.40%
2/8/2010	14,293	96,002	29.84%
2/9/2010	17,872	113,874	35.40%
2/10/2010	18,084	131,958	41.02%
2/11/2010	395	132,353	41.14%
2/16/2010	237	132,590	41.21%
2/17/2010	7	132,597	41.22%
2/18/2010	32	132,629	41.23%
2/19/2010			
2/22/2010			
2/23/2010			

Note: Turnout on this report is based on the cumulative number of Vote-By-Mail ballots received (including challenged ballots) to the total number of Vote-By-Mail ballots issued.

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Ballot Return Statistics - Express Booths and Ballot Drop Boxes (Report 2)

Drop Boxes	1/19	1/25	1/27	1/29	2/1	2/3	2/5	2/6	2/7	2/8	2/9	Totals
County City Bldg	0	9	0	65	40	0	98	0	0	39	110	361
Gig Harbor Fire Station (Not Open)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Parkland/ Spanaway Library	3	61	0	276	122	0	219	31	29	47	265	1,053
PC Annex	1	38	145	144	122	228	203	0	0	183	1093	2,157
Election Center	0	47	148	173	201	187	160	0	0	184	553	1,653
Soundview Medical Clinic	0	2	0	30	9	0	36	2	0	16	101	196
TACID	0	24	0	64	29	0	64	2	21	28	119	351
Daily Totals	4	181	293	752	523	415	780	35	50	497	2241	5,771

Express Booths							2/5	2/6	2/7	2/8	2/9	Totals
Bethel Rite Aid							163	158	123	417	714	1,575
Bonney Lake Fred Meyer							320	240	168	397	902	2,027
Browns Point Town Center							118	86	38	185	405	832
Purdy Fire Station (Not Open)							0	0	0	0	0	0
Pt Fosdick Gig Harbor (Not Open)							0	0	0	0	0	0
Green Firs University Place							190	177	102	441	937	1,847
Lakewood Towne Center							243	143	113	562	1334	2,395
Oasis of Hope Tacoma							11	14	6	16	116	163
Rite Aid Tacoma							242	222	215	574	1554	2,807
Puyallup Fred Meyer							240	285	229	659	1347	2,760
Sprinker Spanaway							256	221	178	542	921	2,118
Sumner Fred Meyer							351	274	158	492	762	2,037
Surprise Lake Edgewood/Milton							175	151	101	309	612	1,348
Thun Field South Hill							353	251	157	662	1722	3,145
Daily Totals							2662	2222	1588	5256	11326	23,054

In Person	1/19	1/25	1/27	1/29	2/1	2/3	2/5	2/6	2/7	2/8	2/9	Totals
Election Center Customer Service	3	16	32	20	6	33	20	0	0	9	51	190
Auditors Office	0	6	18	9	20	33	14	0	0	13	257	370
Daily Totals	3	22	50	29	26	66	34	0	0	22	308	560

Polling Sites											762	762
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Grand Totals	7	203	343	781	549	481	3476	2257	1638	5775	14637	30,147
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