

Canvassing Board Informational Reports

April 24, 2018
Special Elections

Final Report - May 4, 2018



Snohomish County
Auditor's Office

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Election Summary

The April 24, 2018 Special Elections featured funding measures for Sno-Isle Libraries and the Darrington School District as well as a measure to merge Fire District 28 into Fire District 26.

Special Elections have an average turnout of 34% since 2006. The turnout for the April 24, 2018 Special Election was 25.63%. 55% of voters choose to return their ballot through one of our drop boxes.

A random batch audit of mail ballots was performed. The results of the six hand-counted batches exactly matched the results of the tabulation system tally for those same batches.

In terms of election accountability and reconciliation, the number of voters credited differs from the total number of ballots counted by one. The difference is attributed to two situations. The first situation was three empty envelopes discovered after the signature envelopes were removed from the work space preventing any removal of voter credit. The second situation was 4 batches where there was an additional ballot in the batch identified after the signature envelopes were removed from the work space preventing any removal of a specific ballot.

AVU: Accessible Voting Unit used to allow voters with a variety of disabilities to cast an independent, private, secure ballot.

Challenged: Mail Ballot Envelopes or Provisional Ballot Envelopes that are not processed due to a variety of voter related issues or actions.

Comparative Data: Column containing data from previous years or at other points during the election that can provide perspective to the number or percentage to which it is related. Clarification of what the data represents will be listed in parenthesis or in the comments field.

DIMS: Snohomish County's election management / voter registration database.

ClearVote: Snohomish County's vote tabulation system.

Election Statistical Summary					
		Total	Percentage	Comparative Data	Comment
Voter Registration					
Registered Voters		385,459			
Address Confidentiality Program Voters		70			
Overseas and Service Voters		4,842			Mil, Email, OC categories in DIMS
Federal Write-in Voters		0			
Participation					
Voters credited		98,840			
Ballots counted		98,841			
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Difference between voters credited and ballots counted		-1			
				6.31% - 2017	Mil, Email, OC, FWAB categories in DIMS; percentage of voters
Overseas and Service voters credited		397	8.20%	April	credited to issued
Overseas and Service voter envelopes rejected		6			Mil, Email, OC categories in DIMS
Mail Ballot Summary					
Mail Ballots Issued		386,285			
Mail Ballots Returned		99,912	25.86%		percent issued that were returned
				51.65% - 2017	
Mail Ballots Returned through AVS, drop boxes, and Auditor's Office		55,381	55.43%	April	percent returned through sites of all mail ballots returned
Mail Ballots Returned through the Post Office		44,531	44.57%		percent returned through post office
Mail Ballots Verified and Accepted		98,840	98.93%		percent returned that were verified and accepted
Mail Ballots Open and Extracted		98,841	100.00%		percent verified and accepted that were opened and extracted
Mail Ballots Tabulated		98,841	100.00%		percent opened and extracted that were tabulated
Provisional Ballot Summary					
Provisional Ballots Issued		0			
Provisional Ballots Verified and Accepted		0	N/A		percent issued that have been verified and accepted
Provisional Ballots Open and Extracted		0	N/A		percent verified and accepted that have been open and extracted
Provisional Ballots Tabulated		0	N/A		percent open and extracted that have been tabulated

Details - Mail Ballots					
Line	Description	Total	Subtotal	Comparative Data	Comment
Mail Ballots Issued					
1	Number of Mail Ballots Issued	386,285			
1a	Number of ballots issued and tracked DIMS system		386,215		
1b	Number of ballots issued and not tracked in DIMS system		70		Address Confidentiality Program participants
Mail Ballot Envelopes Returned					
2	Number of Mail Ballot Envelopes Returned	99,912			
2a	Number of Mail Ballot Envelopes Returned and reported in DIMS		99,893		
2b	Number of ACP Mail Ballots Envelopes Returned		18		Manually tracked; Not reported in DIMS
2c	Number of Unidentifiable Mail Ballot Envelopes Returned		1		Securities only / Replacements without information / Faxed; Not reported in DIMS
2d	Number of Mail Ballot Envelopes Returned and Not Accepted by DIMS		0		Manually tracked; Not reported in DIMS
2e	Number of Outbound Mail Ballot Packets Returned by USPS as undeliverable	2,268		0.59%: 0.59% (2017 April)	Undeliverable ballots are reviewed for anomalies and voters contacted to update address information per state and federal law
Mail Ballot Envelopes Verified					
4	Number Mail Ballots Envelopes Verified And Accepted	98,840			Sum of line 4a, 4b and 4c
4a	Number of Mail Ballots Verified and Accepted in DIMS		98,822		Reported from DIMS
4b	Number of Mail Ballots Verified and Accepted but not in DIMS		18		Manually tracked (includes ACP/Federal Write-ins).
4c	Number of Mail Ballots Verified and Accepted but challenge on record				
5	Number of Mail Ballot Envelopes Challenged	1,072		1.07%: 0.75% (2017 April)	DIMS data reconciled with hand counts and augmented with hand counts for non-DIMS ballots (sum of 5a - 5p). Percentages are challenged vs. total returned
5a	2X - Voter returned a second ballot		0		Reported from DIMS and reconciled with hand counts
5b	CAN - Requested to be cancelled		14		" "
5c	DEAD - Notified that the voter has passed away		2		" "
5d	LATE - Returned too late		624	0.62%: 0.59% (2017 April)	" "
5e	MISC - Miscellaneous challenge		0		
5f	MULTI - Two ballots in one envelope		0		
5g	NOBAL - No ballot returned in envelope		7		" "

Details - Mail Ballots

Line	Description	Total	Subtotal	Comparative Data	Comment
				0.22%: 0.08% (2017 April)	
5h	NOSIG - No signature on the envelope		224		" "
5i	NSWS - No signature or wrong signature on file		0		Reported from DIMS and reconciled with hand counts
5j	OTV - Someone other than the voter signed		10		" "
5k	POA - Signed by power of attorney		2		" "
				0.19%; 0.00% (2017 April)	
5l	SIGPR - Signature does not match		187		" "
5m	STAMP - Signed using a signature stamp		0		" "
5n	WANDA - Ballot was suspended due to ineligibility		0		" "
5o	Gray boxes - Ballot was suspended due to ineligibility		0		Hand Count
5p	Wrong Election		1		" "
5q	Security Envelope Only / No Voter Information on Replacement / Fax Only		1		" "

Mail Ballot Envelopes Opened and Extracted

6	Number of Mail Ballots Opened and Sent to Tabulation	98,841			
7	Number of Empty Envelopes	3			
8	Number of Ballots Rejected by Canvassing Board (credit not removed in DIMS)	0			
9	Number of Additional Ballots Discovered After Signature Envelope Removal	4			
10	Number of Ballots Awaiting Duplication or Canvassing Board Decision	0			

Ballots Tabulated

11	Number of Mail Ballots Tabulated	98,841			Reported by ClearVote.
12	Number of Mail Ballots Awaiting Tabulation	0			

Details - Provisional Ballots

Line	Description	Total	Subtotals	Comparative Data	Comment
Provisional Ballots Issued					
1	Number of Provisional Ballots Issued	0			
1a	Number of Provisional Ballots Issued in Snohomish County	0			
1a.1	Voter did not want to use AVU		0		
1a.2	AVU Equipment Issue (resulting in no ballot cast)		0		
1a.3	Site worker could not find or flag voter		0		
1a.4	Voter did not have proper ID to vote in person		0		
1a.5	Voter needed paper for accessibility reason		0		
1a.6	Voter not registered in our county or in election area		0		
1b	Number of Provisional Ballots Received from other counties	0			
Provisional Ballots Verified					
2	Number of Provisional Ballot Accepted	0			
3	Number of Provisional Ballots Challenged	0			
3a	Cancelled registration		0		
3b	Can't read (or no) name/address		0		
3c	Felony conviction		0		
3d	Incomplete Information		0		
3e	No signature on envelope		0		
3f	Not eligible for election (wrong district)		0		
3g	Not Registered		0		
3h	Registered too late (after cut off)		0		
3i	Signature doesn't match original		0		
3j	Voter voting twice		0		
4	Number of Provisional Ballots Sent to Other Counties	0			
Provisional Ballot Envelopes Opened and Extracted					
5	Number of Provisional Ballots Opened and Sent to Tabulation	0			
6	Number of Empty Envelopes	0			Unable to remove credit in DIMS
7	Number of Provisional Ballots Rejected by Canvassing Board	0			Unable to remove credit in DIMS
8	Number of Provisional Ballots Not Opened	0			
9	Number of Provisional Ballots Awaiting Duplication or Canvassing Board Decision	0			
Provisional Ballots Tabulated					
10	Number of Provisional Ballots Tabulated	0			Reported from ClearVote
11	Number of Provisional Ballots Awaiting Tabulation	0			