

Canvassing Board Informational Reports

February 9, 2010
Special Elections

Final Report - February 24, 2010



Snohomish County Auditor's Office

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Election Summary

The February 9, 2010 Special Election featured eight school districts and one library district.

The overall turnout for this special election was 36.80%. This is typical of special elections focusing on local district ballot measures. 13.81% of all participating voters chose to return their ballot either at the Auditor's Office, in our 24-hour drop box or at one of our 5 community collection centers where ballots can be returned without postage.

In regards to the administration of the election and the reconciliation process, there is a difference of two between the total number of voters credited and the total number of ballots counted. This difference is attributed to one secrecy that was discovered empty during the mail ballot opening and extraction process and to two ballots contained in one secrecy envelope that were rejected by the canvassing board because they were not voted alike per state code. The two rejected ballots were associated with one credited voter. Therefore this is recognized in the reconciliation process as an empty envelope at the mail ballot and extraction process.

Glossory of Terms

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 paranthesis or the comments field.

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

WINEDS: Snohomish County's vote tabulation system.

Election Statistical Summary					
		Total	Percentage	Comparative Data	Comment

Voter Registration

Registered Voters		305,941			
Address Confidentiality Program Voters		35			
Overseas and Service Voters		2,856			DM, OC, PX categories in DIMS
Federal Write-in Voters		0			

Participation

Voters credited		111,697			
Ballots counted		111,695			
Difference between voters credited and ballots counted		2			Two voters returned empty secrecy envelopes (identified and accounted for in mail ballot opening and extraction).
Overseas and Service voters credited		450	15.76%		DM, OC, PX categories in DIMS; percentage of voters credited to issued
Overseas and Service voter envelopes rejected		5			DM, OC, PX categories in DIMS

Mail Ballot Summary

Mail Ballots Issued		306,479			
Mail Ballots Returned		112,776	36.80%		percent of mail ballots issued that were returned
				98.97% - 2009	
Mail Ballots Verified and Accepted		111,640	98.99%	General	percent of mail ballots returned that were verified and accepted
Mail Ballots Open and Extracted		111,638	100.00%		percent of mail ballots verified and accepted that were opened and extracted
Mail Ballots Tabulated		111,638	100.00%		percent of mail ballots opened and extracted that were tabulated

Provisional Ballot Summary

Provisional Ballots Issued		7			
Provisional Ballots Verified and Accepted		4	57.14%		percent of issued that have been verified and accepted
Provisional Ballots Open and Extracted		4	100.00%		percent of verified and accepted that have been open and extracted
Provisional Ballots Tabulated		4	100.00%		percent of verified and accepted that have been tabulated

Accessible Voting Summary

Mail Ballots Returned through AVS, CCCs, and Auditor's Office		15,575	13.81%	19.91% - 2009 General	percent of ballots returned through sites of all mail ballots returned
Accessible Voting Unit Ballots Issued		53			
Voters credited with voting on Accessible Voting Units		53	100.00%		percent of ballots issued where a voter was credited
Accessible Voting Unit Ballots Tabulated		53	100.00%		percent of voters credited where a ballot was cast

Details - Mail Ballots					
Line	Description	Total	SubTotal	Comparative Data	Comment

Mail Ballots Issued

1	Number of Mail Ballots Issued	306,479			
1a	Number of ballots issued and tracked DIMS system		306,444		
1b	Number of ballots issued and not tracked in DIMS system		35		Address Confidentiality Program participants

Mail Ballot Envelopes Returned

2	Number of Mail Ballot Envelopes Returned	112,776			
2a	Number of Mail Ballot Envelopes Returned and reported in DIMS		112,743		
2b	Number of ACP Mail Ballots Envelopes Returned		18		Manually tracked; Not reported in DIMS
2c	Number of Unidentifiable Mail Ballot Envelopes Returned		7		Securities only / Replacements without information / Faxed; Not reported in DIMS
2d	Number of Mail Ballot Envelopes Returned and Not Accepted by DIMS		8		Manually tracked; Not reported in DIMS
3	Number of Outbound Mail Ballot Packets Returned by USPS as undeliverable	1,912		0.62%: 0.78% (2009 General)	

Mail Ballot Envelopes Verified

4	Number Mail Ballots Envelopes Verified And Accepted	111,640			Sum of line 4a, 4b and 4c.
4a	Number of Mail Ballots Verified and Accepted in DIMS		111,622		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 and also AVU voted		0		
5	Number of Mail Ballot Envelopes Challenged	1,136		1.01%: 1.03% (2009 General)	DIMS data reconciled with hand counts and augmented with hand counts for non-DIMS ballots (sum of 5a - 5p). Percentage are challenged vs total returned.
5a	CAN - Requested to be cancelled		14		Reported from DIMS and reconciled with hand counts.
5b	DEAD - Notified that the voter has passed away		7		" "
5c	DUP - Voter returned a second ballot		0		" "
5d	LATE - Returned too late		838	0.74%: 0.80% (2009 General)	" "
5e	MULTI - Returned multiple ballots in an envelope		0		" "
5f	NOBAL - No ballot returned in envelope		12		" "
5g	NOSIG - No signature on the envelope		170	0.15%: 0.11% (2009 General)	" "
5h	NSOF/WS - No signature on file or wrong signature on file		0		" "
5i	OTV - Someone other than voter signed		13		" "

Details - Mail Ballots

Line	Description	Total	SubTotal	Comparative Data	Comment
5j	POA - Signed by power of attorney		3		
				0.05%: 0.06% (2009 General)	
5k	SIGPR - Signature does not match		59		" "
5l	SUSPD - Ballot was suspended due to ineligibility		0		" "
5m	WANDA - Ballot was suspended due to ineligibility		5		" "
5n	Gray boxes - Ballot was suspended due to ineligibility		4		Hand Count
5o	Wrong Election		4		" "
5p	Security Envelope Only / No Voter Information on Replacement / Fax Only		7		" "

Mail Ballot Envelopes Opened and Extracted

6	Number of Mail Ballots Opened and Sent to Tabulation	111,638			Line 4 minus (Lines 7 + 8 + 9 + 10)
7	Number of Empty Envelopes	2			Tracked in opening process (one was the result of CB decision)
8	Number of Ballots Rejected by Canvassing Board (credit not removed in DIMS)	0			Accounted for in Canvassing Board Records.
9	Number of Ballots Not Opened	0			
10	Number of Ballots Awaiting Duplication or Canvassing Board Decision	0			

Ballots Tabulated

11	Number of Mail Ballots Tabulated	111,638			Reported by WinEDS.
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 Issue	7			
1a	Number of Provisional Ballots Issued in Snohomish County	7			
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		6		
1a.4	Voter did not have proper ID to vote in person		1		
1a.5	Voter needed paper for accessibility reason		0		
1a.6	Unknown reason		0		
1b	Number of Provisional Ballots Received from other counties	0			
Provisional Ballots Verified					
2	Number of Provisional Ballot Accepted	4			
3	Number of Provisional Ballots Challenged	3			
3a	Cancelled registration		1		
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)		2		
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 Extracted and Sent to Tabulation	4			
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			

Details - Provisional Ballots					
Line	Description	Total	SubTotals	Comparative Data	Comment
Provisional Ballots Tabulated					
10	Number of Provisional Ballots Tabulated	4			Reported from WinEDS
11	Number of Provisional Ballots Awaiting Tabulation	0			

Details - Accessible Voting

Line	Description	Totals	SubTotals	Comparative Data	Comment
Accessible Voting Ballots Issued					
1	Number of Voters Signed in Pollbook to Vote on AVU	53			
1a	Auditor's Office		26		
1b	Lynnwood Library		27		
Voters Credited with AVU					
2	Number of Voters Credited in DIMS with Voting on AVU	53			
Ballots Uploaded to Tabulation System					
3	Number of AVU Ballots Cast	53			Reported from WinEDS