

Canvassing Board Informational Reports

April 26, 2016
Special Elections

Final Report - May 6, 2016



Snohomish County
Auditor's Office

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Election Summary

The April 26, 2016 Special Elections featured a levy issue for the Everett school district and bond measures for the Everett and Marysville school districts.

Special elections in recent years have an average turnout of 34%. The turnout for the April 26, 2016 Special Election was 30% with 41% of those voting by mail choosing to return their ballot through one of our drop boxes.

A random batch audit of mail ballots and an audit of the accessible voting equipment were performed. In the random batch audit, the results of five of the six hand-counted batches exactly matched the results of the tabulation system tally for those same batches. One of the random batches had a difference of one in the results due to a light mark that was not picked up by the tabulation equipment but seen as a vote by the counting team. In the audit of the accessible voting equipment, all manual results matched the machine results.

In terms of election accountability and reconciliation, the number of ballots counted matches the number of voters credited.

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.

WINEDS: Snohomish County's vote tabulation system.

Election Statistical Summary					
		Total	Percentage	Comparative Data	Comment
Voter Registration					
Registered Voters		117,959			
Address Confidentiality Program Voters		26			
Overseas and Service Voters		1,453			Mil, Email, OC categories in DIMS
Federal Write-in Voters		0			
Participation					
Voters credited		35,791			
Ballots counted		35,791			
Difference between voters credited and ballots counted		0			
Overseas and Service voters credited		216	14.87%	13.16% - Feb 2016	Mil, Email, OC categories in DIMS; percentage of voters credited to issued
Overseas and Service voter envelopes rejected		2			Mil, Email, OC categories in DIMS
Mail Ballot Summary					
Mail Ballots Issued		118,417			
Mail Ballots Returned		36,299	30.65%		percent issued that were returned
Mail Ballots Returned through AVS, drop boxes, and Auditor's Office		14,992	41.30%	46.28% - Feb 2016	percent returned through sites of all mail ballots returned
Mail Ballots Returned through the Post Office		21,307	58.70%		percent returned through post office
Mail Ballots Verified and Accepted		35,776	98.56%		percent returned that were verified and accepted
Mail Ballots Open and Extracted		35,776	100.00%		percent verified and accepted that were opened and extracted
Mail Ballots Tabulated		35,776	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
Accessible Voting Summary					
Accessible Voting Unit Ballots Issued		15			
Voters credited with voting on Accessible Voting Units		15	100.00%		percent issued where a voter was credited
Accessible Voting Unit Ballots Tabulated		15	100.00%		percent credited where a ballot was tabulated

Details - Mail Ballots					
Line	Description	Total	Subtotal	Comparative Data	Comment

Mail Ballots Issued

1	Number of Mail Ballots Issued	118,417			
1a	Number of ballots issued and tracked DIMS system		118,391		
1b	Number of ballots issued and not tracked in DIMS system		26		Address Confidentiality Program participants

Mail Ballot Envelopes Returned

2	Number of Mail Ballot Envelopes Returned	36,299			
2a	Number of Mail Ballot Envelopes Returned and reported in DIMS		36,227		
2b	Number of ACP Mail Ballots Envelopes Returned		11		Manually tracked; Not reported in DIMS
2c	Number of Unidentifiable Mail Ballot Envelopes Returned		9		Securities only / Replacements without information / Faxed; Not reported in DIMS
2d	Number of Mail Ballot Envelopes Returned and Not Accepted by DIMS		52		Manually tracked; Not reported in DIMS
2e	Number of Outbound Mail Ballot Packets Returned by USPS as undeliverable	989		0.84%: 0.81% (Feb 2016)	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	35,776			Sum of line 4a, 4b and 4c
4a	Number of Mail Ballots Verified and Accepted in DIMS		35,765		Reported from DIMS
4b	Number of Mail Ballots Verified and Accepted but not in DIMS		11		Manually tracked (includes ACP/Federal Write-ins)
4c	Number of Mail Ballots Verified and Accepted but challenge on record		0		
5	Number of Mail Ballot Envelopes Challenged	523		1.44%: 0.99% (Feb 2016)	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		1		Reported from DIMS and reconciled with hand counts
5b	AVU - Voter returned ballot and voted AVU		0		" "
5c	CAN - Requested to be cancelled		5		" "
5d	DEAD - Notified that the voter has passed away		0		" "
5e	LATE - Returned too late		329	0.91%: 0.51% (Feb 2016)	" "
5f	NOBAL - No ballot returned in envelope		0		" "
5g	NOSIG - No signature on the envelope		107	0.29%: 0.33% (Feb 2016)	" "
5h	NOVTR - No voter on screen; system pre-challenge to pull		1		" "

Details - Mail Ballots					
Line	Description	Total	Subtotal	Comparative Data	Comment
5i	OTV - Someone other than the voter signed		3		Reported from DIMS and reconciled with hand counts
5j	POA - Signed by power of attorney		2		" "
5k	SIGPR - Signature does not match		14		" "
5l	STAMP - Signed using a signature stamp		0		" "
5m	WANDA - Ballot was suspended due to ineligibility		0		" "
5n	Gray boxes - Ballot was suspended due to ineligibility		1		Hand Count
5o	Wrong Election		51		" "
5p	Security Envelope Only / No Voter Information on Replacement / Fax Only		9		" "

Mail Ballot Envelopes Opened and Extracted

6	Number of Mail Ballots Opened and Sent to Tabulation	35,776			
7	Number of Empty Envelopes	0			
8	Number of Ballots Rejected by Canvassing Board (credit not removed in DIMS)	0			
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	35,776			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 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 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 to Vote on AVU	15			
Voters Credited with AVU					
2	Number of Voters Credited in DIMS with Voting on AVU	15			
Ballots Uploaded to Tabulation System					
3	Number of AVU Ballots Cast	15			Reported from WinEDS