

# Canvassing Board Informational Reports

August 2, 2016

Primary and Special Elections

Final Report - August 16, 2016



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Auditor's Office

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## **Election Summary**

The August 2, 2016 Primary and Special Elections featured primaries for federal offices; state executive and state legislative offices; county council district 5; and the PUD Commissioner District 3. Also on the ballot were a countywide sales tax measure for public safety and a number of local ballots measures in cities and fire districts.

Even year primaries have an average turnout of 36% over the last 20 years but have seen a downward trend. The turnout for the August 16, 2016 Special Election was 34% with 54% 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 four of the six hand-counted batches exactly matched the results of the tabulation system tally for those same batches. Two 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.

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**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.

<b>Election Statistical Summary</b>					
		<b>Total</b>	<b>Percentage</b>	<b>Comparative Data</b>	<b>Comment</b>
<b>Voter Registration</b>					
Registered Voters		436,739			
Address Confidentiality Program Voters		87			
Overseas and Service Voters		5,135			Mil, Email, OC categories in DIMS
Federal Write-in Voters		1			
<b>Participation</b>					
Voters credited		146,601			
Ballots counted		146,601			
Difference between voters credited and ballots counted		0			
Overseas and Service voters credited		693	13.50%	9.83% - 2015 Primary	Mil, Email, OC categories in DIMS; percentage of voters credited to issued
Overseas and Service voter envelopes rejected		10			Mil, Email, OC categories in DIMS
<b>Mail Ballot Summary</b>					
Mail Ballots Issued		439,543			
Mail Ballots Returned		148,847	33.86%		percent issued that were returned
				43.88% - 2015	
Mail Ballots Returned through AVS, drop boxes, and Auditor's Office		80,262	53.92%	Primary	percent returned through sites of all mail ballots returned
Mail Ballots Returned through the Post Office		68,585	46.08%		percent returned through post office
Mail Ballots Verified and Accepted		146,458	98.39%		percent returned that were verified and accepted
Mail Ballots Open and Extracted		146,458	100.00%		percent verified and accepted that were opened and extracted
Mail Ballots Tabulated		146,458	100.00%		percent opened and extracted that were tabulated
<b>Provisional Ballot Summary</b>					
Provisional Ballots Issued		5			
Provisional Ballots Verified and Accepted		1	20.00%		percent issued that have been verified and accepted
Provisional Ballots Open and Extracted		1	100.00%		percent verified and accepted that have been open and extracted
Provisional Ballots Tabulated		1	100.00%		percent open and extracted that have been tabulated
<b>Accessible Voting Summary</b>					
Accessible Voting Unit Ballots Issued		142			
Voters credited with voting on Accessible Voting Units		142	100.00%		percent issued where a voter was credited
Accessible Voting Unit Ballots Tabulated		142	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	<b>439,543</b>			
1a	Number of ballots issued and tracked DIMS system		439,456		
1b	Number of ballots issued and not tracked in DIMS system		87		Address Confidentiality Program participants

**Mail Ballot Envelopes Returned**

2	Number of Mail Ballot Envelopes Returned	<b>148,847</b>			
2a	Number of Mail Ballot Envelopes Returned and reported in DIMS		148,740		
2b	Number of ACP Mail Ballots Envelopes Returned		35		Manually tracked; Not reported in DIMS
2c	Number of Unidentifiable Mail Ballot Envelopes Returned		40		Securities only / Replacements without information / Faxed; Not reported in DIMS
2d	Number of Mail Ballot Envelopes Returned and Not Accepted by DIMS		32		Manually tracked; Not reported in DIMS
2e	Number of Outbound Mail Ballot Packets Returned by USPS as undeliverable	3,503		0.80%: 1.24% (2015 Primary)	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	<b>146,458</b>			Sum of line 4a, 4b and 4c
4a	Number of Mail Ballots Verified and Accepted in DIMS		146,423		Reported from DIMS
4b	Number of Mail Ballots Verified and Accepted but not in DIMS		35		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	2,389		1.61%: 1.25% (2015 Primary)	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		10		" "
5d	DEAD - Notified that the voter has passed away		3		" "
5e	LATE - Returned too late		1,689	1.13%: 0.84% (2015 Primary)	" "
5f	MISC - Miscellaneous challenge		1		
5g	MULTI - Two ballots in one envelope		0		
5h	NOBAL - No ballot returned in envelope		4		" "
5i	NOSIG - No signature on the envelope		351	0.24%: 0.30% (2015 Primary)	" "

**Details - Mail Ballots**

Line	Description	Total	Subtotal	Comparative Data	Comment
5j	NOVTR - No voter on screen; system pre-challenge to pull		0		Reported from DIMS and reconciled with hand counts
5k	OTV - Someone other than the voter signed		21		" "
5l	POA - Signed by power of attorney		1		" "
5m	SIGPR - Signature does not match		234		" "
5n	STAMP - Signed using a signature stamp		0		" "
5o	WANDA - Ballot was suspended due to ineligibility		0		" "
5p	Gray boxes - Ballot was suspended due to ineligibility		3		Hand Count
5q	Wrong Election		31		" "
5r	Security Envelope Only / No Voter Information on Replacement / Fax Only		40		" "

**Mail Ballot Envelopes Opened and Extracted**

6	Number of Mail Ballots Opened and Sent to Tabulation		<b>146,458</b>		
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		<b>146,458</b>		Reported by WinEDS
12	Number of Mail Ballots Awaiting Tabulation		0		

**Details - Provisional Ballots**

Line	Description	Total	Subtotals	Comparative Data	Comment
<b>Provisional Ballots Issued</b>					
1	Number of Provisional Ballots Issued	<b>5</b>			
1a	Number of Provisional Ballots Issued in Snohomish County	3			
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		1		
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		2		
1b	Number of Provisional Ballots Received from other counties	2			
<b>Provisional Ballots Verified</b>					
2	Number of Provisional Ballot Accepted	<b>1</b>			
3	Number of Provisional Ballots Challenged	4			
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		1		
3h	Registered too late (after cut off)		1		
3i	Signature doesn't match original		0		
3j	Voter voting twice		2		
4	Number of Provisional Ballots Sent to Other Counties	0			
<b>Provisional Ballot Envelopes Opened and Extracted</b>					
5	Number of Provisional Ballots Opened and Sent to Tabulation	<b>1</b>			
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			
<b>Provisional Ballots Tabulated</b>					
10	Number of Provisional Ballots Tabulated	<b>1</b>			Reported from WinEDS
11	Number of Provisional Ballots Awaiting Tabulation	0			

Details - Accessible Voting					
Line	Description	Totals	Subtotals	Comparative Data	Comment
<b>Accessible Voting Ballots Issued</b>					
1	Number of Voters Signed in to Vote on AVU	<b>142</b>			
<b>Voters Credited with AVU</b>					
2	Number of Voters Credited in DIMS with Voting on AVU	<b>142</b>			
<b>Ballots Uploaded to Tabulation System</b>					
3	Number of AVU Ballots Cast	<b>142</b>			Reported from WinEDS