

# Canvassing Board Informational Reports

November 8, 2016

Presidential General and Special Elections

Final Report - November 29, 2016



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## Election Summary

The November 8, 2016 General and Special Elections featured a presidential race; state executive and state legislative offices; a county council district 5 race; and a PUD Commissioner District 3 race. Also on the ballot were 28 ballot measures including 9 statewide measures, 7 county charter amendments, and a Sound Transit expansion measure. As a result of all the races and measures, the ballot was the largest since 2006. Returning the ballot by mail required additional postage.

Presidential general elections have an average turnout of 81% since 1932. The turnout for the November 8, 2016 General and Special Election was 79%. 65% of voters choose 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 the six hand-counted batches exactly matched the results of the tabulation system tally for those same batches. In the audit of the accessible voting equipment, all audit results matched the machine results.

In terms of election accountability and reconciliation, over 200 permanent and seasonal elections staff managed and processed 360,487 ballots - the largest number for an election in County history. A total of 25 more ballots were counted than the number of voters credited. 13 voters returned two mail ballots and both ballots were processed and counted. 4 individuals were issued access cards and voted on the accessible voting units despite not being registered to vote. 8 more ballots were counted where voters were not 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		456,502			
Address Confidentiality Program Voters		94			
Overseas and Service Voters		6,921			Mil, Email, OC categories in DIMS
Federal Write-in Voters		128			
<b>Participation</b>					
Voters credited		360,475			
Ballots counted		360,487			
Difference between voters credited and ballots counted		-25			13 voters in mail ballot area had two ballots accepted; four voters were allowed to vote on the accessible voting unit despite not being registered; 8 additional ballots counted where voters were not credited
Overseas and Service voters credited		3,679	53.16%	58.34% - 2012 General	Mil, Email, OC, FWAB categories in DIMS; percentage of voters credited to issued
Overseas and Service voter envelopes rejected		25			Mil, Email, OC categories in DIMS
<b>Mail Ballot Summary</b>					
Mail Ballots Issued		464,711			
Mail Ballots Returned		359,943	77.46%		percent issued that were returned
Mail Ballots Returned through AVS, drop boxes, and Auditor's Office		233,853	64.97%	47.33% - 2015 General	percent returned through sites of all mail ballots returned
Mail Ballots Returned through the Post Office		126,090	35.03%		percent returned through post office
Mail Ballots Verified and Accepted		357,735	99.39%		percent returned that were verified and accepted
Mail Ballots Open and Extracted		357,735	100.00%		percent verified and accepted that were opened and extracted
Mail Ballots Tabulated		357,743	100.00%		percent opened and extracted that were tabulated
<b>Provisional Ballot Summary</b>					
Provisional Ballots Issued		574			
Provisional Ballots Verified and Accepted		187	32.58%		percent issued that have been verified and accepted
Provisional Ballots Open and Extracted		187	100.00%		percent verified and accepted that have been open and extracted
Provisional Ballots Tabulated		187	100.00%		percent open and extracted that have been tabulated
<b>Accessible Voting Summary</b>					
Accessible Voting Unit Ballots Issued		2,557			
Voters credited with voting on Accessible Voting Units		2,553	99.84%		percent issued where a voter was credited
Accessible Voting Unit Ballots Tabulated		2,557	100.16%		percent credited where a ballot was tabulated

Details - Mail Ballots					
Line	Description	Total	Subtotal	Comparative Data	Comment
<b>Mail Ballots Issued</b>					
1	Number of Mail Ballots Issued	<b>464,711</b>			
1a	Number of ballots issued and tracked DIMS system		464,617		
1b	Number of ballots issued and not tracked in DIMS system		94		Address Confidentiality Program participants
<b>Mail Ballot Envelopes Returned</b>					
2	Number of Mail Ballot Envelopes Returned	<b>359,943</b>			
2a	Number of Mail Ballot Envelopes Returned and reported in DIMS		359,372		
2b	Number of ACP Mail Ballots Envelopes Returned		78		Manually tracked; Not reported in DIMS
2c	Number of Unidentifiable Mail Ballot Envelopes Returned		480		Securities only / Replacements without information / Faxed; Not reported in DIMS
2d	Number of Mail Ballot Envelopes Returned and Not Accepted by DIMS		13		Manually tracked; Not reported in DIMS
2e	Number of Outbound Mail Ballot Packets Returned by USPS as undeliverable	6,950		1.50%: 0.75% (2012 General)	Undeliverable ballots are reviewed for anomalies and voters contacted to update address information per state and federal law
<b>Mail Ballot Envelopes Verified</b>					
4	Number Mail Ballots Envelopes Verified And Accepted	<b>357,735</b>			Sum of line 4a, 4b and 4c
4a	Number of Mail Ballots Verified and Accepted in DIMS		357,644		Reported from DIMS
4b	Number of Mail Ballots Verified and Accepted but not in DIMS		91		Manually tracked (includes ACP/Federal Write-ins) and voters credited once but two ballots counted.
4c	Number of Mail Ballots Verified and Accepted but challenge on record		0		
5	Number of Mail Ballot Envelopes Challenged	2,208		0.61%: 0.67% (2012 General)	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		11		" "
5c	CAN - Requested to be cancelled		6		" "
5d	DEAD - Notified that the voter has passed away		4		" "
5e	LATE - Returned too late		595	0.17%: 0.23% (2012 General)	" "
5f	MISC - Miscellaneous challenge		0		
5g	MULTI - Two ballots in one envelope		0		
5h	NOBAL - No ballot returned in envelope		16		" "

**Details - Mail Ballots**

Line	Description	Total	Subtotal	Comparative Data	Comment
				0.18%: 0.26% (2012 General)	" "
5i	NOSIG - No signature on the envelope		642		" "
5j	NSWS - No signature or wrong signature on file		20		Reported from DIMS and reconciled with hand counts
5k	OTV - Someone other than the voter signed		16		" "
5l	POA - Signed by power of attorney		4		" "
				0.11%; 0.06% (2012 General)	" "
5m	SIGPR - Signature does not match		412		" "
5n	STAMP - Signed using a signature stamp		1		" "
5o	WANDA - Ballot was suspended due to ineligibility		0		" "
5p	Gray boxes - Ballot was suspended due to ineligibility		65		Hand Count
5q	Wrong Election		94		" "
5r	Security Envelope Only / No Voter Information on Replacement / Fax Only		321		" "

**Mail Ballot Envelopes Opened and Extracted**

6	Number of Mail Ballots Opened and Sent to Tabulation	<b>357,735</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>357,743</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>574</b>			
1a	Number of Provisional Ballots Issued in Snohomish County	428			
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		43		
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		385		
1b	Number of Provisional Ballots Received from other counties	146			
<b>Provisional Ballots Verified</b>					
2	Number of Provisional Ballot Accepted	<b>187</b>			
3	Number of Provisional Ballots Challenged	204			
3a	Cancelled registration		56		
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		131		
3h	Registered too late (after cut off)		15		
3i	Signature doesn't match original		0		
3j	Voter voting twice		2		
4	Number of Provisional Ballots Sent to Other Counties	183			
<b>Provisional Ballot Envelopes Opened and Extracted</b>					
5	Number of Provisional Ballots Opened and Sent to Tabulation	<b>187</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>187</b>			Reported from WinEDS
11	Number of Provisional Ballots Awaiting Tabulation	0			

<b>Details - Accessible Voting</b>					
<b>Line</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>Comparative Data</b>	<b>Comment</b>

**Accessible Voting Ballots Issued**

1	Number of Voters Signed in to Vote on AVU	<b>2,557</b>			
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**Voters Credited with AVU**

2	Number of Voters Credited in DIMS with Voting on AVU	<b>2,553</b>			Four voters cast ballots on the AVUs but were not eligible and therefore not credited with voting. Two voters were not registered, one voter registered too late, and one voter had a canceled registration due to an out of state transfer.
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**Ballots Uploaded to Tabulation System**

3	Number of AVU Ballots Cast	<b>2,557</b>			Reported from WinEDS
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