

Canvassing Board Informational Reports

February 14, 2017
Special Elections

Final Report - February 24, 2017



Snohomish County
Auditor's Office

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Election Summary

The February 14, 2017 Special Elections featured bond measures in the Granite Falls and Stanwood Camano school districts as well as a measure to create a library capital facility area and a companion bond funding measure for voters in the Lake Stevens area.

Special elections have an average turnout of 35% since 2006. The turnout for the February 14, 2017 Special Election was 33%. 51% 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. There was no audit conducted of the accessible voting equipment because there were fewer than 10 votes cast on the deployed devices for the election.

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

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		48,410			
Address Confidentiality Program Voters		5			
Overseas and Service Voters		773			Mil, Email, OC categories in DIMS
Federal Write-in Voters		0			
Participation					
Voters credited		15,779			
Ballots counted		15,779			
Difference between voters credited and ballots counted		0			
Overseas and Service voters credited		101	13.07%	13.16% - Feb 2016	Mil, Email, OC, FWAB categories in DIMS; percentage of voters credited to issued
Overseas and Service voter envelopes rejected		0			Mil, Email, OC categories in DIMS
Mail Ballot Summary					
Mail Ballots Issued		48,697			
Mail Ballots Returned		15,945	32.74%		percent issued that were returned
Mail Ballots Returned through AVS, drop boxes, and Auditor's Office		8,154	51.14%	46.28% - Feb 2016	percent returned through sites of all mail ballots returned
Mail Ballots Returned through the Post Office		7,791	48.86%		percent returned through post office
Mail Ballots Verified and Accepted		15,776	98.94%		percent returned that were verified and accepted
Mail Ballots Open and Extracted		15,776	100.00%		percent verified and accepted that were opened and extracted
Mail Ballots Tabulated		15,776	100.00%		percent opened and extracted that were tabulated
Provisional Ballot Summary					
Provisional Ballots Issued		2			
Provisional Ballots Verified and Accepted		0	0.00%		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		3			
Voters credited with voting on Accessible Voting Units		3	100.00%		percent issued where a voter was credited
Accessible Voting Unit Ballots Tabulated		3	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	48,697			
1a	Number of ballots issued and tracked DIMS system		48,692		
1b	Number of ballots issued and not tracked in DIMS system		5		Address Confidentiality Program participants
			0		
Mail Ballot Envelopes Returned					
2	Number of Mail Ballot Envelopes Returned	15,945			
2a	Number of Mail Ballot Envelopes Returned and reported in DIMS		15,941		
2b	Number of ACP Mail Ballots Envelopes Returned		0		Manually tracked; Not reported in DIMS
2c	Number of Unidentifiable Mail Ballot Envelopes Returned		4		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	406		0.83%: 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	15,776			Sum of line 4a, 4b and 4c
4a	Number of Mail Ballots Verified and Accepted in DIMS		15,776		Reported from DIMS
4b	Number of Mail Ballots Verified and Accepted but not in DIMS		0		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	169		1.06%: 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		0		Reported from DIMS and reconciled with hand counts
5b	AVU - Voter returned ballot and voted AVU		0		" "
5c	CAN - Requested to be cancelled		4		" "
5d	DEAD - Notified that the voter has passed away		0		" "
5e	LATE - Returned too late		101	0.63%: 0.51% (Feb 2016)	" "
5f	MISC - Miscellaneous challenge		0		
5g	MULTI - Two ballots in one envelope		0		
5h	NOBAL - No ballot returned in envelope		0		" "

Details - Mail Ballots

Line	Description	Total	Subtotal	Comparative Data	Comment
				0.22%: 0.33% (Feb 2016)	" "
5i	NOSIG - No signature on the envelope		35		" "
5j	NSWS - No signature or wrong signature on file		0		Reported from DIMS and reconciled with hand counts
5k	OTV - Someone other than the voter signed		5		" "
5l	POA - Signed by power of attorney		0		" "
				0.11%; 0.08% (Feb 2016)	" "
5m	SIGPR - Signature does not match		17		" "
5n	STAMP - Signed using a signature stamp		0		" "
5o	WANDA - Ballot was suspended due to ineligibility		3		" "
5p	Gray boxes - Ballot was suspended due to ineligibility		0		Hand Count
5q	Wrong Election		0		" "
5r	Security Envelope Only / No Voter Information on Replacement / Fax Only		4		" "

Mail Ballot Envelopes Opened and Extracted

6	Number of Mail Ballots Opened and Sent to Tabulation	15,776			
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	15,776			Reported by WinEDS
12	Number of Mail Ballots Awaiting Tabulation	0			

Details - Provisional Ballots

Line	Description	Total	Subtotals	Comparative Data	Comment
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Provisional Ballots Issued

1	Number of Provisional Ballots Issued	2			
1a	Number of Provisional Ballots Issued in Snohomish County	1			
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		1		
1b	Number of Provisional Ballots Received from other counties	1			

Provisional Ballots Verified

2	Number of Provisional Ballot Accepted	0			
3	Number of Provisional Ballots Challenged	2			
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)		1		
3g	Not Registered		0		
3h	Registered too late (after cut off)		1		
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			
	Number of Provisional Ballots Awaiting Duplication or Canvassing Board Decision				
9	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	3			
Voters Credited with AVU					
2	Number of Voters Credited in DIMS with Voting on AVU	3			
Ballots Uploaded to Tabulation System					
3	Number of AVU Ballots Cast	3			Reported from WinEDS