

Canvassing Board Informational Reports

February 13, 2018
Special Elections

Final Report - February 23, 2018



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Auditor's Office

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Election Summary

The February 13, 2018 Special Elections featured funding measures for all school districts in Snohomish County with the exception of the Lakewood School District. In addition, Fire District 24 asked voters for a levy to fund district operations and the Lake Stevens Library Capital Facilities district asked to Lake Stevens area voters about funding a new library.

Special Elections have an average turnout of 34% since 2006. The turnout for the February 13, 2018 Special Election was 30.70%. 57% 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 also an audit conducted of the accessible voting equipment where the votes on the paper audit trail exactly matched the results of the tabulation system.

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		441,339			
Address Confidentiality Program Voters		92			
Overseas and Service Voters		5,634			Mil, Email, OC categories in DIMS
Federal Write-in Voters		0			
Participation					
Voters credited		135,680			
Ballots counted		135,679			
Difference between voters credited and ballots counted		1			Difference can be attributed to a voter who returned an empty envelope but it was not noticed until ballot opening. It was too late to attribute to a specific voter and remove credit.
Overseas and Service voters credited		509	9.03%	6.31% - 2017 April	Mil, Email, OC, FWAB categories in DIMS; percentage of voters credited to issued
Overseas and Service voter envelopes rejected		10			Mil, Email, OC categories in DIMS
Mail Ballot Summary					
Mail Ballots Issued		443,233			
Mail Ballots Returned		137,161	30.95%		percent issued that were returned
Mail Ballots Returned through AVS, drop boxes, and Auditor's Office		78,447	57.19%	51.65% - 2017 April	percent returned through sites of all mail ballots returned
Mail Ballots Returned through the Post Office		58,714	42.81%		percent returned through post office
Mail Ballots Verified and Accepted		135,636	98.89%		percent returned that were verified and accepted
Mail Ballots Open and Extracted		135,635	100.00%		percent verified and accepted that were opened and extracted
Mail Ballots Tabulated		135,635	100.00%		percent opened and extracted that were tabulated
Provisional Ballot Summary					
Provisional Ballots Issued		1			
Provisional Ballots Verified and Accepted		1	100.00%		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
Accessible Voting Summary					
Accessible Voting Unit Ballots Issued		43			
Voters credited with voting on Accessible Voting Units		43	100.00%		percent issued where a voter was credited
Accessible Voting Unit Ballots Tabulated		43	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	443,233			
1a	Number of ballots issued and tracked DIMS system		443,141		
1b	Number of ballots issued and not tracked in DIMS system		92		Address Confidentiality Program participants
Mail Ballot Envelopes Returned					
2	Number of Mail Ballot Envelopes Returned	137,161			
2a	Number of Mail Ballot Envelopes Returned and reported in DIMS		137,100		
2b	Number of ACP Mail Ballots Envelopes Returned		23		Manually tracked; Not reported in DIMS
2c	Number of Unidentifiable Mail Ballot Envelopes Returned		36		Securities only / Replacements without information / Faxed; Not reported in DIMS
2d	Number of Mail Ballot Envelopes Returned and Not Accepted by DIMS		2		Manually tracked; Not reported in DIMS
2e	Number of Outbound Mail Ballot Packets Returned by USPS as undeliverable	3,444		0.78%: 0.59% (2017 April)	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	135,636			Sum of line 4a, 4b and 4c
4a	Number of Mail Ballots Verified and Accepted in DIMS		135,613		Reported from DIMS
4b	Number of Mail Ballots Verified and Accepted but not in DIMS		23		Manually tracked (includes ACP/Federal Write-ins).
4c	Number of Mail Ballots Verified and Accepted but challenge on record				
5	Number of Mail Ballot Envelopes Challenged	1,525		1.11%: 0.75% (2017 April)	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		5		" "
5d	DEAD - Notified that the voter has passed away		1		" "
5e	LATE - Returned too late		789	0.58%: 0.59% (2017 April)	" "
5f	MISC - Miscellaneous challenge		0		
5g	MULTI - Two ballots in one envelope		0		
5h	NOBAL - No ballot returned in envelope		3		" "

Details - Mail Ballots

Line	Description	Total	Subtotal	Comparative Data	Comment
				0.25%: 0.08% (2017 April)	
5i	NOSIG - No signature on the envelope		342		" "
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		0		" "
5l	POA - Signed by power of attorney		0		" "
				0.25%; 0.00% (2017 April)	
5m	SIGPR - Signature does not match		342		" "
5n	STAMP - Signed using a signature stamp		0		" "
5o	WANDA - Ballot was suspended due to ineligibility		5		" "
5p	Gray boxes - Ballot was suspended due to ineligibility		2		Hand Count
5q	Wrong Election		0		" "
5r	Security Envelope Only / No Voter Information on Replacement / Fax Only		36		" "

Mail Ballot Envelopes Opened and Extracted

6	Number of Mail Ballots Opened and Sent to Tabulation	135,635			
7	Number of Empty Envelopes	1			
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	135,635			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	1			
1a	Number of Provisional Ballots Issued in Snohomish County	1			
1a.1	Voter did not want to use AVU		1		
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	1			
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		No snohomish county races on ballots received from other counties.
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	1			
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	1			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	43			
Voters Credited with AVU					
2	Number of Voters Credited in DIMS with Voting on AVU	43			
Ballots Uploaded to Tabulation System					
3	Number of AVU Ballots Cast	43			Reported from WinEDS