

**Pierce County General Election - November 3, 2009
Canvassing Board Report
November 18, 2009**

**Canvassing Board Status Report
Ballot Statistics as of 11/17/2009**

VOTER STATISTICS	
Total registered absentee voters	319,796
Total registered poll voters	88,044
Total number of active registered voters in all precincts	407,840
Total number of inactive registered voters in all precincts	36,979
Total registered voters in all precincts	444,819

BALLOT STATISTICS	
<u>Absentee and Vote By Mail (VBM) Ballots</u>	
The total number of absentee/VBM ballots issued	322,673
Total number of absentee/VBM ballots returned (includes challenged ballots)	158,584
Total traditional absentee ballot cards counted*	157,646
Percentage of absentee voter turnout (based on valid traditional ballot cards counted against ballots issued)	48.86%
*includes absentee, vote by mail, provisionals, overseas, out of state, service voters, email ballots, and Address Confidentiality Program ballots	
<u>Absentee Return Statistics (See report 1 and 2 for detail)</u>	
Ballots returned by mail	102,995
Ballots returned at staffed Express Booths	38,331
Ballots returned at the Elections customer service counter	417
Ballots returned at the Auditor's Office	331
Ballots returned at drop boxes	12,633
Ballots returned at a polling place	3,877
<u>Polling Place Ballots</u>	
Total poll site traditional ballots counted	17,549
Percentage of poll voter turnout	19.93%
<u>Provisional Ballots</u>	
Total number of provisional ballots issued by Pierce County	912
Total number of provisional ballots received from other counties	9
Total provisional ballots counted (included in absentee ballot count)	807
Number of valid provisional ballots voted by absentee voters	529
Number of valid provisional ballots voted by poll voters	278

VOTER TURNOUT STATISTICS - OVERALL	
Total traditional ballot cards counted	175,195
Total Ranked Choice Voting ballots cards counted	159,829
Total ballot cards counted	335,024
Overall Turnout Percentage (based on traditional ballot cards cast)	42.96%

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CHALLENGED BALLOT STATISTICS		
<u>Unsigned ballot envelopes</u>		
Total Unsigned ballot envelopes received	589	
Signature updates received and processed	408	
Outstanding letters sent to voters with no response		181
<u>Signature Discrepancies**</u>		
Total Signature Discrepancies received	1,156	
Signature discrepancies resolved and processed	301	
Outstanding letters sent to voters with no response		855
**Includes signatures that do not match, wrong signers, printed signatures, and envelopes signed with Power of Attorney		
<u>Other challenged ballots</u>		25
Total ballots currently challenged		1,061

TO BE CANVASSED		
<u>Voter Intent Unclear - Refer to Voter Intent Statewide Standards on What is a Vote</u>		
Envelope A, Ballots 1 - 11 (See Rule A - Hesitation Marks page 17)	11	
Envelope B, Ballots 12 - 22 (See Rule B - Consistent Pattern page 22)	11	
Envelope C, Ballots 23 - 35 (See Rule C, D and E - page 32 - 42)	13	
Envelope D, Ballots 36 - 46 (See Rule S - Anything Else page 73)	11	
<u>Envelope E, Ballots 47-56 Multiple ballots in one envelope</u>	10	
(See WAC 434-262-031 (b) page 77)		
Total ballots to be canvassed		56

REJECTED BALLOT STATISTICS		
<u>Absentee ballots rejected</u>		
Total absentee ballots rejected (voter challenge code applied)		3
Voter cancelled after ballots were mailed	3	
Total absentee ballots rejected (No challenge code applied, credit given)		1
No ballot in envelope	1	
Total absentee ballots rejected (No challenge code applied, No credit given)		122
Received at the polls, express booths or Election Center after 8:00 pm on Election Day	7	
Cannot identify voter	20	
Wrong election	95	
Total absentee ballots rejected		126
<u>Provisional ballots rejected</u>		
Not registered	29	
Cannot identify voter	15	
Registered in another county (ballots sent to respective counties)	43	
Voter had been cancelled	17	
Voter returned an absentee ballot	10	
Total Provisional ballots rejected		114

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POLLING PLACE RECONCILIATION***

Ballot Accountability Forms

Poll workers are required to complete a ballot accountability form at the end of election night after closing the polls. Election staff have reviewed and reconciled all ballot accountability forms. This involves an extensive review of the number of people signing the poll book compared to the number of ballots cast at the polling places and the number of voters receiving credit.

Political parties requested a manual count of selected precincts

On election night, political party observers requested a manual tally of the Port of Tacoma Commissioner Position No. 2 race in the following precincts: 02-044, 25-152, and 28-458. Election staff performed this manual tally on Election Night in accordance with state law. The manual tally was compared to the results tabulated for each precinct. All results matched exactly. No discrepancies were found. This requested manual audit was done in the presence of the official political party observers.

Touch Screen Audit of Results

In accordance with State Law, Pierce County conducted an audit of results of votes cast on the touch screen voting machines. The law requires that this audit be conducted on four percent of the devices used in the election. Accordingly, four machines were selected by lot. To conduct the audit, an election worker read the results from the voter verifiable paper audit trail and another election worker tallied the results. These results were compared to the results accumulated in the election tabulation system. No discrepancies or anomalies were found. The audit was conducted for the Port of Tacoma Commissioner Position No. 2 race, the Port of Tacoma Commissioner Position No. 4 race and Referendum 71 on the following machines:

<u>Machine Number</u>	<u>Polling Location</u>
35266	South Hill Fire Station No. 69
35260	Shining Mountain Elementary
35302	Hope Lutheran Church
35319	Olympic View Baptist Church

*** All activities were conducted in the presence of political party observers

OF ADDITIONAL NOTE:

One Orting street assigned to the wrong precinct

A group of voters on Burr St. in precinct 02-002.00 were incorrectly precincted into 02-022.00. Voters were originally issued ballot type 1018. This ballot type contained Bethel School District No. 403 and Fire Protection District 21. They should have received ballot type 1002 containing the City of Orting and Orting School District No. 344. This matter was brought to our attention by a voter on October 26th. Research identified 28 voters, 8 of which were poll voters. At that time, only one absentee ballot had been returned. We were able to isolate it prior to opening. All absentee voters, including the identified voter, were sent the correct ballot and their previous ballot was suspended. Of the 20 absentee voters, 14 voted in this election. One voter returned the incorrect ballot only. For this voter all of the state and county ballot measures and races were counted. The poll books were corrected prior to Election Day and all poll voters voted on the correct issues and races. The street has been corrected in the Voter Registration database to prevent this from occurring in the future.

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MAILING STATISTICS	
<u>Undeliverable absentee ballots</u>	
Total number of undeliverable ballots returned by the Post Office	<u>3,323</u>
<u>Ballots postmarked too late</u>	
Received November 5, 2009	992
Received November 6, 2009	83
Received November 9, 2009	43
Received November 10, 2009	8
Received November 12, 2009	9
Received November 13, 2009	11
Received November 16, 2009	2
Received November 17, 2009	2
Total number of ballots postmarked too late	1,150

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Report 1

Absentee Ballots Issued		322,673	
Date	Ballots Received	Cumulative Total	Percent Received
10/19/2009	1,011	1,011	0.31%
10/20/2009	4,535	5,546	1.72%
10/21/2009	5,773	11,319	3.51%
10/22/2009	6,336	17,655	5.47%
10/23/2009	4,646	22,301	6.91%
10/26/2009	7,330	29,631	9.18%
10/27/2009	8,093	37,724	11.69%
10/28/2009	5,358	43,082	13.35%
10/29/2009	6,294	49,376	15.30%
10/30/2009	5,252	54,628	16.93%
11/2/2009	20,293	74,921	23.22%
11/3/2009	22,669	97,590	30.24%
11/4/2009	12,814	110,404	34.22%
11/5/2009	24,574	134,978	41.83%
11/6/2009	21,741	156,719	48.57%
11/9/2009	1,163	157,882	48.93%
11/10/2009	9	157,891	48.93%
11/12/2009	571	158,462	49.11%
11/13/2009	82	158,544	49.13%
11/16/2009	34	158,578	49.15%
11/17/2009	6	158,584	49.15%

Note: Turnout on this report is based on the cumulative number of absentee ballots received (including challenged ballots) to the total number of absentee ballots issued.

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 Ballot Return Statistics - Express Booths and Ballot Drop Boxes (Report 2)

Drop Boxes	10/16	10/17	10/18	10/19	10/20	10/21	10/22	10/23	10/24	10/25	10/26	10/27	10/28	10/29	10/30	10/31	11/1	11/2	11/3	Totals	
County City Bldg	0	0	0	0	34	0	34	0	0	0	41	0	65	0	54	0	40	174	84	526	
Gig Harbor Fire Station	0	3	0	0	67	3	75	62	28	37	34	62	49	60	158	65	24	59	125	911	
Parkland/ Spanaway Library	2	0	0	0	72	2	99	104	31	38	44	71	79	150	99	0	90	434	306	1,621	
PC Annex	0	0	0	59	81	95	196	175	28	31	155	397	225	252	345	0	331	883	2066	5,319	
Election Center	0	0	0	83	57	73	144	128	34	90	120	322	157	248	102	0	260	689	391	2,898	
Soundview Medical Clinic	0	0	0	0	8	0	26	16	11	5	13	10	12	19	50	29	10	154	139	502	
TACID	0	0	0	0	46	0	27	33	11	14	17	36	26	50	73	29	47	124	323	856	
Daily Totals	2	3	0	142	365	173	601	518	143	215	424	898	613	779	881	123	802	2517	3434	12,633	
Express Booths	10/16	10/17	10/18	10/19	10/20	10/21	10/22	10/23	10/24	10/25	10/26	10/27	10/28	10/29	10/30	10/31	11/1	11/2	11/3	Totals	
Bethel Rite Aid															235	216	147	628	521	1,747	
Browns Point Town Center															180	142	153	1305	455	2,235	
Fred Meyer Bonney Lake															402	365	418	877	362	2,424	
Purdy Fire Station															164	85	29	365	272	915	
Pt Fosdick Gig Harbor															573	493	581	1430	1240	4,317	
Green Firs University Place															397	455	313	1082	700	2,947	
Lakewood Towne Center															550	428	317	1251	1125	3,671	
Oasis of Hope Tacoma															20	16	32	65	146	279	
Rite Aid Tacoma															473	610	359	1350	1500	4,292	
Fred Meyer Sumner															339	425	435	919	418	2,536	
Fred Meyer Puyallup															634	548	460	1421	1472	4,535	
Sprinker Spanaway															325	351	277	934	934	2,821	
Surprise Lake Edgewood/Milton															239	249	177	582	303	1,550	
Thun Field South Hill															444	387	466	965	1800	4,062	
Daily Totals															4975	4770	4164	13174	11248	38,331	
In Person	10/16	10/17	10/18	10/19	10/20	10/21	10/22	10/23	10/24	10/25	10/26	10/27	10/28	10/29	10/30	10/31	11/1	11/2	11/3	Totals	
Election Center Customer Service	0	0	0	46	11	26	45	42	0	0	42	49	45	65	2	0	0	138	76	417	
Auditors Office	0	0	0	0	6	8	57	39	0	20	61	26	24	34	23	0	0	63	100	331	
Daily Totals	0	0	0	46	17	34	102	81	0	20	103	75	69	99	25	0	0	201	176	748	
Polling Sites																				3877	3,877
Grand Totals	2	3	0	188	382	207	703	599	143	235	527	973	682	878	5881	4893	4966	15892	18735	55,589	