

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

For
**Thurston
County
Voters**



AUDITOR'S
OFFICE

Dear Thurston County Voter:

I am proud to bring you the 2006 General Election Local Voters' Pamphlet. This year our office has made improvements in access to voting and information in elections. From the addition of ballot drop boxes that are open 24-hours a day to machines that enable people with special needs to vote secretly and independently, Thurston County voters have more options to cast a ballot in 2006.

The response to our ballot drop boxes in the Primary Election was outstanding. One in five voters used ballot drop boxes to return their ballots. The boxes will be open 24-hours a day during the General Election voting period beginning Wednesday, October 18 to November 7, election night, at 8:00 p.m. For a list of locations, please see page 14 of this pamphlet.

Voters also responded well to our new AutoMARK voting devices, which assist voters in marking their ballots. The voter brings the ballot that was received in the mail to one of the locations listed on page 2 or to a staffed drop box site listed on page 14. Once there, the voter may use the device to magnify the print on their ballot with a touch screen or listen to the contents of the ballot through headphones. The AutoMARK enables the voter to make choices, confirm those choices, and verify the voted ballot.

While any voter may use the device to vote, there are powerful implications for voters with special needs. Once the ballot is marked, it can be re-inserted into the machine so the voter can verify how the ballot was marked. This process allows many voters to vote secretly and independently for the first time in their lives. Please see page 2 for more information about this exciting technology.

We want you to be an informed voter, so we updated the look of the pamphlet to provide you more information in an easier to read format. I encourage you to take time to read through the candidate and issue statements in this pamphlet to familiarize yourself with them. Ballots will begin arriving on October 21, 2006.

Sincerely,

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a registration or for new registrations)*

Participating Jurisdictions:

Thurston County

Public Utility District

Tanglewilde Park
and Recreation District No. 1

Fire Protection District
No. 5 - Black Lake.

Candidate/Issue Statement Disclaimer

Candidate statements are printed as submitted. Spelling, grammatical, or other corrections may have been made at the discretion of the auditor. Candidate and "For and Against" statements are the opinions of the authors and have not been checked for factual or grammatical accuracy by any official governmental agency.

Optical Scan Voting!

It's easy, it's familiar, and it takes only 3 simple steps:

- 1) Decide how you want to vote.
- 2) Use a pen with dark ink.
- 3) Completely fill in the bubbles that correspond to your choices.



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If you need assistance reading or marking your ballot, please see page 2 of this pamphlet.

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