

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



For Thurston County Voters



AUDITOR'S OFFICE

Dear Thurston County Voters,

Welcome to the 2007 Thurston County Primary Local Voters' Pamphlet. This year we are introducing an exciting new outreach campaign - "Are You Ready to Vote?" Voting is both a right and a responsibility. We want every eligible citizen to have the opportunity to vote in every election. This campaign encourages citizens to register to vote on time, to notify my office if they move or change their name, and to periodically update their signatures.

For the first time in Washington state history, the Primary Election is being held in August. This earlier date, August 21, was implemented by the legislature to allow time for Washington state residents living overseas or serving in the military to receive and return ballots. The earlier date also allows election officials more time to prepare for the November General Election. Voters may either return their voted ballots by mail, which must be postmarked by August 21, or drop them off in one of the many convenient drop boxes located throughout the county. For a list of drop box sites that are open in the Primary Election, see page four of this pamphlet.

The Thurston County Auditor's Office has proudly assembled the Voter Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC). This committee was established in the summer of 2006 to improve voting accessibility in Thurston County. The committee meets quarterly to better serve Thurston County voters, and is comprised of individuals with a disability and those with expertise in disability accommodation. The Auditor's Office also purchased disability access units, called AutoMARKs™, to make independent voting possible for individuals who are unable to read, to see, or to mark a ballot. VAAC members discuss ways to reach people who may find the technology useful, how to make the AutoMARK™ available to those who need it, and to look for new or additional AutoMARK™ locations.

Voters with a disability or an expertise in disability accommodation are highly encouraged to attend the meetings. For more information on locations within the community where AutoMARKs™ will be available, see page two of this pamphlet. Additionally, if these locations do not meet your needs, you may contact my office for further assistance.

Please make sure that your voter registration is current. You may update your information by using the voter registration form, located on page three, by visiting our website at www.co.thurston.wa.us/auditor, or by calling us at (360) 786-5408 / TTY (360) 754-2933. We hope that your answer is a resounding "YES" when you are asked, "Are You Ready to Vote?"

Sincerely,

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Participating Jurisdictions:

Port of Olympia, Town of Bucoda, City of Olympia, Olympia School District No. 111, Rainier School District No. 307, Fire Protection District No. 3 (Lacey), Fire Protection District No. 4 (Rainier), Fire Protection District No. 9 (McLane), Yelm Fire District

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We will email you a ballot, which you can print out and return to us. Be sure to follow all instructions included in the email.

Please Send Me an Email Ballot

First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name
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Date of Birth	Day Phone	Evening Phone
Email Address		
Mailing Address		
City	State	Zip
Military <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		

Request may be either emailed to email_ballot@co.thurston.wa.us

or cut out and mail to: Thurston County Auditor, 2000 Lakeridge Drive SW, Olympia, Washington 98502

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