

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

For Thurston County Voters

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AUDITOR'S OFFICE

Dear Thurston County Voter:

I am proud to bring you the 2008 Primary Election Local Voters' Pamphlet. There is a major change in the August Primary. For the first time, voters in Washington State will use a Top-2 Primary to advance candidates to the General Election ballot.

The United States Supreme Court ruled this year that the Top-2 Primary, approved by voters in 2004, is constitutional. The Top-2 Primary ballot includes all candidates for each partisan race, including independent and minor party candidates. You will be able to vote for any candidate, regardless of party affiliation or preference. The top two vote getters in each race then advance to the General Election. This means that it is possible for two candidates with the same party preference to appear on the General Election ballot.

Earlier this year, my office launched the *Are You Ready to Vote?* campaign. The purpose is to make sure you get the correct ballot and that your vote will count. This program focuses on the basics for voters and is designed to help you keep your voter registration record current. Are you registered to vote? If not, go to page 2 to get registration information. Have you moved or changed your address since the last time you voted? Have you changed your name? Has your signature changed? If you answered yes, you need to contact our office.

Other information in this pamphlet includes a sample ballot, locations of our ballot drop boxes, and accessible voting. The ballot drop boxes are open 24 hours a day until 8:00 p.m. election night. Postage is not required when you use a drop box. For a list of locations, please see page 6 of this pamphlet.

I hope you find this pamphlet useful. Please call (360) 786-5408 if you have election questions, and make sure you are ready to vote!

Sincerely,

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Out of State? Working or Studying Abroad? Traveling? Military? Sign up for Thurston County's Email Ballot Program

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 Yes No

Request may be either emailed to email_ballot@co.thurston.wa.us or cut out and mailed to: Thurston County Auditor, 2000 Lakeridge Drive SW, Olympia, Washington 98502

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