

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

For Thurston County Voters

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AUDITOR'S OFFICE

Dear Thurston County Voter,

Welcome to the 2008 General Election Local Voters' Pamphlet. I want to make sure you are able to participate in this historic election and be an informed voter. Ballots will be in the mail by October 17, 2008. With the General Election just weeks away, I ask you to consider the most important question of the year: *Are you ready to vote?*

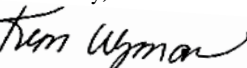
If you believe you are already registered to vote, please see page fifteen of this pamphlet to learn how to verify your registration and see which offices and issues will be on your ballot in November. If you are not registered in Washington State, you need to come in person to the Thurston County Auditor's Office by Monday, October 20 and register to vote. This will be your final opportunity to be eligible to vote in the November 4 General Election, so please don't miss it.

This pamphlet includes information on all of the local races and issues that are on the ballot, on how to receive a replacement ballot, and some interesting statistics from the Primary Election. Information on federal races, state races, and state issues can be found in the Office of the Secretary of State voters' pamphlet.

In August we held the historic Top-2 Primary Election, which allowed you to vote for any partisan candidate on the ballot, including minor party candidates. The two candidates who received the most votes, regardless of political party preference, moved on to the General Election. The main change in the Top-2 Primary system was that it was possible for two candidates with the same party preference to advance to the General Election. For Thurston County voters, this occurred in one race; the state senate race in the 22nd Legislative District.

As always, I would like to emphasize the availability of our accessible voting devices, known as AutoMarks™, which enable voters with special needs to vote secretly and independently. The devices are mobile and will be available at a number of sites 20 days prior to and on Election Day. Locations of the devices are listed on pamphlet pages three and fourteen and are listed on our website at www.ThurstonVotes.org. Voters may also call our office at (360) 786-5408, or the TTY line at (360) 754-2933.

Are you ready to vote in the General Election? Make sure you are by reading through this pamphlet and voting your ballot. Remember, ballots must either be postmarked by Election Day or be deposited into drop boxes by 8:00 p.m. on November 4, 2008.

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 mail to us. Be sure to follow all instructions included in the email.

Please Send Me an Email Ballot For Office Use Only

First Name _____ Middle Initial _____ Last Name _____
 / / () ()

Date of Birth _____ Day Phone _____ Evening Phone _____

Email Address _____

Out of County Address _____

_____ Military Yes No

eballots: (please check one) _____ indefinitely, _____ until _____ / _____ / _____
 (return date)

email to:
email_ballot@co.thurston.wa.us

—or—

Cut out and mail to:
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