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Participating Jurisdictions:

Thurston County, Port of Olympia, Town of Bucoda, City of Lacey, City of Olympia, City of Rainier, City of Tenino, City of Tumwater, City of Yelm, Centralia School Dist. No. 401-L, Griffin School Dist. No. 324, North Thurston Public Schools, Olympia School Dist. No. 111, Rainier School Dist. No. 307, Rochester School Dist. No. 401, Tenino School Dist. No. 402, Tumwater School Dist. No. 33, Yelm Community Schools, Fire Protection Districts 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 15, 17, Yelm Fire District, Tanglewilde Park and Recreation Dist. No. 1, and Yelm Cemetery Dist. No. 2.



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AUDITOR

Dear Thurston County Voter:

Welcome to the 2009 Thurston County General Election Local Voters' Pamphlet. Once again we ask you to consider the question - *Are you ready to vote?* The Auditor's Office is committed to providing you with information on the candidates and issues that appear on your ballot to help you make informed decisions. In response to the county's challenging budget situation, we implemented changes in the local voters' pamphlet production and distribution in August.

We have reduced costs in the production of the printed pamphlet and continue to produce the pamphlet in multiple formats on our webpage, www.ThurstonVotes.org. To help identify additional potential savings, we asked citizens to give us their feedback on alternative methods of delivering the pamphlet in the future.

To date, we have received many comments from citizens. As the Primary Election was not countywide, we want to provide one more opportunity for you to give us your feedback. Please use the form below to tell us what you think.

In this General Election, there are two statewide issues, one local issue, and numerous local races on the ballot. Statewide, voters will decide an initiative and a referendum. Information on state issues can be found in the Secretary of State's Voters' Pamphlet, which will be mailed to your home separately, or online at www.vote.wa.gov.

Voters throughout the county will be selecting a County Commissioner and two Port of Olympia Commissioners. Depending on where you live, you may have city or town council, mayor, fire commissioner, school board director, park and recreation commissioner, and cemetery district commissioner candidates on your ballot. Additionally, one fire district has a levy lid lift.

Ballots will begin arriving in homes on October 17. *Are you ready to vote?* Ballots are mailed to the address provided on your registration record. If you have moved or changed your name, it is very important to update your information with the Auditor's Office. The registration form on page 27 can be used to make updates to your voter registration.

Local races and issues dominate the ballot in 2009. The decisions made by voters in this election will directly impact your quality of life. From the length of your daily commute, to the books your children read in school, to the amount of time it takes responders to get to your family in an emergency, these elected officials and ballot measures affect your life every day. Get involved with your community and vote by 8:00 p.m. November 3.

Sincerely,

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Your Comments Count!

We are trying to determine the most cost-effective method to deliver election information to the voters of Thurston County. Please take a few moments to share your thoughts on this pamphlet.

1) How do you prefer to receive your voter pamphlet? By mail Online Pick up at public place

Comments: _____

2) Would you go to a public place, such as a fire station, library, city hall, or retirement community to pick up a printed copy if one was not mailed to your home? Yes No

Comments: _____

3) Would you prefer a smaller, abbreviated version that would be mailed with your ballot materials? Yes No

Additional Comments: _____

(Optional) Name: _____

Address: _____ **City/zip:** _____

Email: _____ **Phone:** _____

Comments may either be emailed to: pamphlet@co.thurston.wa.us OR cut out and mail this form to: Thurston County Auditor, Elections Division, 2000 Lakeridge Dr SW, Olympia WA 98502

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