

**OFFICIAL NOTICE OF
THURSTON COUNTY PRIMARY ELECTION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, the 16th day of August, 2011, a Primary Election will be conducted entirely by mail in the following jurisdictions: the cities of Lacey, Tumwater and Tenino, the Rochester School District No. 401, and Fire Protection Districts 3 (Lacey) and 15 (Munn Lake). If you return your ballot by mail, first class postage is required. Ballots must be postmarked by the day of the election. Check with your local post office for deadlines to have your ballot properly postmarked. However, no postage is required if you deposit your ballot in an open ballot drop box by 8:00 p.m. Election Night.

Voter Registration Deadlines: The registration deadline for online registrations, mail-in registrations and transfers for the August 16, 2011 Primary is Monday, July 18, 2011. If you are not currently registered in Washington State you may register in person at the Auditor's Office, 2000 Lakeridge Dr SW, Bldg. One, Rm. 106, Olympia, WA 98502 by the end of the business day, Monday, August 8, 2011.

For additional information on voter registration or the Primary Election please contact the Elections Division by calling (360) 786-5408 or visit our website: www.ThurstonVotes.org.

Voting Center: The Thurston County Auditor's Office is the only Voting Center in the county. Every eligible Thurston County voter should receive a ballot for this election by Wednesday, August 3, 2011. If you do not receive your ballot you can obtain a replacement ballot at the Thurston County Auditor's Office, 2000 Lakeridge Dr SW, Bldg. 1, Rm. 106, Olympia, WA 98502 during regular business hours 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday beginning July 27 until August 15, 2011. On Election Day, August 16, 2011, the Elections Office will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. for replacement and provisional ballots and to assist all voters. Voters can also call the Auditor's Office Election Division at (360) 786-5408 to request a replacement ballot be mailed to them.

Accessible Voting and Election Information: The Voting Center (Auditor's Office, Bldg. 1, Rm. 106) has an AutoMARK™, an accessible ballot marking machine that enables voters who cannot otherwise read or mark their ballots to vote independently. The Thurston County Courthouse, Auditor's Office is fully accessible in accordance with RCW 29A.16.170 and WAC 434.257.150.

Deaf or hard of hearing voters can use a TTY operator to contact the Thurston County Auditor's Office. The TTY number is (360) 754-2933. Accessible versions of the Local Voters' Pamphlet can be found on the Elections Division website, www.ThurstonVotes.org.

The Auditor's Office does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to its programs or activities. Thurston County Human Resources Department, 2000 Lakeridge Dr. SW, Olympia, WA 98502, has been designated to coordinate compliance with the non-discrimination requirements contained in section 35.107 of the Department of Justice regulations. Information concerning the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the rights provided there are available from the ADA Coordinator, at (360)786-5498.

Counting Center: In accordance with WAC 434-257-150, ballots will be processed at the Thurston County Elections Ballot Processing Center at 2905 29th Ave, Suite E, Tumwater, WA 98512 beginning August 2, 2011. The counting of ballots will begin on Election Day, August 16, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. and the results will be released after 8:00 p.m. If you would like to observe any part of this process, please contact the Ballot Processing Center at (360) 786-5749.

Canvassing Board Meetings: The Canvassing Board of Thurston County will hold public meetings on: August 11 at 2:30 p.m., August 22 at 9:00 a.m., August 25 at 9:00 a.m., August 29 at 3:00 p.m., and August 31 at 4:00 p.m. All meetings will be held at the Thurston County Courthouse, Auditor's Office, 2000 Lakeridge Drive SW, Olympia, WA 98502. The purpose of these meetings is to canvass ballots for the August 16, 2011 Primary Election. The canvass board meetings are open public meetings, and shall be continued until the activity for which the meetings are held has been completed.

Dated this 9th day of July, 2011
Kim Wyman
Thurston County Auditor