



## Auditor's Office

March 16, 2010

**Julie Anderson**  
Pierce County Auditor

The Honorable Sam Reed  
Secretary of State  
PO Box 40220  
Olympia, WA 98504

**Lori Augino**  
Deputy Auditor

**LaTasha Smith**  
Assistant to the Auditor

Dear Secretary Reed:

**Mary Schmidtke**  
Fiscal Manager

On March 5, 2010, Sequoia Voting Systems notified my office that Version 4.0 of the WinEDS software is still undergoing testing at iBeta. They indicated that a report could be issued from the test lab by the end of April. Based upon this information it appears unlikely that Version 4.0 will be federally certified by the Elections Assistance Commission (EAC) this spring.

**Mike Fitta**  
Information Technology  
Specialist

While we are no longer required to conduct Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) Elections, we feel it is important to conduct future elections using the current version of the software rather than to step back and revert to an earlier version. This system was extensively tested by both Pierce County and the Office of the Secretary of State prior to its initial use. The current version has been used for all elections in Pierce County since the Primary of 2008. The current emergency/provisional certification expires on July 31, 2010.

**Michael Rooney**  
Elections Manager

**Mary Johnson-Hall**  
Elections Supervisor

Please accept this as my formal request for the Office of the Secretary of State to approve a one year extension to the emergency/provisional certification of Sequoia Voting Systems Version 4.0 and associated software and firmware for use in Pierce County.

**Lisa Drury**  
Recording/Licensing  
Manager

**Patti Shay**  
Licensing Supervisor

As polling places remain open in Pierce County, I would also request that the Office of the Secretary of State certify the Sequoia Insight precinct tabulator for use with Version 4.0. The certification of the Sequoia Insight will allow Pierce County to return a polling place tabulator to each polling place. Ranked Choice Voting required the use of a central count process for polling place ballots; now that RCV is no longer required voters should be able to have their ballots counted by a precinct tabulator at a polling place.

**Tim Anderson**  
Animal Control  
Supervisor

It is our goal to have this certification in place by the end of May, prior to the upcoming filing week. We realize that this is a tight timeline; Pierce County is more than willing to work collaboratively with your staff to assist, in any way, with the testing and certification of the system.

Please advise if any additional information is needed from Pierce County to initiate this certification process. Should you have questions or concerns, contact me directly at 253-798-3189.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Julie Anderson', written in a cursive style.

Julie Anderson  
Pierce County Auditor

cc: Nick Handy, Office of the Secretary of State  
Paul Miller, Office of the Secretary of State  
Patty Murphy, Office of the Secretary of State  
Waldeep Singh, Sequoia Voting Systems  
Sheree Noell, Sequoia Voting Systems  
Dave Prather, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney