



Stakeholders'

REPORT

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February Special Election certified today

King County Elections certified the February Special Election today, finalizing results for two Seattle School District levies. From an administrative standpoint, the election went very smoothly. KCE hired fewer temporary employees for this election than usual, reaping the rewards of efficiency measures and continuous improvement in vote-by-mail processes.



Staff verify each voter's signature before opening ballots.

Voter turnout. It's not uncommon to see relatively low voter turnout for a special election, especially after a presidential election when voters sometimes experience election fatigue. Turnout was 33 percent for this election.

Ballot drop box (BDOL) use. Voters returned almost 11 percent of all ballots to a drop box location (box or van). This was the first special election to offer staffed ballot drop-off vans. Returns there were relatively light, with less than 2,000 ballots returned to drop-off vans.

Accessible Voting Centers (AVCs). Two AVCs were open this election for voters who may have difficulty completing their mail ballot without assistance. AVCs are open to all voters. Use was extremely light.

Phone bank. Staff received more than 1,000 calls from voters this election, covering

a wide variety of topics. More than 30 percent of calls were from voters needing to update their voter registration. Just under 22 percent called to cancel their registration.

Ballot processing. KCE sent more than 8,000 overseas and service ballots, more than 1,000 Chinese ballots and more than 400 Vietnamese ballots. Ballot processing went well, with 108,435 ballots processed and reported on election night, which turned out to be more than 80 percent of total ballots returned in the election.

By the numbers

Ballots issued	416,235
Ballots returned.....	136,706
Ballots counted	134,116
Ballots cast on AVUs.....	16
Ballots returned to BDOLs	14,627
Signature challenge ballots	2,532
Challenged ballots resolved.....	1,591
Returned too late.....	1,495
Returned as undeliverable	4,994
Calls to phone bank	1,103
Emails to Voter Services.....	283

Did you know? Online info

Looking for detailed election information, including race, precinct, district and candidate information? By this Friday, March 1, KCE will release its final electronic canvass results (e-Canvass). This final data set is posted online along with results, usually within a week of certification.

Other resources available online include:

Election Summary Report. This document summarizes key election statistics, such as the numbers of ballots issued, returned, verified, and tabulated. It also includes details about signature challenges.

Reconciliation Report. This document provides details such as the numbers of registered voters and a reconciliation report summarizing numbers of ballots that were issued, accepted and rejected.

Unofficial Election Day abstract. This provides preliminary election results by legislative district.

Elections archive. Results of all elections since 1998 are saved online for your convenience.

Sneak peak at April election

It's always election time at KCE. While we're conducting and wrapping up the February Special Election we're preparing for the next special election, set for April 23. The deadline for jurisdictions to file a resolution requesting a ballot measure for the April Special Election is 4:30 p.m. on March 8, 2013. KCE has received the following submissions to date:

- City of Milton, possible annexation into East Pierce Fire and Rescue
- King County Fire Protection District No. 16, Proposition No. 1, Benefit Charge Continuation
- King County Fire Protection District No. 40, Proposition No. 1, Benefit Charge Continuation



Elections staff process many voter registration updates after election day.

Important upcoming dates

March 8	Last day to file a resolution for the April 23 Special Election
March 25	Deadline to register to vote in Special Election by mail or on-line
April 3	Special Election ballots mailed
April 15	In-person deadline to register to vote in Special Election
April 23	Special Election Day
May 13	Candidate filing week
Aug. 6	Primary Election Day
Nov. 5	General Election Day