Special Election
February 14, 2012

District Information – N Franklin School District

Active voters: 27,146
Inactive voters: 2,710
(as of 1/10/2012)

Validation Figure: 582 *(See how this is calculated pg 2)*

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Deadlines and Important Dates

Military/Overseas ballots mailed/emailed – Friday, January 13
Ballots mailed – Tuesday, January 24
Ballots returned by mail must be postmarked by Election Day: Tuesday, February 14, 2012.
Ballots returned in person or in ballot drop box must be received by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

Individuals with Disabilities/Spanish Language Assistance

Accessible voting units can be found at the Franklin County Auditor's Office beginning Wednesday, January 26. Bilingual Election Staff are also available to assist.
Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday – Friday
On Election Day, February 14 hours are 8:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Public Meetings

The Canvassing Board of Franklin County or their designees, pursuant to Chapter 29A.60 RCW, will hold open, public meetings at the dates and times listed below.

Processing of Ballots
January 27 – February 28
8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
(extended hours if necessary)

Unofficial Election Results
February 14 – approximately 8:15 p.m.

Daily Counts and Updated Results
February 15 – February 28
(schedule may vary-based on ballot returns)

Canvassing Board Pre-Meeting
February 27, 2012, 1:30 p.m.

Canvassing Board Meeting – Certification of Election
February 28, 2012, 1:30 p.m.
Location: All meetings and activities will be conducted at:
Franklin County Election Center
116 North 3rd Avenue
Pasco, WA 99301

for tax assessment questions:
www.co.franklin.wa.us/assessor
assessor@co.franklin.wa.us
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Special Elections – Validation Demystified

Passing a levy or bond issue isn't always a simple matter of majority rules. State law makes bond issues and some types of levies tougher to pass by requiring a "super majority". Other levies such as levy lid lifts and levies for schools only require a simple majority.

Understanding "Validation" or How Levies and Bonds Pass or Fail

Passing a levy or bond issue is a two step process. First the issue must validate (step 1) and secondly, must receive at least a 60% favorable majority (step 2). Validation requirements are different for Levy issues and Bond issues.

Validation is based on a percentage of the number of voters who voted within the district, school, fire, etc., in the previous November General Election. For example, the City of XYZ intends to put two issues on the May, 2011 special election ballot: a Maintenance and Operation Levy and a General Obligation Bond.

Requirements for Passing a Levy

Step 1:

A total of 40,000 people voted in the City of XYZ in the preceding General election; the amount required to validate the levy is 2,400 YES votes. This validation figure is calculated as follows:

40,000
X .40 (40% of total votes cast the previous General Election)
4,000
X .60 (60% of the 40%)
2,400

In this election at least 2,400 of the people casting ballots in the special election must vote YES to validate. For example, if 2,350 vote YES, the Levy issue would fail because it did not validate. Do not proceed to step 2.