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**Notice of General Election
Port Ludlow Drainage District
Jefferson County, State of Washington
Tuesday, February 4, 2014**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the qualified voters of Jefferson County, State of Washington that on Tuesday, February 4, 2014 there will be a General Election for the Port Ludlow Drainage District, conducted all by mail.

Voter Registration Deadlines for persons registering in Washington State for this election:

January 3, 2014 - Last day for in-person registration and transfers.

January 4, 2014 – Last day for mail-in and online voter registrations and transfers within and between WA counties.

Voter registration forms can be found at the Jefferson County Auditor's Office as well as various locations throughout the county (schools, libraries, community centers, post offices, etc).

Online voter registration forms can be found at <https://wei.sos.wa.gov/agency/osos/en/Pages/myvote.aspx>

Go to www.vote.wa.gov/Jefferson to see our online voters' guide.

Qualified Voter of a special district (RCW 85.38.010)

3(a) A natural person who is registered to vote in the state of Washington for a period of not less than thirty days before the election, and the owner of land located in the special district for a period of not less than thirty days before the election; (b) a corporation or partnership that has owned land located in the special district for a period of not less than sixty days before the election; or (c) the state, its agencies or political subdivisions that own land in the special district or lands proposed to be annexed into the special district except that the state, its agencies and political subdivisions shall not be eligible to vote to elect a member of the governing board of a special district.

Voting rights (RCW 85.38.105)

(1) The owner of land located in a special district who is a qualified voter of the special district shall receive two votes at any election. This section does not apply to special flood control districts consisting of three or more counties.

(2) If multiple undivided interests, other than community property interests, exist in a lot or parcel and no person owns a majority undivided interest, the owners of undivided interests at least equal to a majority interest may designate in writing:

- (a) Which owner is eligible to vote and may cast two votes; or
- (b) Which two owners are eligible to vote and may cast one vote each.

(3) If land is owned as community property, each spouse is entitled to one vote if both spouses otherwise qualify to vote, unless one spouse designates in writing that the other spouse may cast both votes.

(4) A corporation, partnership, or governmental entity shall designate:

- (a) A natural person to cast its two votes; or
- (b) Two natural persons to each cast one of its votes.

(5) Except as provided in **RCW 85.08.025** and **86.09.377**, no owner of land may cast more than two votes or have more than two votes cast for him or her in a special district election.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTING: To vote for a candidate, place an (X) in the square beside the candidate of your choice. To vote for a candidate whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the name of the person in the space provided for write-in's and place an (X) in the square next to the written name.

Local Nonpartisan Offices

Port Ludlow Drainage District

Commissioner Position No. 1 – 6 yr. term

Commissioner Position No. 3 – 2 yr. unexpired term

Ballots for this election will be mailed to all qualified voters on January 15, 2014. Returned ballots must be postmarked or placed in a ballot drop box by February 4, 2014.

- First Class Postage required on all ballots returned by mail. If you are mailing your ballot on Election Day, be sure to check the postmark cut off time at your Post Office. Ballots bearing postmarks after February 4, 2014 will be considered late, and cannot be counted.

- Drop boxes are available 20 days before an election and open 24 hours a day. On Election Day ballots will be accepted in the drop boxes until 8:00 p.m. Drop boxes are located at the following sites:

•Jefferson County Courthouse (back parking lot)	1820 Jefferson St., Port Townsend
•Jefferson County Rural Library	620 Cedar Ave., Port Hadlock

- An additional drop box is also available in the Auditor's Office during normal offices hours:

- Normal office hours are 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Election Day office hours are 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Those voters who need to obtain a replacement ballot may call the Jefferson County Auditor's Office at 360-385-9118 or come to the Auditor's Office, 1820 Jefferson St., Port Townsend, no later than 8:00 p.m., February 4, 2014.

A separate count shall be made of any provisional ballots. A provisional ballot shall be counted as a normal ballot if documents or evidence are supplied to the auditor before 4:00 p.m. on the day after the election (Feb. 5, 2014) that, in the opinion of the auditor, are sufficient to establish the person's eligibility to vote.

In order for a ballot to be counted, the voter must sign the Voter's Declaration on the return envelope.

Open Public Meetings

The Canvassing Board of Jefferson County, or their appointed designees, pursuant to RCW 29A.60.160, will hold open public meetings at the dates and times listed below. The meetings of the Canvassing Board are open public meetings under the applicable provisions of chapter 42.30 RCW, and each meeting shall be continued until the activity for which the meeting is held has been completed. All activities will be held in the Jefferson County Voting Center, 1st Floor, County Courthouse.

January 21 – February 18, 2014
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Processing Returned Ballots.

February 6, 2014
9:00 a.m.

Count Ballots – tabulation will be done by hand count.

February 12, 2014
9:00 a.m.

Count additional ballots (by hand) – if needed.

February 18, 2014
8:30 a.m.

Conclude Canvassing Ballots / Certification of Election.

DATED AT PORT TOWNSEND, WASHINGTON, THIS 1st DAY OF JANUARY 2014.

DONNA M. ELDRIDGE
JEFFERSON COUNTY AUDITOR