



# 2009 August Primary Recounts

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## State Law

Counties certified election results for the August 18, 2009 Primary on September 2, 2009. ([RCW 29A.60.190](#))

The Office of the Secretary of State certified statewide election results for the August 18, 2009 Primary on September 8, 2009. ([RCW 29A.60.250](#))

A mandatory machine recount is conducted if the difference between the candidates is less than one half of one percent and also less than 2,000 votes. ([RCW 29A.64.021](#))

A manual recount is conducted in a statewide race if the difference between the candidates is less than one quarter of one percent and also less than 1,000 votes. ([RCW 29A.64.021](#))

In regional and local offices a manual recount is conducted if the difference between the candidates is less than 150 votes and one quarter of one percent. ([RCW 29A.64.021](#))

A recount may be requested by any candidate or officer of a political party for whom votes were cast.

The State reimburses the counties for mandatory recounts for State Measures. The counties pay for all other mandatory recounts. In the case of a requested recount, the individual or group who makes the request pays for the recount unless the outcome is reversed, and then the county pays.

After the recount has been conducted, the County Canvassing Boards certify the results of the recount by submitting an amended abstract of votes.

## Recount Terms

“Overvote” is votes cast for more than the permissible number of selections allowed in a race or measure. An overvoted race or measure does not count in the final tally of that race or measure. Example of an overvote would be voting for two candidates in a single race with the instruction, “vote for one.” ([WAC 434-261-002](#))

“Undervote” is no selections made for a race or measure. ([WAC 434-261-005](#))

Write-in: For any office at any election, any voter may write in on the ballot the name of any person for an office who has filed as a write-in candidate for the office.

## Jefferson County Port of Port Townsend Commissioner District No. 2

After initial certification of the county's Primary results on September 2, 2009, the Jefferson County Port of Port Townsend Commissioner District No. 2 race between second and third place candidates Bob Schuessler and David Whipple fell into recount range with five votes separating the two candidates, equaling a difference of .45 percent. Schuessler received a total of 551 votes and Whipple received a total of 546.

The manual recount began on September 8, 2009. There was no change to the vote total. Schuessler will now advance to the General Election with Dave Thompson.

## King County City of Woodinville Council Position No. 7

After initial certification of the county's Primary results on September 2, 2009, the King County City of Woodinville Council Position No. 7 race between second and third place candidates Toren Heald and Peter Tountas fell into recount range with four votes separating the two candidates, equaling a difference of .45 percent. Heald received a total of 447 votes and Tountas received a total of 443.

The machine recount began on September 9, 2009. There was no change to the vote total. A total of 6 write-in votes, 1 overvote, and 102 undervotes. Heald will now advance to the General Election with Bernie Talmas.

## King County Kent School District No. 415, Director District No. 5

After initial certification of the county's Primary results on September 2, 2009, the King County Kent School District No. 415 Director District No. 5 race between second and third place candidates Dale Smith and Dave Watson fell into recount range with 26 votes separating the two candidates, equaling a difference of .31 percent. Smith received a total of 4,163 votes and Watson received a total of 4,137.

The machine recount began on September 9, 2009. There was no change to the vote total. A total of 126 write-in votes, 1 overvote, and 2,013 undervotes. Smith will now advance to the General Election with Tim Clark.

## Lewis County Winlock City Mayor

After initial certification of the county's Primary results on September 2, 2009, the Lewis County Winlock City Mayor race between second and third place candidates Cy Meyers and Don L. Bradshaw fell into recount range with zero votes separating the two candidates. Each candidate receiving 49 votes equaling 15.17 percent of the total votes cast.

The manual recount began and ended on September 9, 2009. There was no change to the original totals previously certified. A coin toss then took place so a second place candidate could be named and advance on to the November General Election.

Neither Meyers nor Bradshaw were present for the coin toss, so Lewis County Auditor Gary Zandell put each name in a hat and called tails for whomever's name was drawn. Meyers' name was drawn; Zandell tossed the coin which landed heads up. Bradshaw will now advance to the General Election with Glen Cook.

## Snohomish County City of Edmonds Council Position No. 3

After initial certification of the county's Primary results on September 2, 2009, the Snohomish County City of Edmonds Council Position No. 3 race between the second and third place candidates, Ron Wambolt and Lora Petso fell into recount range with a difference of three votes. Wambolt received a total of 2,824 votes and Petso received a total of 2,827.

The manual recount began on September 11, 2009. Wambolt received a total of 2,824 votes, the same as the original count. Petso received a total of 2,831 votes, four votes more than the original count. A total of 219 votes consisted of undervotes and 32 write-in votes. Petso will now advance to the General Election with Adrienne Fraley-Monillas.

Differences between the original tally and the recount occurred because of corrections and write-in votes captured in the visual inspection of the manual recount process.

## Thurston County SE Thurston Regional Fire Authority

After initial certification of the county's Primary results on September 2, 2009, the Thurston County SE Thurston Regional Fire Authority proposition fell into recount range with a difference of 12 votes, equaling a difference of .36 percent. Yes received a total of 1,663 votes and No received a total of 1,675.

The manual recount began on September 8, 2009. Yes received a total of 1,663 and No received a total of 1,674, one less vote than the original count. The measure failed to pass.

## Yakima County West Valley School District No. 208 Director, District 3

After initial certification of the county's Primary results on September 2, 2009, the Yakima County West Valley School District No. 208 Director, District 3 race between second and third place candidates Larry Osburn and Steve L. Smith fell into recount range with 19 votes separating the two candidates, equaling a difference of .38 percent. Osburn received a total of 1,103 votes and Smith received a total of 1,084.

The machine recount began on September 9, 2009. There was no change to the original count previously certified. Osburn moved onto the General Election in November to face Michael J. Carey.