



Washington
Secretary of State
SAM REED

ELECTIONS DIVISION
520 Union Avenue SE • PO Box 40229
Olympia, WA 98504-0229
Tel: 360.902.4180
Fax: 360.664.4619
www.secstate.wa.gov/elections

November 20, 2008

Mason County Canvassing Board
C/o The Honorable Karen Herr, County Auditor
P.O. Box 400
Shelton, WA 98584

Dear Canvassing Board Members:

In accordance with RCW 29A.04.570, the State Election Certification and Training Program conducted a comprehensive review of election procedures in Mason County during the 2007 General Election.

The RCW also requires a follow-up visit prior to the next Primary or General Election to verify the County Auditor's Office has taken the steps necessary to correct the changes recommended in the review report.

The reviewer visited the Mason County Elections Department on October 22, 2008 and found that the Mason County Elections Department has changed its procedures to comply with the recommendations in the review report.

The elections department provided a sample copy of its Questionnaire to Cities, Towns, and districts requesting confirmation on offices that will appear on the ballot and requesting salary information for those offices. This notice is sent every year prior to March 1st.

The election department intends to replace its voter registration system. When the new system is in place, all Mason County Voters will be assigned to all mail status instead of the current permanent absentee status.

Soon after the 2010 census, Mason County will make any necessary changes to precinct boundaries to ensure no precinct has over 900 active registered voters.

I commend the elections department staff for their obvious dedication to the election process and their desire to improve an already good operation.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 360.725.5785 or kramsay@secstate.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Kay Ramsay
Elections Program Specialist

