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Okanogan County Canvassing Board  
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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 Okanogan County during the 2008 General Election.

The RCW also requires the Secretary of State's Office to verify steps have been taken to correct the problems noted in the report. While there were four recommendations, two were resolved during the review. The remaining two recommendations were discussed during my follow-up consultation:

**Precinct Boundaries** *Okanogan County needs to alter precinct boundaries in precincts where both city and county area included. The County should continue to make precincts contiguous and compact wherever possible.*

**Follow Up:** Because the redistricting process following the Census may require additional precinct boundary changes, these precinct line changes will be made at that time.

**Disability Advisory Committee** *Okanogan County should continue recruitment of additional members of the Disability Advisory Committee. Once a full committee is formed, a disability plan must be adopted. The plan should include the number of voting centers required; the locations of voting centers and drop off facilities; outreach to voters with disabilities; implementation of the Help America Vote Act; and other election related functions necessary to maximize accessibility to persons with disabilities. The plan must be reviewed at least annually.*

**Follow Up:** Recruiting committee members is still a problem for Okanogan County. In 2010, a state law change will allow them join with neighboring counties to form a joint Disability Advisory Committee. Okanogan County will pursue a forming a joint committee in 2010.

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Okanogan County Auditor, Laurie Thomas, and her staff should be commended for their obvious dedication to the election process and their desire to improve an already excellent operation.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 360.902.4146 or [sheryl.moss@sos.wa.gov](mailto:sheryl.moss@sos.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sheryl Moss". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "S".

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