

## For Your Information

### Kitsap Votes By Mail

As of 2005, Kitsap County has conducted its elections entirely by mail. Ballots will be mailed to military and overseas voters 30 days prior to each election and to all other registered voters 20 days prior to each election. Election day voting centers will be available in Poulsbo and Port Orchard. Voters may return voted ballots by mail or use designated ballot-drop sites.

### Questions?

If you have questions, please call the Kitsap County Elections Division 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at:

- (360) 337.7128
- (206) 842.2061 from Bainbridge Island
- (253) 851.4147 from Olalla

### Need a Replacement Ballot?

If your ballot is damaged or lost, a replacement ballot may be obtained by calling the Kitsap County Elections Division 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at:

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### Candidate Political Party Designation

An NP abbreviation will be next to candidate names on the ballot indicating the office is not associated with any one political party.

### Write-Ins – Which Votes Can Be Counted

**Primary Election write-in votes can only be counted if:**

- In a nonpartisan race the number of write-in votes plus the number of under and over votes together could affect the outcome of the election

**General Election write-in votes can only be counted if:**

- The write-in candidate has not already been defeated in the Primary, and
- The number of write-in votes plus the number of under and over votes together could affect the outcome (an over vote is when a voter votes for more than one choice, an under vote is when a voter makes no choice), or
- The candidate has filed a Write-in Declaration of Candidacy

### Candidate and Committee Statements

The Local Voters' Pamphlet includes statements submitted by candidates for offices and committees "for" and "against" ballot measures. Statements printed in this pamphlet are the opinions of the authors and have not been verified for spelling, factual or grammatical accuracy by any official government agency.

### Disability Access Voting

Federal and state laws require that all jurisdictions provide certified accessible voting machines which enable voters with disabilities to cast a ballot independently and in private. Secure touch screen voting devices with audio capabilities and a voter verified paper trail are available for use in this election at the following locations:

- **Prior to Election Day:** beginning October 17<sup>th</sup> through November 5<sup>th</sup>, Monday through Friday 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Kitsap County Auditor Elections Division, 619 Division Street, Port Orchard
- **On Election Day:** 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.
  - **South Kitsap:** County Administrative Building, 619 Division Street, Port Orchard
  - **North Kitsap:** Poulsbo Fire Station, 911 NE Liberty Road, Poulsbo

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### Local Voters' Pamphlet Advisory Committee

The Local Voters' Pamphlet Advisory Committee was established for the purpose of deciding questions for candidates appearing in the Local Voters' Pamphlet to use in preparing responses.

Members of the 2007 Local Voters' Pamphlet Advisory Committee are: Dorothy Spadoni, representing the Kitsap County League of Women Voters; Jeff Rhodes, Editor, Port Orchard Independent; Jeff Brody, Managing Editor, Kitsap Sun; Carl Olson, Chair, Kitsap County Democratic Central Committee; Jack Hamilton, Chair, Kitsap County Republican Central Committee; and Jeanie Schulze, Citizen Representative.

### Participating Jurisdictions

Participating in this Local Voters' Pamphlet is: The City of Bainbridge Island, City of Bremerton, City of Port Orchard, City of Poulsbo, Bremerton School District No. 100-C, Bainbridge Island School District No. 303, North Kitsap School District No. 400, Central Kitsap School District No. 401, South Kitsap School District No. 402, Central Kitsap Fire and Rescue, Bainbridge Island Fire Department, South Kitsap Fire and Rescue, North Kitsap Fire & Rescue, Kitsap County Fire District No. 18, Port of Bremerton District No. 1, Port of Brownsville District No. 2, Port of Eglon District No. 4, Port of Illahee District No. 6, Port of Indianola District No. 7, Port of Keyport District No. 8, Port of Kingston District No. 9, Port of Manchester District No. 10, Port of Poulsbo District No. 12, Port of Silverdale District No. 14, Karcher Creek Sewer District, Kitsap County Sewer District No. 7, Annapolis Water District No. 1, Manchester Water District No. 11, Rocky Point Water District No. 12, North Perry Water District No. 13, Sunnyslope Water District No. 15, Silverdale Water District No. 16, and Bainbridge Island Metropolitan Park & Recreation District.

### About the Cover

This year Kitsap County celebrates its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Kitsap County was established after Peninsula Mill owners became tired of having to travel to King or Jefferson counties to conduct business. The poll books at the time showed 149 of King County's 238 registered voters lived on the Kitsap Peninsula.

George Meigs and S. B. Wilson introduced identical bills to the legislature to create a new county called Madison in January of 1857. A representative suggested the name be Slaughter, in honor of Lt. William Slaughter who had been massacred in an Indian uprising near Seattle years before. Slaughter County was established on January 16, 1857. The mill owners were unhappy with the name and passed another bill to allow county residents to select a new name. Voters of the new county were asked to choose between "Madison," "Mill," and "Kitsap" as a replacement. On July 13, 1857 voters overwhelmingly chose the name of Kitsap, after a Suquamish Tribal Chief, and Port Madison became the county seat.

When the Port Madison mill closed in 1892, the town lost most of its residents and the county commissioners moved the county seat to Sidney (now known as Port Orchard).

Photographs of the Port Blakely Shipyard, Port Madison School, Mr. and Mrs. Slaughter, the Slaughter Grave, the vote to change the county name, the second Courthouse in Port Orchard, and the Carlisle II are courtesy of Kitsap County Historical Society. Thank you to Doug Bear, Kitsap County Public Works, for the cover design using these historical photographs.