

## For Your Information

### Kitsap Votes By Mail

Polling locations will not be open Election Day. Since 2005, Kitsap County has voted all elections entirely by mail. Ballots are mailed to military and overseas voters 30 days prior to each election and to all other registered voters 20 days prior to each election. Voters may return voted ballots by mail or use designated ballot-drop sites.

### Primary Ballots

- **Offices on the Primary** – This year only Nonpartisan offices are up for election in Kitsap County. Offices with fewer than three candidates will not be on the Primary Ballot. In accordance with state law, voters will see these offices only on the November General Election ballot.
- **Partial County Primary** – There will be no Primary for most voters in Kitsap County because most offices are only in the November General Election. See the map on the next page.
- **City of Bainbridge Island Council Districts** – Voters must reside within a specific Council District Ward area in order to vote for Council District Candidates in the Primary.
- **Port of Bremerton** – Voters must reside within the Port of Bremerton District 2 area to vote for Port of Bremerton Commissioner District candidates in the Primary.
- **State Measures** – Will be on the November General election ballot. A State Voters' Pamphlet containing all statewide measures will be delivered to all residents of Kitsap County in October. Additional information is also available on the Secretary of State website at: [www.secstate.wa.gov/elections](http://www.secstate.wa.gov/elections)

### Questions?

If you have questions, please call the Kitsap County Election 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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### Your Right to Privacy

Every voter has the right to vote his or her ballot in secret. Any person attempting to vote when he or she is not entitled, or who falsely signs the affidavit, shall be guilty of a felony, punishable by imprisonment for not more than five years or a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars, or both such fine and imprisonment.

### Candidate Political Party Designation

Offices open for election for 2007 in Kitsap County are Nonpartisan. An NP abbreviation will be next to candidate names on the ballot indicating the office is not associated with any one political party.

### 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 checked for spelling, factual or grammatical accuracy by any official government agency.

### Local Voters' Pamphlet Advisory Committee

The purpose of the Local Voters' Pamphlet Advisory Committee is to establish a series of up to three 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 of the 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.

### 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 Primary election at the following locations:

- **Prior to Election Day** – Kitsap County Auditor Elections Division, 619 Division Street, Port Orchard, August 1st through August 20th, Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.
- **Election Day** – Kitsap County Administrative Building, 619 Division Street, Port Orchard in the Port Blakely Conference Room from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

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### 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 (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

**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

### Are You Registered To Vote?

If you are registering to vote for the first time in Washington State and you wish to register in Kitsap County, you will need to do so in person at the Kitsap County Auditor's Office on or before August 6, 2007 in order to vote in the August 21, 2007 Primary. See page 6, Voter Registration Information. The last day to register to vote in the November 6, 2007 General election is: by mail - October 6, 2007, in person - October 22, 2007.

### Participating Jurisdictions

Participating in this Primary Local Voters' Pamphlet is: The City of Bainbridge Island - Central and South Wards, The City of Bremerton - Council District 4 and West Hills Island Annexation area, The City of Port Orchard, The Port of Bremerton - Commissioner District 2, and the Port of Manchester.