

Kudos to our election officials

It was especially encouraging to see the article in The Olympian concerning Thurston County 2020 election turnout. The difficulty of conducting this election in the middle of a pandemic to keep workers safe yet make voting accessible and secure was a challenge. Thurston County Auditor Mary Hall and her staff faced this in not only the general election in November but also in the primary in August. They reorganized the election office to provide a safe drive up service at SPSCC for voters to register, get replacement ballots, change of address, and to drop off ballots. Increased interest in this election also increased the number of registered voters in Thurston County by approximately 4000 between July and November. Due to their diligence and the many safeguards in place only three ballots were identified as possible fraudulent out of the 169,231 returned ballots.

The League of Women Voters has always encouraged citizen participation in the democratic process. We thank Ms. Hall and her staff for all the work they have done to make this election process safe, secure, and accessible for the citizens of Thurston County.

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