

## THE BEST WAY TO MARK YOUR BALLOT

**\*\*Follow directions:** use black or blue ink, or #2 pencil lead.

Only vote for one candidate per each office,

Only vote yes or no/reject or accept when appropriate,

Fill in the oval, as well as writing in a candidate's name, for Joshua Freed's Lt. Gov. write-in campaign

**\*\*If you have not received a ballot in the mail by October 20<sup>th</sup>**, please call the Election Office and find out why, 509-477-2320. They will gladly mail you another one. Do not wait too long to request a replacement ballot if yours was lost or misplaced.

**\*\*LATE BALLOTS** are those **received after 8 pm Election Day, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>**, whether at a drop box or ones mailed and postmarked by the Post Office after 8 pm that day. *If you must mail your ballot, be sure to **mail it one week prior to election day** (Nov. 3).* Late ballots are not opened or counted.

It is recommended that voters place ballots in the election drop boxes at libraries or at the Election Office. Mailing ballots has many concerns. Ever had lost, stolen, or delayed mail? In Spokane, mail is often sent to Portland or Seattle before coming back to Spokane to be delivered creating delays. Different post offices have different processing methods resulting in inconsistencies of ballots receiving a time/date stamp. Time/date stamps help determine if a ballot is **"too late"** to be counted. Placing a stamp on a ballot not requiring a stamp DOES NOT necessarily solve the "too late" issue.

**\*\*SIGNATURE MISMATCH** – is when your envelope signature does not match the signature on file at Elections. If this happens, the voter will need to sign the form sent to them by the Election Office and return it to Elections no later than the date requested on the form. *If the form is not signed and returned by the date shown on the letter, that voter's ballot will **NOT COUNT**.*

**\*\*Be your own advocate:** check the Spokane County Elections website and use the "Track Your Ballot" link. There you can find when your ballot was received and where in processing it is.

**\*\*Registering to vote** – in Washington, voters can register in person up until 8 pm Election Day. If registering online or by mail, registration must be received by Elections by Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>.