

## THE BEST WAY TO MARK YOUR BALLOT IS ACCORDING TO INSTRUCTIONS!

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

\*\* Beginning 2020 ballot processing changed significantly. *Previously*, there was a great deal of “duplication” or remaking of ballots with certain errors or issues preventing them from being read by the computer software, thus requiring them to be remade onto a blank ballot by a team of election employees. Errors included colored inks, inconsistent markings of the ovals, food or grease stains, ballots ripped or too wrinkly, shiny pencil lead.

NOW, all ballots are scanned by the computer software and “adjudicated” by the employees on the computer. Only certain ballots are highlighted, so to speak, for employees to immediately be able to correct via the computer for errors, such as: ballots with more than one vote for a candidate or issue, voters changing their vote, and write-ins.

\*\* Any voter making a mistake on their ballot may call the Election Office and request a new ballot, 509-477-2320. Just be sure to return your ballot prior to 8 PM election day (Primary is August 4<sup>th</sup> and November 3<sup>rd</sup> for 2020.) It is recommended that voters place ballots in the election boxes at libraries or at the Election Office. Mailing ballots has its own problems. Ever had mail lost or delayed?

\*\* Late Ballots are those received AFTER 8 PM ELECTION DAY, including ones postmarked after 8 pm that day. *Late ballots are not opened or counted.* Please check the last pick up time of your mail collection box if you use the mail. Most last pick-ups are no later than 3:30 or 4 pm. **If you put your ballot in AFTER that last pick up time (which may be 12 or 1 pm), you’ve lost your vote!**

\*\* Signature mismatch – is when your envelope signature does not match the signature on file at Elections. When 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.***

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