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RE: Legal Notice for March 10, 2020 Presidential Primary Election

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Please publish the below Notice of Election in the legal section of the **February 19, 2020 edition.**

Notice of Election
Jefferson County, State of Washington
Tuesday, March 10, 2020 Special Election

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the qualified voters of Jefferson County, State of Washington that on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, a State Presidential Primary Election will be conducted entirely by mail. Ballots will be mailed on February 19, 2020 to all qualified voters living in Jefferson County. Ballots for Military and Overseas Civilian voters were mailed January 24, 2020. Contact the Auditor's Office if you do not receive a ballot for this election.

Offices on the ballot: Major political party for President of the United States.

Important instructions for voting in the Presidential Primary:

Follow these steps for your vote to count.

1. Read the declarations on your return envelope.
2. Mark **ONE** political party declaration box (required).
3. Sign and date the declaration (required).
4. Vote for **ONE** candidate from the political party you marked in Step 2.
5. Insert your voted ballot into your security sleeve.
6. Insert your security sleeve into the return envelope and seal.
7. Return your ballot no later than 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10, 2020.

Resources:

Address: Jefferson County Auditor's Office located on the 1st Floor of the County Courthouse, 1820 Jefferson St, Port Townsend, WA 98368

Phone: (360) 385-9119 or (360) 385-9117

Email: elections@co.jefferson.wa.us

Website: www.co.jefferson.wa.us/elections

Online Voters' Guide (customized with the information on your ballot): voter.votewa.gov

For a list of the people and organizations that donated to Presidential candidates' campaigns, visit www.fec.gov.

Voter Registration Forms (to register to vote, change your name and/or change your address) are available online at voter.votewa.gov, drivers licensing locations, the County Auditor's Office as well as various locations throughout the county (schools, libraries, community centers, etc.).

Voting Center:

The Jefferson County Auditor's Office is a Voting Center for the voting period of Feb. 19 – March 10, 2020. For assistance with voter registration, voting, elections or accessibility please contact our office.

Office Hours are M – F, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. with Election Day hours of 8:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Services available at the Voting Center:

- Accessible voting using touch-screen equipment.
- Ballot drop off.
- Replacement ballots.
- Voter registration.

NEW Voter Registration Deadlines:

March 2, 2020 - 8 days before the election: Deadline for new registrations and transfers received online & mail (includes driver's licensing).

March 10, 2020 – 8:00 p.m. Election Day: Deadline for in-person registrations and transfers at the Jefferson County Auditor's Office.

You must reside at your new address at least 30 days prior to the election.

Any registered voter who misses the deadline may vote according to their previous registration.

If you miss the deadline, the application or update you submitted will take effect for the next election.

An Accessible Voting Unit (AVU), also known as our AutoMark, is available at the Jefferson County Auditor's Office 20 days prior to each election. The AVU is a tool – an “electronic pen” equipped with audio and visual technology – to assist voters who have a difficult time seeing and/or marking a ballot with a regular pen. It allows voters to vote a secret ballot independently. The side entrance to the County Courthouse, located on Cass St., is ADA accessible.

An Official Logic & Accuracy Test will be performed on Feb. 25, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in the County Auditor's Office in accordance with RCW 29A.12.130. This test will verify that the tabulating system will correctly count the votes cast for all candidates appearing on the ballot. Representatives from each major political party, the press and the public are invited to observe this test.

How to return your ballot:

- By mail: Postage is provided. If you mail your ballot on Election Day ask your Post Office to hand cancel it there. Ballots bearing a postmark after Election Day, March 10, 2020, will be considered late, and cannot be counted.
- In Person: Accepted up through Election Day in the Auditor's Office.
- Ballot Drop Box: Available 20 days before an election and open 24 hours a day. On Election Day, ballots will be accepted in the drop boxes until 8:00 p.m. Locations listed below.

Ballot Drop Boxes:

- Jefferson County Courthouse: 1820 Jefferson St., Port Townsend - back parking lot.
- Jefferson County Library: 620 Cedar Ave., Port Hadlock – next to the book drop in parking lot.
- Quilcene Community Center: 294952 Hwy 101, Quilcene.
- Brinnon Community Center: 306144 Hwy 101, Brinnon.
- Nordland Fire Station: 6633 Flagler Rd, Nordland

In order for a ballot to be counted, the voter must sign the Voter's Declaration on the return envelope. The Declaration may only be signed by the registered voter whose ballot is inside. If you are unable to sign, you may make a mark or use a signature stamp on the signature line in the presence of two witnesses. The two witnesses need to sign in the space provided on the declaration envelope. A power of attorney is NOT permitted.

Ballot Processing Schedule & Election Results:

Activities will be performed during regular office hours and Election Day hours unless otherwise indicated below.

Feb. 24, 2020 – March 20, 2020: Mail ballot processing will be performed in the Election Processing Center located in the County Auditor's Office, and/or Conference Room on the 1st floor next to the Auditor's Office.

March 7, 2020 (Saturday): Ballot processing (8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Date/time subject to change depending on workload).

March 9, 2020: Begin Final Ballot Processing.

March 10, 2020: Final Ballot Processing for Election Night results at 8:00 p.m.

March 13, 2020, by 4:00 p.m.: Additional Ballots Counted (Date/time subject to change depending on volume).

Canvass Board Meetings:

March 19, 2020, 12:30 p.m.: Preliminary Meeting, in the Election Processing Center located in the County Auditor's Office, to review any ballots referred to them.

March 20, 2020, 1:00 p.m.: Final Meeting, in the Election Processing Center located in the County Auditor's Office, to certify the Election.

Each meeting shall be continued until the activity for which the meeting is held has been completed.

Dated at Port Townsend, Washington, this 19th day of February 2020.

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