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RE: Legal Notice for February 12, 2019 Special Election

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Please publish the below Notice of Election in the legal section of the **Jan. 2, 2019 edition.**

Notice of Election
Jefferson County, State of Washington
Tuesday, February 12, 2019 Special Election

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the qualified voters of Jefferson County, State of Washington that on Tuesday, February 12, 2019, a Special Election will be conducted entirely by mail. Ballots will be mailed on January 23, 2019 to all qualified voters living in Jefferson County in the districts below. Ballots for Military and Overseas Civilian voters will be mailed Jan. 11, 2019. Contact the Auditor's Office if you do not receive a ballot for this election.

Voting Center:

The Jefferson County Auditor's Office is a Voting Center for the complete voting period of Jan. 23 – Feb. 12, 2019.

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.

For assistance with voter registration, voting, elections or accessibility please contact our office.

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): www.myvote.wa.gov

For a list of the people and organizations that donated to ballot measure campaigns go to www.pdc.wa.gov.

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

Voter Registration Deadlines:

Jan. 14, 2019 - 29 days before the election: last day for mail-in and online new registrations and voter updates within and between Washington counties (includes driver's licensing office).

Feb. 4, 2019 - 8 days before the election: last day for in-person registration at the Jefferson County Auditor's Office for those voters not currently registered in the State of Washington.

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 Jan. 18, 2019 at 9:00 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 measures appearing on the ballot. Representatives from each major political party, the press and the public are invited to observe this test.

Districts with Measures on the ballot:

- Fire District No. 1 (AKA: East Jefferson Fire & Rescue) and the City of Port Townsend – Proposition No. 1, Annexation of City of Port Townsend into Fire District No. 1
- Port Townsend School District No. 50 – Proposition No. 1, Replacement Educational Programs and School Support Levy
- Port Townsend School District No. 50 – Proposition No. 2, Capital Levy for Safety, Technology and Facilities Improvements

How to return your ballot:

- By mail: Postage is required for this election. If you mail your ballot on Election Day ask your Post Office to hand cancel it there. Ballots bearing a postmark after Election Day, February 12, 2019, 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 book drop in parking lot.
- Nordland Fire Station (EJFR Station 12): 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.

Jan. 28, 2019 – Feb. 22, 2019: 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.

Feb. 9, 2019 (Saturday): Ballot processing (8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Date/time subject to change depending on workload).

Feb. 11, 2019: Begin Final Ballot Processing.

Feb. 12, 2019: Final Ballot Processing for Election Night results at 8:00 p.m.

Feb. 15, 2019, by 4:00 p.m.: Additional Ballots Counted (date / time subject to change depending on volume).

Canvass Board Meetings:

Feb. 21, 2019, 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.

Feb. 22, 2019, 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 2nd day of January 2019.

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