

Please CONFIRM that you are registered to VOTE

You can use these links. Takes about 10 seconds:

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/elections>

(Fill in First, Last, Birth Date on right side of page, click Submit)

<http://www.secstate.wa.gov>

Be sure to use the exact spelling of your name as it appears in the voter registration files and on your voter registration card. For those living out of King county, check the Sec of State website. Those living out of state should check their own state's voter registration website.

There has been talk of undercover purging of the voter registration files, so you might want to double check again by Oct 20, 2008 which is the last date for voter registration in WA State. And also check on Monday, Nov 3rd 2008 just to make sure you are still in the voter registration system.

Please share this information with as many others as you know.

"Mine was ok, but the guy registering folks in my (Queen Anne) neighborhood a few weeks ago told me I was not registered. I reassured him 2-3 times that his records were mistaken. But maybe he made sure my record was corrected after that (?)" - Chris Pringer, Veterans for Peace (10/7/08)



If you have moved or legally changed your name call 206-296-VOTE

----- Forwarded Message

From: Ellen Theisen @votersunite.org:

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Voters! We have two important alerts today...

1) Check your voter registration. For months, we have been recommending that everyone check to make sure they are registered to vote. It has recently come to light that 19 states are not following federal law; they are purging voters close to the election.

These states are: Alabama, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Texas and Washington.

But even if you live in some other state, please check your registration status right now – if you can. Otherwise, check on Monday....

If you have been wrongly purged from the voter rolls, don't simply register again. Call your county election official to say you were wrongly purged and should be placed back on the rolls. If you do not get satisfaction, contact your state election officials. If you still have problems, let us know.

2) Don't vote straight-party. Problems abound with straight-party voting – on electronic voting machines and on paper ballots. We highly recommend that, if you want to vote for the same party across all races, vote for each individual person separately, and don't mark any "straight-party" choice at all.

Thanks!! ~ the VotersUnite team

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More on Voter Registration

From Thalia (of Queen Anne):

Reminder: if you vote by mail, be aware that there is some risk that your vote will not be counted. In the recent primary, 3% of the mail-in ballots in King County were not counted due to "problem signatures", no signatures, damage, etc. (in the 2004 general election it was 5%). I don't have the figures from other counties. I suggest that if you vote on an "absentee" ballot that you double check your signature and hand deliver it to a polling place rather than mailing it. This election is too important to take the risk of disenfranchising 5% of the voters or not having your ballot postmarked in time to be counted.

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Deadline for mailing in voter registrations is October 4th. Get out this weekend and register voters. I heard Westlake Center, grocery stores, and Targets are good locations.

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Voter registration cancellations in WA - Washington State continues to grow. We're mounting record voter registration drives. And yet, we have fewer registered voters - check your registration.

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Diebold admits security issues and dropped votes

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NOTE: when King County moves to all vote by mail, it will close its neighborhood polling places and open 17 regional voting centers. KC estimates that in a general election, approximately 40,000 people will vote at the RVCS. These RVCS will NOT use paper ballots. They will use Diebold (Premier) DRE touch screen voting machines containing a paper trail.

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http://bocc.cuyahogacounty.us/GSC/pdf/esi_cuyahoga_final.pdf

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In a recent editorial board meeting with a local newspaper, Sam Reed exclaimed that had barcodes been used on ballots in 2004 that King County could not have misplaced ballots. This argument is specious given the fact that the misplaced ballots had not yet been removed from the outer ballot envelope. The ballots misplaced in 2004 were due to signature problems on the outer envelope. Barcodes on ballots would not have provided any protection given the fact that the ballots were never removed from the sealed envelope.

<http://www.washblog.com/story/2008/9/26/4546/35044>

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When you go to vote on Nov 4th, ask yourself, do you want the Republican incumbent Secretary of State who continues to ignore all the evidence that our current voting systems (including central tabulators) have histories of dropping votes, are insecure and can be tampered? Who continues to rely on federal certification and logic and accuracy tests as his justification for ignoring these problems, even though the data is derived from federally certified machines that undergo logic and accuracy tests? Or, do you want to vote for a citizen reformer and election integrity advocate who will seek solutions to these problems? If so, vote for Jason Osgood, the Democrat.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=layFiC31fOc> Rove's "Insider Guide to Swinging Elections"

"I don't want everybody to vote. Elections are not won by a majority of the people. They never have been from the beginning of our country and they are not now. As a matter of fact, our leverage in the elections quite candidly goes up as the voting populace goes down."

-- Paul Weyrich, conservative political strategist, founder of Heritage Foundation

"It's all over but the counting, and we'll take care of the counting."

-- Rep. Peter King (R-NY), Summer 2003, about the 2004 Presidential election.

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