



King County

Department of Elections

Julie Wise, Director

March 31, 2016

The Honorable Joe McDermott
Chair, King County Council
Room 1200
C O U R T H O U S E

Dear Councilmember McDermott:

I am pleased to transmit to you the King County Elections Annual Report. This report includes information about the previous year's elections and accomplishments, and is responsive to KCC 2.18.100, which requires that the Director of Elections submit a report by March 31st of each year.

Specifically, the code requires that the report include:

- *Detailed costs of conducting and administering special, primary and general elections in the county;*
- *Voter turnout data for the most-recent ten years for all special, primary and general elections;*
- *Accuracy data as measured by ballot reconciliation figures including, but not limited to, those required by Washington state law to be reported to the Secretary of State;*
- *Information about voters' pamphlets; and*
- *Information about developing trends in the elections department, which incorporates on-going reforms and continuous improvement programs.*

This year, consistent with our on-going commitment to providing user-friendly, accessible information online, we've designed the [Annual Report in a web format](#) - as well as developed an Executive Summary for print. I've also enclosed several appendices of data in order to fully comply with the code requirements.

I am very proud of the work we did in 2015, in particular the continuation of our streak to 27 straight elections without a single discrepancy, and our improvements to customer service. Thank you for your continued partnership and I hope you find the enclosed report helpful and informative.

Sincerely,

Julie Wise
Elections Director

Enclosures

cc: King County Councilmembers
ATTN: Carolyn Busch, Chief of Staff
Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council
Ellen Hansen, Chair, Citizen Elections Oversight Committee