



City of Yakima

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Latest Primary Election Returns Change Little from Election Night

The latest returns for the 2014 Primary Election show that the candidates in contested races in Yakima County that were ahead after the first counts were completed last night are still in the lead. Only the top two vote getters in each race move on to the General Election, which will take place on Tuesday, November 4th.

In the crowded race for the 4th District U.S. Representative seat currently held by Doc Hastings, Clint Didier leads all vote getters with 30.88%. He is followed by former state representative and director of the Washington State Department of Agriculture Dan Newhouse who has 25.91% of the vote. None of the other 10 candidates vying to replace Hastings has more than 12% of the vote so far.

In the 13th District, Judy Waarnick and Mohammad Said will both advance to the General Election in their race for the State Senate. Waarnick has 88.88% of the vote while Said has captured 13.12%. Tom Dent built on his election night total and is leading Dannette Bolyard 64.35% to 35.65% in their race for State Representative, Position 1. Matt Manweller is running unopposed in his bid for a second term as 13th District State Representative, Position 2.

Norm Johnson ran unopposed to retain his seat as 14th District State Representative, Position 1. Gina McCabe increased the lead she established on election night and has now captured 45.09% of the vote in the race for 14th District State Representative, Position 2. Paul George will join McCabe in the General Election having gotten 30.17% of the vote. Neither of the other two candidates has gotten more than 13% of the vote.

Bruce Chandler does not have an opponent in his effort to return to his 15th District State Representative, Position 1 seat. Incumbent David Taylor leads challenger Teodora Martinez-Chavez 74.85% to 25.15 for the 15th District State Representative, Position 2 seat. Incumbent Jim Honeyford has collected 75.02% of the vote and his challenger, Gabriel Munoz, has received 24.98% in their race for the 15th District State Senate seat.

The race for Yakima County Auditor will include former State Representative Charles Ross and current Yakima Mayor Micah Cawley. Ross currently has 40.72% of the vote while Cawley has 34.51%. In a tight five-way race for Yakima County Clerk, Janelle Riddle has 24.62% of the vote Sarah Matheny has 24.58% and Kathleen Carter as 24.27%. Neither of the other two contenders has garnered more than 16% of the vote. Joe Brusica increased his election night lead slightly over opponent Troy Clements 57.62% to 41.22% for the open Yakima County Prosecutor seat. In the race for Yakima County Sheriff, Brian Winter also increased his election night lead a little bit and now has 50.19% of the vote. Winter is followed by Jim Keightley with 22.03%. No other candidate for Sheriff has more than 9% of the vote. Yakima County Coroner Jack Hawkins, Yakima County Treasurer Ilene Thomson, and Yakima County Commissioner Rand Elliott ran unopposed.

Additional ballot counts will be continue to be conducted over the next few days. Ballot counts will be completed periodically until all of the ballots that were received before the midnight August 5th deadline have been tabulated. Yakima County uses an all-mail-in voting system, so ballots that were postmarked before midnight on August 5th will still be considered valid for the Primary Election. The 2014 Primary Election will be certified on August 19th.