

News Release

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Fifth Count of Primary Election Returns Released

The fifth count of ballots from the 2015 Primary Election has done little to change results from the most recent count on Friday of last week. The top two vote getters in each race move on to the November 8th General Election.

In Yakima City Council District 1, Dulce Gutiérrez still has 80.76% (361 votes) of the total vote. Russell Montiero has 10.96% (49 votes), and Llosimar Garcia has 5.15% (23 votes).

Avina Gutiérrez continues to lead all District 2 candidates with 35.38% (196 votes) of the vote, Maud Scott has 29.78% (165 votes), Pablo Gonzalez has 22.02% (122 votes), and Edgar Moreno has 12.45% (69 votes).

Carmen Méndez has built slightly on the lead she took over from Kelly Rosenow after Fridays count. Méndez, after trailing Rosenow from election night through the third count on Thursday, now has 28.88% (428 votes) of the total vote. Rosenow has 28.48% (422 votes), Patricia Byers has 23.08% (342 votes), Justin Cawley has garnered 9.51% (141 votes), and Nicholas Kline has 9.38% (139 votes).

The four primary candidates in District 4 are still led by incumbent Councilmember Bill Lover with 51.65% (565 votes). Lover is followed by Tony Sandoval with 24.59% (269 votes), Tony Williams with 15.08% (165 votes), and Larry Breer with 7.50% (82 votes).

The District 5 primary returns continue to be led by incumbent Councilmember and current Assistant Mayor Kathy Coffey who has 51.24% (932 votes), Reed Pell has 18.58% (338 votes), Phil Allard has 16.66% of the total (303 votes), and Gordon Heintzman has so far received 12.59% (229 votes) of the vote.

Incumbent Councilmember Maureen Adkison continues to lead her two District 6 challengers with 55.95% (1,560 votes) of the vote. Gavin Keefe has 25.36% (707 votes) and Adam Yoest has received 17.75% (495 votes) of the vote.

The District 7 race features just two candidates, Holly Cousens and Gunnar Berg, so no primary was needed in that district. Both Cousens and Berg will advance to the November General Election.

Ballot counts will continue periodically until all of the ballots that were received before the midnight August 4th deadline have been tabulated. The 2015 Primary Election will be certified on August 18th.