



City of Yakima

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Latest Count of General Election Returns Released

The latest count of returns for the 2019 General Election have been released by the Yakima County Auditor's office, and the lead in one race for a Yakima City Council seat has changed hands.

In the race to replace Dulce Gutierrez in Yakima City Council District 1, Eliana Macias has taken the lead over Kenton Gartrell 50.72% to 49.14%. After the first count on election night, Gartrell led Macias 60% to 40% and had maintained a similar margin until count results were released last Friday. The Friday count showed Macias trailing Gartrell by just 4 votes. Macias now leads Gartrell by 11 votes.

In District 3, Patricia Byers leads Thomas Sund 58.22% to 41.05%. The District 3 seat is currently held by Carmen Mendez, who chose not to run for reelection.

The District 5 seat is currently held by Kathy Coffey, who also is not running this time around. Soneya Lund now has 57.64% of the General Election vote. Liz Hallock trails Lund with 41.56% of the vote.

Holly Cousens, who is seeking reelection to the Council District 7 seat, has received 73.81% of the vote. Sarah Towell won the right to challenge Cousens based on the August Primary Election vote but announced a few weeks ago that she was no longer interested in serving if elected. Towell's announcement was made after it was too late to have her name removed from the General Election ballot. Towell has so far received 24.78%.

Ballot counts will continue periodically until all of the ballots that were received before the midnight November 5th deadline have been tabulated. The 2019 General Election will be certified on November 26th.