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NEWS RELEASE

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General Election Ballots Have Been Mailed

CLALLAM COUNTY – The General Election is underway! Ballots were mailed on Tuesday, October 17th to all Clallam County registered voters. Ballots have begun to arrive in mailboxes and will continue to be delivered through next week.

Election Staff opened the Official Ballot Drop Boxes located throughout Clallam County on Wednesday, October 18th and ballot collection began the next day. Returned ballots have been arriving through the mail and Official Ballot Drop Boxes.

Military and overseas voters' ballots were mailed on September 22nd. The Elections Office has seen an increase in requests for early ballot packets due to voters travelling out of the area before ballots were mailed or shortly thereafter. This is typical for a General Election.

Registered voters who do not receive a ballot packet by the end of next week should call or visit the Elections and Voter Registration Office for a replacement.

DID YOU KNOW...

Did you know that we have five layers of security in the Election Center?

Clallam County has multiple layers of physical measures in place to protect your vote and our elections. We work tirelessly during every election to ensure a safe and secure voting process.

1. Employees – No less than two employees are allowed in the Election Center once we begin receiving ballots back from voters and ballot processing begins through certification of the Election.
2. Ballots – All ballots are secured overnight with a security seal and log signed by two employees when the cages are opened and closed.
3. Doors – The Election Center doors have security seals placed on them when we are not inside processing ballots. These seals are recorded on a log signed by two employees each time the doors are opened or closed.



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4. Access Badges – Only access badges are used to enter the Election Center; we do not use keys to access this room. These badges record who has accessed the room and when, as well as denied access events for cardholders without authorization to enter these rooms. The county has deployed a new door reader system that is synchronized with high resolution security cameras at door exteriors. This provides enhanced security intelligence and visual confirmation of all recorded door access events.
5. Cameras – this is the fifth layer of security we have for our Elections Center and is twofold, as it also provides live stream viewing for anyone who would like to watch the election process via the comfort of their home. New high resolution security cameras provide a clear video log of all activity external to election rooms. These cameras are tamper-resistant and will send email and text alerts to appropriate county personnel when video feed is blocked or if a camera is disconnected or loses power. Camera lenses are enclosed with impact-resistant material.

Clallam County recently upgraded building security by replacing older security cameras and door access controls with a scalable, reliable, and feature-rich integrated solution. Camera and door access reader counts were increased to monitor more areas, image clarity was improved to a 4K resolution, and access event and access logs are maintained in a secure, controlled cloud environment for analysis. Installation and testing have recently been completed, providing a timely and critical improvement to overall security for the 2023 General Election.

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