



## Pierce County

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The Honorable Pat McCarthy  
Pierce County Auditor  
2401 So. 35<sup>th</sup> Street  
Tacoma, WA 98409

RE: RCV Survey

Dear Ms. McCarthy,

I have had the opportunity to review the Ranked Choice Voting Survey included in all Pierce County mail-in ballots displaying your name and signature.

As you are aware, the 2008 appropriation for the Auditor's office contained the following proviso:

*PROVIDED, the RCV Voter Education Program plan implementation shall use no name, image or likeness of any Pierce County official, shall not utilize paid radio or TV advertising, and shall focus its efforts solely on print and written means of communication to educate Pierce County voters on Rank Choice Voting.*

While the distribution of an RCV survey with the general election ballots may very well be a usual and ordinary function of the Auditor's office, it is my position that the deliberate inclusion of your name and signature on the survey constitutes a clear violation of the spirit and intent of the budget proviso.

In an effort to maintain the integrity of the proviso language adopted by the Council and signed by the Executive, I would respectfully request that no RCV surveys containing your name and/or signature be distributed in any polling place in the County on election day, November 4, 2008.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terry Lee".

TERRY LEE, Chair  
Pierce County Council  
District No. 7

