

NOTICE OF PRESIDENTIAL AND GENERAL ELECTION AND SAMPLE BALLOTS

Tuesday, November 06, 2012

OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE TOWN OF SUMNER

Notice is hereby given of a general election to be held in the ward in the Town of Sumner, on the 6th day of November, 2012, at which the officers named below shall be chosen. The names of the candidates for each office to be voted for, whose nominations have been certified to or filed in this office, are given under the title of the office and under the appropriate party or other designation, each in its proper column, together with the questions submitted to a vote, in the sample ballot below.

INFORMATION TO ELECTORS

Upon entering the polling place, an elector shall state his or her name and address and sign the poll book before being permitted to vote. Where ballots are distributed to electors, the initials of two inspectors must appear on the ballot. Upon being permitted to vote, the elector shall retire alone to a voting booth or machine and cast his or her ballot, except that an elector who is a parent or guardian may be accompanied by the elector's minor child or minor ward. An election official may inform the elector of the proper manner for casting a vote, but the official may not in any manner advise or indicate a particular voting choice.

Where an **optical scan** system is used, the elector shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to the name of the candidate of his or her choice for each office for which he or she intends to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the elector shall write in the name of the person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote, and fill in the oval or connect the arrow on the write-in line. On referendum questions, the elector shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the elector shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to "no" if opposed to the question.

An elector must cast a vote for President and Vice President jointly on one ticket. To vote for persons whose names do not appear on the ballot, write in the names of individuals for both offices on the lines provided. A write-in vote for only a vice presidential candidate will not be counted.

The vote should not be cast in any other manner. Not more than five minutes time shall be allowed inside a voting booth. Unofficial ballots or a memorandum to assist the elector in marking his or her ballot may be taken into the booth and copied. The sample ballot shall not be shown to anyone so as to reveal how the ballot is marked.

If an elector spoils a **paper or optical scan** ballot, he or she shall return it to an election official who shall issue another ballot in its place, but not more than three ballots shall be issued to any one elector. If the ballot has not been initialed by two inspectors or is defective in any other way, the elector shall return it to the election official who shall issue a proper ballot in its place. After casting his or her vote, the elector shall leave the voting booth, properly deposit the ballot, and promptly leave the polling place.

After an official **optical scan** ballot is marked, it shall be inserted in the secrecy sleeve provided so the marks do not show. The elector shall then insert the ballot in the voting device and discard the sleeve, or deposit the ballot in the ballot box or deliver it to an inspector for deposit. If a central count system is used, the elector shall insert the ballot in the ballot box and discard the sleeve, or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. The elector shall leave the polling place promptly.

An elector may select an individual to assist in casting his or her vote if the elector declares to the presiding official that he or she is unable to read, has difficulty reading, writing, or understanding English, or that due to disability is unable to cast his or her ballot. The selected individual rendering assistance may not be the elector's employer or an agent of that employer or an officer or agent of a labor organization which represents the elector.

The following is a sample of the official ballot:

Barbara McGann , Sumner Town Clerk