#### **Prepaid Postage** Julie Wise, Director of King County Elections

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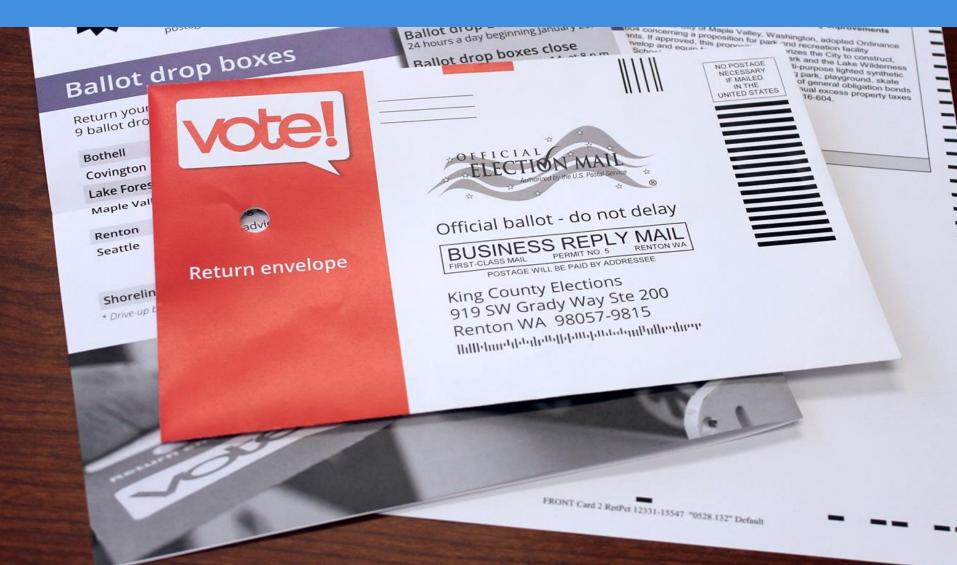


# **Removing Barriers to Voting**

- Increasing drop boxes
- Additional languages
- Partnerships to engage underrepresented communities
- More inclusive state voter registration laws
- Next step is prepaid postage



## Pilots: February and April 2017



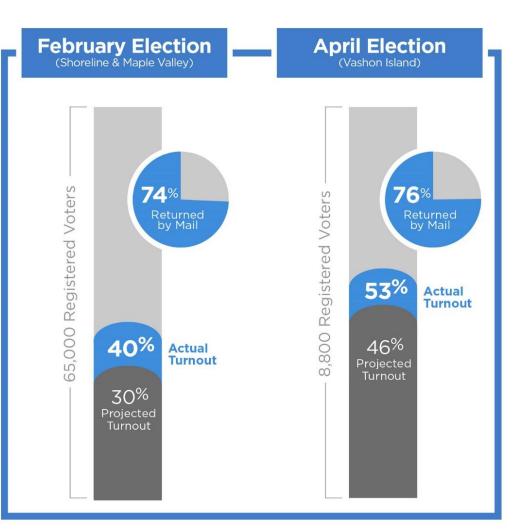
### **Pilots: Operational Considerations**



- No change in the cancellation rate for business reply mail.
  98.7% postmarked, which is consistent with regular first class mail.
- One-day processing time lag eliminated in 2<sup>nd</sup> pilot.

## **Pilots: Voter Behavior**

- Voters returned their ballot by mail in much higher numbers than previous elections.
- Turnout was higher than projected in both elections.



### Prepaid Estimated Cost Countywide

	Low	High
2018	\$340,000	\$475,000
2019	\$245,000	\$342,000
2020	\$434,000	\$608,000





## Questions?

