

**November 2014 Springfield County Official Sample Ballot****Provided to all registered voters by the Secretary of State**

Dear Fellow Voter:

By registering to vote, you have taken the first step in deciding your country's future. To help you make your decisions, our team created this Official Voter Information Guide. It is just one of the useful tools for learning about what is on your ballot and how this election works.

Your county sample ballot booklet has information about candidates and measures unique to your region. For more election details such as how to check your voter registration, find your polling place, or confirm your vote-by-mail ballot was received, visit [www.sos.wa.gov/sample\\_ballot\\_info](http://www.sos.wa.gov/sample_ballot_info) or call this toll-free voter hotline at (800) 555-5555.

Every registered voter has a choice about whether he or she prefers voting by mail or voting in a local polling place. The last day to request a vote-by-mail ballot from your county elections office is October 25. On Election Day, polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

There are more ways to participate in the electoral process.

- Be a poll worker on Election Day, helping to make voting easier for all eligible voters and protecting ballots until they are counted.
- Spread the word about voting rights through emails, phone calls, brochures, and posters.

- 237           • Educate other voters by organizing discussion groups or participating in  
244           debates with friends, family, and community leaders.

255           This voter guide contains titles and summaries of state ballot measures  
269           prepared by the state Attorney General Fred Johannsen; impartial analyses of the  
280           ballot measures and potential costs to taxpayers prepared by Legislative Analyst  
290           Susan Wong; ballot measure arguments prepared by proponents and opponents;  
303           text of the proposed laws prepared and certified free of errors by Legislative  
314           Counsel Danielle Hershey and other useful information. The guide was printed  
322           under the supervision of State Printer Riley Jenkins.

336           It is a great privilege in a democracy to have choices. Some contests really do  
351           come down to a narrow margin of just a few votes. We encourage you to take  
364           time to carefully read about each candidate and ballot measure, and to know  
367           your voting rights.

378           Thank you for taking your civic responsibility seriously and making your  
380           voice heard!