



# Clallam / Jefferson County Joint Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee Per RCW 29A.04.223



## Plan to Improve Accessibility of Elections For Voters with Disabilities Formed 5/08; Clallam Co. joined 12/14 Rev. 12/11; 12/14; 9/15; 9/17; 10/18

### Committee's role:

- ✓ Accessibility – Advise the Auditor's Office on how to make voting more accessible to the disabled community
- ✓ Outreach – Assist the Auditor's Office in communicating with voters in the disabled community
- ✓ Education – Help the Auditor's Office to inform voters in the disabled community and educate staff on disability issues

### Committee Members:

At a minimum from each county, the committee members should consist of:

- County Auditor
- Election Supervisor / Coordinator
  - o Other county employees that participate in either elections or outreach and education.
- Members from local organizations that provide services for individuals, businesses and organizations. For example, Disability Awareness Starts Here (DASH) and Jefferson County Council of the Blind (JCCB).

### Voting Centers, Staffed:

Clallam County has one voting center located in the Auditor's Office on the main floor of the Clallam County Courthouse, 223 E. 4<sup>th</sup> St., Port Angeles. The accessible voting unit (AVU) is located in the Auditor's Office. The courthouse is ADA accessible. The voting center will be open for 20 days prior to the election from 8:00 am – 4:30 pm and on Election Day from 8:00 am-8:00 pm.

Jefferson County has one voting center located in the Auditor's Office on the first floor of the Jefferson County Courthouse, 1820 Jefferson St., Port Townsend. The accessible voting unit (AVU) is located in the hallway in front of the Auditor's Office. The courthouse is ADA accessible. The voting center will be open for 20 days prior to the election from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm and on Election Day from 8:30 am – 8:00 pm.

### Ballot Drop Sites, Unstaffed - Clallam County:

1. Clallam County Courthouse, Circular Drive and Front Sidewalk – available 24/7 during 20 day voting period  
223 E. 4<sup>th</sup> St., Port Angeles 98362
2. Clallam County Courthouse, directly across from the disabled parking – available 24/7 during 20 day voting period.

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3. Sequim Village Shopping Center, JC Penney Parking Lot – available 24/7 during 20 day voting period  
651 W Washington St., Sequim 98382
4. Forks City Hall (outside) – available 24/7 during 20 day voting period  
500 E. Division St., Forks 98331
5. Neah Bay – available 24/7 during 20 day voting period  
1450 Bayview Ave (in front of Washburn’s General Store).
6. Sekiu - available 24/7 during 20 day voting period (beginning 10/18)  
15 Sekiu Airport Rd (by the PUD building).
7. Carlsborg - available 24/7 during 20 day voting period (beginning 10/18)  
261461 Hwy 101 (next to Sunny Farms, near Mill Rd).

### **Ballot Drop Sites, Unstaffed – Jefferson County:**

1. Jefferson Co. Courthouse, Back parking lot – available 24/7 during 20 day voting period  
1820 Jefferson St., Port Townsend 98368
2. Jefferson Co. Library – available 24/7 during 20 day voting period  
620 Cedar Ave., Port Hadlock 98339
3. Nordland Fire Station 12 – available 24/7 during 20 day voting period  
6633 Flagler Rd, Nordland 98358
4. Quilcene Community Center - available 24/7 during 20 day voting period  
294952 Hwy 101, Quilcene 98376
5. Brinnon Community Center - available 24/7 during 20 day voting period  
306144 Hwy 101, Brinnon 98320

### **Community Outreach**

Clallam and Jefferson County will present, upon request, a voter education program to area service clubs, service organizations, and senior centers. We will present the same message in our local newspapers, TV & radio stations. We will produce flyers and posters. We will include in our Public Notice of the Availability of Voting Aids for Disabled Voter Access for all elections, that the Accessible Voting Unit will be available for 20 days prior to the election and Election Day at the courthouses.

### **Online Ballot Marking Program**

Any registered voter can use the online ballot marking program.

Clallam and Jefferson Counties, along with many other Washington counties, use [www.myvote.wa.gov](http://www.myvote.wa.gov).

Other Washington counties use other web sites to offer this service to their voters.

Voters with disabilities can mark their choices online, print their ballot, sign the declaration on the return envelope and return it to the election department either by mail or in a drop box.

### **Implementation of the Provisions of HAVA**

The VAAC committee will continue to advise the Auditor’s Offices on how to make voting more accessible to the disabled community; assists the Auditor’s Offices in communicating with voters in the disabled community; and helps the Auditor’s Offices to inform voters in the disabled community and educate staff on disability issues.

## **Training in Respectful Communication**

Clallam County has a manual on Diversity Sensitivity Training which all have read and are encouraged to review annually.

Jefferson County employees are required to participate in Diversity Sensitivity Training every two years.

Disability Awareness Starts Here (DASH) and Jefferson County Council of the Blind (JCCB) will offer training to community and county employees on disability issues.

## **Identify areas where people with disabilities can participate by assisting in the process as workers.**

Clallam and Jefferson County hire extra help for elections through a normal county hiring process which encourages those with disabilities and minorities to apply.