

**Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee
Minutes
October 1, 2012**

In Attendance:

Karen Herr, Chair, Mason County Auditor
Carol Boyd, Chief Executive Officer for EFI
Pat Kevin, Activist
Valerie Sorenson, Accessibility Coordinator

Karen Herr called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

While the members enjoyed Carol's homemade cupcakes, Valerie passed out copies of the new Accessibility Brochure. The brochure describes the different features of the AVU device and lists the location and times it is available to voters. It also displays pictures of the accessible enhancements to the Auditor's office provided by HAVA grant funding, a picture and description of the Advisory committee, and pictures and addresses of all the accessible ballot drop boxes located throughout Mason County.

Valerie updated the members on outreach and educational projects leading up to the Primary election – Allyn Days, Mason Area Fair, Taste of Hood Canal and the Shelton Senior Center.

She also discussed outreach opportunities planned for the upcoming General Election – Shelton Farmers Market, North Mason Resource Center, Alpine Retirement Center, and the Senior Center. Pat and Carol offered other suggestions for outreach projects and offered to help facilitate a registration drive at St. David's Parish Hall.

Karen announced that the County Commissioners had awarded additional office space to the Auditor's office for a much needed election process center. The members supported the idea of submitting a grant request for HAVA funds to purchase and install two accessible doors – a sliding glass door to the outside of the building for delivery of the ballots and another inside door for public access. In addition, this funding would also cover replacing the Belfair ballot box with a larger version and a wall-mounted indoor ballot box located next to the Elections' counter.

Karen presented the updated Mason County Accessibility Plan for improving voting for those with disabilities.

Valerie demonstrated the Audio/Video DVD of the voters' pamphlet. Members chose to watch a 5-minute presentation on the pros and cons of Initiative 502 – legalizing marijuana. This audio/video version can be found on the Auditor's website at: <https://wei.sos.wa.gov/county/mason/en/Elections/voterassistance/Pages/Accessible%20Voting%20Equipment.aspx>.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.