

## King County Elections

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**Subject:** ACORN late registrations - Media update on Saturday morning

Just did an interview with Q-13 about the late registrations ACORN turned in two days past the deadline. I think it went really well, though they had to run to cover a fatal accident in Woodinville. KING 5 will be here b/w 1- 2 p.m. This is about the slanted Seattle Times story in today's paper regarding the 1,100 registration forms they turned in two days after the state deadline. I also did an interview with Derrick Wong/KUOW this morning.

### **Below are some of my talking points:**

We rec'd a box on Oct.9, two days past the deadline and were horrified to open it and learn approximately 1,100 people were disenfranchised because a group sat on these forms for too long. Some of the registrations were completed on Sept.23rd and they should have been turned in well in advance of the Oct.7 deadline. We work with commercial groups all the time to make sure they understand these important state deadlines so we are surprised they got them to use two days late.

The fact is, when something like this happens, it gives all the other groups working hard to register voters a bad name.

State law ties our hands on this. The law states "late registrations are late registrations."

Any time people entrust their voter registration forms to commercial companies, they run the risk that there will not be a timely delivery of the material. The law does not prevent groups, but we certainly don't encourage it.

Our message to the public today is that the clock is ticking but it is not too late to register to vote for the Nov.7 General if you're a new Washington resident and still want to vote next month. We'll be open Monday from 8:30 to 6 p.m. to register new residents to Washington.