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N.J.S.A. 19:61-9: AUDITS OF ELECTION RESULTS November 3, 2020

General Election Audit Date: December 11, 2020

The Middlesex County Board of Elections (BOE) performed a post-election audit consistent with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:61-9 and the guidelines promulgated by the New Jersey Secretary of State's Office on Friday, December 11, 2020. The BOE conducted a hand-to-eye count of the voter-verifiable paper records for the November 3, 2020 General Election for the offices of the United States President, United States Senate, United States House of Representatives, Middlesex County Freeholder and Mayor. The County Clerk, council, Board of Education elections and public questions were excluded from the audit.

Pursuant to the statute, "the audit shall be conducted in at least 2% of the election districts in which each audited election appears on the ballot." Due to the COVID-19 global pandemic, this election was conducted as a primarily paper election. The guidelines provided for this audit require 2% of the audit units in each of the congressional districts to be randomly selected.

Audit units included: voter verified paper audit trails from each voting machine, vote by mail ballots by municipality / ward; and provisional ballots by municipality / ward. In total, 1,288 audit units were created.

There are two congressional districts in Middlesex County: the 6th and 12th. 2% of the audit units for the 6th Congressional District required 8 batches to be audited. 2% of the audit units for the 12th Congressional District required 14 batches to be audited.

As provided for in the statute, the following audit units were randomly selected for audit on Friday, December 11, 2020 at 9:30 am.

1. 12th Congressional District: East Brunswick: Batch C0111: VBMs: 398 Ballots
2. 6th Congressional District: Edison: Batch C0189: VBMs: 278 Ballots
3. 12th Congressional District: East Brunswick: Batch C022: VBMs: 254 Ballots
4. 12th Congressional District: Monroe: C022: VBMs: 344 Ballots
5. 6th Congressional District: Old Bridge: C325: VBMs: 300 Ballots
6. 6th Congressional District: New Brunswick: D068: VBMs: 189 Ballots
7. 6th Congressional District: Highland Park: C270: VBMs: 251 Ballots
8. 12th Congressional District: South Brunswick: D036: VBMs: 309 Ballots

9. 6th Congressional District: Edison: B180: VBMs: 96 Ballots
10. 12th Congressional District: East Brunswick: D045: VBMS: 310 Ballots
11. 6th Congressional District: Edison: C190: VBMs: 339 Ballots
12. 12th Congressional District: Monroe: E0018: Provisionals: 441 Ballots
13. 12th Congressional District: North Brunswick: C328: VBMs: 529 Ballots
14. 6th Congressional District: Old Bridge: B189: VBMs: 331 Ballots
15. 12th Congressional District: South River: C310: VBMs: 468 Ballots
16. 6th Congressional District: Woodbridge: A107: VBMs: 344 Ballots
17. 12th Congressional District: East Brunswick: O127: VBMs: 317 Ballots
18. 12th Congressional District: Monroe: A069: VBMs: 356 Ballots
19. 6th Congressional District: Edison: D021: VBMs: 296 Ballots
20. 12th Congressional District: Monroe: A147: VBMs: 331 Ballots
21. 6th Congressional District: Edison: C221: VBMs: 367 Ballots
22. 12th Congressional District: Monroe: B142: VBMs: 108 Ballots
23. 6th Congressional District: Sayreville: B220: VBMs: 300 Ballots
24. 12th Congressional District: Monroe: D069: VBMs: 182 Ballots
25. 6th Congressional District: Edison: C004: VBMs: 302 Ballots
26. 12th Congressional District: Monroe: A149: VBMs: 208 Ballots

In each district, the hand to eye audit was 100% consistent with the machine tally. The audit did not result in a change in the number of votes counted for any candidate. The voting machines do not allow for overvotes. Any paper ballot which contained an overvote for a particular contest recorded it as an overvote but did not count a vote. Undervotes were recorded by the vote tabulation system and were reconciled during the audit.

Respectfully Submitted on December 11, 2020 by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas Lynch". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "T" and a long, sweeping underline.

THOMAS LYNCH

Administrator