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N.J.S.A. 19:61-9: AUDITS OF ELECTION RESULTS November 2, 2021

General Election Audit Date: November 18, 2021

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 Tuesday, November 16th, Wednesday, November 17th, and Friday, November 19th. The BOE conducted a hand-to-eye count of the voter-verifiable paper records for the November 2, 2021, General Election for the offices of the New Jersey Governor, State Senate, State Assembly, Middlesex County Surrogate, and local mayor and/or council contests. The County Commissioners, 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." The guidelines provided for this audit requires 2% of audit units if there are 100 or more election districts within the legislative district; or 2 audit units if there are fewer than 100 election districts within the legislative district 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.

There are seven legislative districts in Middlesex County: LD 12, LD 14, LD 16, LD 17, LD 18, LD 19, and LD 22. 2% of the election districts for: LD12 is 2 units, LD 14 is 2 units, LD 16 is 2 units, LD 17 is 2 units, LD 18 is 4 units, LD 19 is 3 units, LD 22 is 2 units.

As provided for in the statute, the following audit units were randomly selected for audit on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at 2:00 pm:

1. 12th Legislative District: Old Bridge – Batch #80: VBMs: 25
2. 12th Legislative District: Old Bridge – Machine XL0119050171: Ballots: 618
3. 14th Legislative District: Cranbury – Machine XL01180010157: Ballots: 946
4. 14th Legislative District: Monroe – Batch #41: VBMs: 95
5. 16th Legislative District: South Brunswick – Batch # 34: VBMs: 307
6. 16th Legislative District: South Brunswick – Batch # 87: VBMs: 195
7. 17th Legislative District: New Brunswick – batch # 38: VBMs: 185
8. 17th Legislative District: North Brunswick – XL0119040661: Ballots: 390
9. 18th Legislative District: Edison: Batch #17: VBMs: 408
10. 18th Legislative District: East Brunswick – Batch #95: Provisionals: 150
11. 18th Legislative District: South River– Machine XL0118120849: Ballots: 582
12. 18th Legislative District: Metuchen – Batch #82: VBMs: Ballots: 20
13. 19th Legislative District: Perth Amboy – Batch #36: VBMs: 297
14. 19th Legislative District: Carteret – Batch #83: VBMs: 1
15. 19th Legislative District: Woodbridge – Machine XL01118120849: Ballots: 734
16. 22nd Legislative District: Dunellen – Batch # 82: VBMs: 1
17. 22nd Legislative District: Dunellen – Batch #88: VBMs: 12

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 November 19, 2021, 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 "L".

THOMAS LYNCH
Administrator