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N.J.S.A.19:61-9: AUDITS OF ELECTION RESULTS 2021 GENERAL ELECTION

Audit Date: November 20, 2021

The Somerset County Board of Elections (SCBOE) performed an audit consistent with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:61-9.

The SCBOE conducted a hand-to-eye count of the voter-verifiable paper records for the General Election for the Governor, State Senate, General Assembly, Board of County Commissioners and Municipal Council/Committee contests. The Board of Education elections, fire district 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 (batches) in which each audited election appears on the ballot." Somerset County is comprised of Legislative Districts ("LD") 16, 17, 21, 22, 23 and 25. Five (5) audit units (batches) were audited from LD16, three (3) from LD17, two (2) from LD21, two (2) from LD22, four (4) from LD23, and two (2) from LD25. A total of 18 audit units (batches) were audited from the six (6) Legislative Districts.

Audit units included: Early Voting Ballots (Voting Machines/Provisionals), Vote by Mail Ballots (VBM) by municipality/ward; VBM received within 6 days (VBM 6 days) by municipality/ward; and Provisional Ballots (PBs) by municipality/ward. Tally sheets were prepared in advance of the audit for each municipality/ward and approved by the New Jersey Division of Elections.

The following audit units were randomly selected for audit:

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| 1. 16th Legislative District: Montgomery | Batch #71 | MIB Tab2 |
| 2. 16th Legislative District: Hillsborough | Batch #6 | Early Voting Machine |
| 3. 16th Legislative District: Somerville | Batch #2* | Provisionals Tab 2 |
| 4. 16th Legislative District: Rocky Hill | Batch #158 | MIB Tab 1 |
| 5. 16th Legislative District: Branchburg | Batch #25* | MIB Tab 1 |
| 6. 17th Legislative District: Franklin | Batch #132* | MIB Tab 2 |

7. 17th Legislative District: Franklin	Batch #129	MIB Tab 2
8. 17th Legislative District: Franklin	Batch #147	MIB Tab 1
9. 21st Legislative District: Bernards	Batch #10*	MIB Tab1
10. 21st Legislative District: Bernards	Batch #11	MIB Tab2
11. 22nd Legislative District: North Plainfield	Batch #38*	MIB Tab1
12. 22nd Legislative District: North Plainfield	Batch #10	EV Machine
13. 23rd Legislative District: Bedminster	Batches #3,4,5,6,25 EV Provisionals	
14. 23rd Legislative District: South Bound Brook	Batch #43	MIB Tab1
15. 23rd Legislative District: Bridgewater	Batch #127	MIB Tab1
16. 23rd Legislative District: Bridgewater	Batch #129*	MIB Tab1
17. 25th Legislative District: Bernardsville	Batch #4*	MIB Tab1
18. 25th Legislative District: Bernardsville	Batch #138*	MIB Tab1

In some of the audited batches (identified with an asterisk), the hand to eye count revealed only a minor discrepancy with the scanned tally. The hand to eye count identified one additional vote on random contests on the ballot. This was attributable to the hand to eye Tally Teams identifying partially and/or incorrectly marked ovals on the ballots that showed clear voter intent but were likely not recorded by the scanner. The audit did not result in any significant change in the number of votes counted for any candidate. Any paper ballot which contained an overvote for a particular contest recorded it as an overvote, but did not count a vote. The audit did not tally undervotes.

Respectfully Submitted on November 22, 2021 by:



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