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

November 8, 2022 General Election

Audit Date: November 29, 2022

The Union County Board of Elections (UC 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 29, 2022. The audit was available to the public via zoom and in-person observation.

The UC BOE conducted a hand-to-eye count of the voter-verifiable paper records created during the course of administering the November 8, 2022 General Election for the offices of United States House of Representatives, Union County Surrogate and Municipal Mayor or Council / Township Committee. Public Questions and Boards of Education elections 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 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 used in Early Voting and on Election Day, vote by mail ballots by municipality / ward; and provisional ballots by municipality / ward. In total, 775 audit units were created.

There are four congressional districts in Union County: the 7th, 8th, 10th and 12th. In the 7th CD, there are a total of 358 batches. Seven audit batches were randomly selected. In the 8th CD, there are a total of 90 batches. Two audit batches were randomly selected. In the 10th CD, there are a total of 270 batches. Five audit batches were randomly selected. In the 12th CD, there are a total of 57 batches. Two audit batches were randomly selected.

As provided for in the statute, the following audit units were randomly selected for audit on Monday, November 28, 2022 at 10:00am via a publicly advertised and accessible zoom meeting:

1. 7th Congressional District: Westfield Ward 1: Vote by Mail Ballots: Batch 0084
2. 7th Congressional District: Rahway Wards 4 & 5: Vote by Mail Ballots: Batch B0114
3. 7th Congressional District: Rahway Wards 4, 5 & 6: Vote by Mail Ballots: Batch D0028
4. 7th Congressional District: Rahway Ward 2: Provisional Ballots: Batch H0032
5. 7th Congressional District: Berkeley Heights 5: Election Day Voting Machine: 19005
6. 7th Congressional District: Clark Ward 2: Vote by Mail Ballots: Batch B0055
7. 7th Congressional District: Scotch Plains: Vote by Mail Ballots: Batch B0071
8. 8th Congressional District: Elizabeth 4-10: Election Day Machine: 19100
9. 8th Congressional District: Elizabeth Early Voting Machine: 19489
10. 10th Congressional District: Roselle Park Ward 4: Provisional Ballots: Batch H0009
11. 10th Congressional District: Roselle Park Ward 1: Batch A0017



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12. 10th Congressional District: Mixed Vote by Mail Ballots: Batch F0001
13. 10th Congressional District: Hillside 4-4: Election Day Machine: 19144
14. 10th Congressional District: Union 11: Election Day Machine: 19366
15. 12th Congressional District: Plainfield Early Voting Machine: 19501
16. 12th Congressional District: Plainfield 2-10: Election Day Voting Machine: 19224

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 course of the audit.

Respectfully Submitted on November 30, 2022 by:


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