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N.J.S.A. 19:61-9: AUDITS OF ELECTION RESULTS November 7, 2023

General Election Audit Date: November 21, 2023

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 Monday, November 20th, and Tuesday, November 21st. The BOE conducted a hand-to-eye count of the voter-verifiable paper records for the November 7, 2023, General Election for the offices of the State Senate, State Assembly, Middlesex County Commissioners, 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.

Legislative **Ballot Type** Batch # or Machine # Municipality **Total Ballots** District 12th LD **Mail-In-Ballots** C0026 Old Bridge 1 12th LD **Mail-In Ballots** C0024 450 Old Bridge $14^{th} LD$ C0010 Monroe 334 **Mail-In-Ballots** 14th LD **Mail-In-Ballots** C0060 Monroe 281 14th LD 1451 Plainsboro 57 Voting Machine 16th LD D0016 South Brunswick 213 Mail-In-Ballots 16th LD 1699 South Brunswick 155 Voting Machine 17th LD C0052 71 **Mail-In-Ballots** North Brunswick 17th LD **Voting Machine** 1399 Piscatawav 240 18th LD B0027 East Brunswick 190 **Mail-In-Ballots**

As provided for in the statute, the following audit units were randomly selected for audit on Monday, November 20, 2023, at 2:00 pm at a publicly noticed meeting:

| 18 th LD | Mail-In Ballots | B0054 | Highland Park | 148 |
|---------------------|-----------------|-------|----------------------------------|-----|
| 18 th LD | Machine Votes | B0060 | South Plainfield, South River | 35 |
| 18th LD | Mail-In-Ballots | D0066 | South Plainfield, South River | 48 |
| 19th LD | Mail-In-Ballots | A0035 | Woodbridge | 61 |
| 19th LD | Mail-In-Ballots | B0061 | Woodbridge | 201 |
| 19th LD | Voting Machine | 1606 | Woodbridge | 96 |
| 22nd LD | Mail-In-Ballots | B0050 | Carteret | 8 |
| 22nd LD | Voting Machine | 1186 | Middlesex | 167 |
| 22nd LD | Voting Machine | 1190 | Middlesex | 177 |

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 overvotes. Any paper ballot which contained an overvote for a particular contest recorded it as an overvote and did not count a vote. Undervotes were recorded by the vote tabulation system and were reconciled during the audit.

Respectfully Submitted on November 22, 2023, by:

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THOMAS LYNCH Administrator