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

Special 10<sup>th</sup> Congressional District General Election – September 18, 2024 Audit Date: October 1, 2024

The Union County Board of Elections (UCBOE) performed a post-election audit consistent with the provisions of <u>N.J.S.A. 19:61-9</u> and the guidelines promulgated by the New Jersey Secretary of State's Office on Tuesday, October 1, 2024. The audit was available to the public via zoom and in-person observation.

The UCBOE conducted a hand-to-eye count of the voter-verifiable paper records created during the course of administering the Special General Election for the Office of House of Representatives for the 10<sup>th</sup> Congressional District.

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. The audit batches were selected on Monday, September 30, 2024 and the process was available to the public via zoom and in person.

Audit units included voter verified paper audit trails from each voting machine used in Early Voting and on Election Day, vote by mail ballots; and provisional ballots. In total, 195 audit units were created.

All audit batches were created for the  $10^{th}$  Congressional District. A total of 4 batches were audited, which represents 2% of the 195 audit batches created.

As provided for in the statute, the following audit units were randomly selected for audit on Monday, September 30, 2024 at 10:30am via a publicly advertised and accessible zoom meeting:

- 1. Voting Machine 19391: Union District 36
- 2. Mail-In Ballot Batch C00025
- 3. Mail-In Ballot Batch C00015
- 4. Mail-In Ballot Batch C00012



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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 October 1, 2024 by:

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