

**PINAL COUNTY**  
**Hand Count / Early Ballot Audit Report**

**Synopsis:**

Pursuant to A.R.S. §16-602 (B), Pinal County conducted the hand count/early ballot audit for the November 6, 2012 General Election. Two (2) precincts were counted as required by statute.

The hand count began on November 7, 2012 at 1:00 pm when the designated representatives of the Pinal County Chairmen of the Republican and Democratic Parties met to select the races, precincts, and early ballot audit batches to be counted. All ballots were accounted for in the central counting location before the selection process started. The selection order was chosen by lot, and the Democratic Party was chosen to go first.

With the order established, the specific precincts to be counted were selected with the County Party Chairmen's representatives alternating the selection. Once the precincts were chosen, the races to be counted were selected.

Five contested races were chosen as required by law. The following list display's the contested races that were counted:

- Presidential Elector
- Federal Race – U.S Senator
- Statewide Candidate Race – Corporation Commissioner
- State Legislative Race – State Representative
- Statewide Ballot Measure – Proposition 121

The master precinct and race selection lists are attached for review. The physical hand count started at 10:00 am on 11/08/2012 and was concluded at 4:30 pm on 11/09/2012. The tabulation method used was the stacking method. The hand count was conducted by 2 boards made up 4 members, of which not more than 2 members were from the same political party. This hand count included votes cast on both the optical scan and touch screen devices from the selected precincts.

**Early Ballot Audit:**

Over 1% of early ballots were audited as per Arizona State Law. The early ballot audit consisted of 3 batches, containing 307, 223, & 129 ballots respectively. There were a total of 65,885 early ballots cast in Pinal County for the 2012 General Election.

**Comments:**

Please find the following precinct and early ballot reports for your review.

  
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# Master Precinct and Race Selection Worksheet

November 6, 2012 General Election

## SECTION A. SELECTED PRECINCTS (LIST IN ORDER SELECTED)

08	95				

## SECTION B. NUMBER OF RACES TO COUNT PER CATEGORY

RACE CATEGORY	TICK MARK TALLY	NUMBER OF RACES PER CATEGORY	RECEIVED PRECINCT HAND COUNT MARGIN WORKSHEET
1. Presidential Elector		1	
2. Statewide Candidate		1	
3. Statewide Ballot Measure		9	
4. Federal Candidate			
5. State Legislative			
Additional Races Needed	0		

## SECTION C. RACES TO BE COUNTED IN EACH SELECTED PRECINCT

Race To Be Counted	Category of Race
1. Presidential Elector	Presidential Elector
2. Corporation Commissioner	Statewide Candidate
3. U.S. Senator	Federal
4. State Representative	State Legislative
5. Proposition 121	Statewide Ballot Measure

**PRECINCT HAND COUNT REPORT**

Precinct Counted: 08 – SADDLEBROOKE WEST

Election: November 6, 2012

**Race Category:** Presidential Elector

**Race:** Presidential Elector

**Optical Scan**

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
ROMNEY	351	351	0
OBAMA	129	129	0
JOHNSON	0	0	0
STEIN	0	0	0
Totals:	480	480	0

**Touch Screen**

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
ROMNEY	5	5	0
OBAMA	5	5	0
JOHNSON	0	0	0
STEIN	0	0	0
Totals:	10	10	0

Sum of Optical Scan AND Touch Screens	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Totals:	490	490	0

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred: \_\_\_\_\_

**Race Category:** Federal

**Race:** U.S. Senator

**Optical Scan**

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
FLAKE, JEFF	332	332	0
CARMONA, RICHARD	136	136	0
VICTOR, MARC	2	2	0
Totals:	470	470	0

**Touch Screen**

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
FLAKE, JEFF	3	3	0
CARMONA, RICHARD	5	5	0
VICTOR, MARC	0	0	0
Totals:	8	8	0

Sum of Optical Scan AND Touch Screens	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Totals:	478	478	0

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred: \_\_\_\_\_

**Race Category:** State Legislative

**Race:** State Representative

**Optical Scan**

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
KWASMAN, ADAM	291	291	0
SMITH, STEVE	256	256	0
JOSEPH, DAVE	115	115	0
Totals:	662	662	0

**Touch Screen**

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
KWASMAN, ADAM	4	4	0
SMITH, STEVE	3	3	0
JOSEPH, DAVE	5	5	0
Totals:	12	12	0

Sum of Optical Scan AND Touch Screens	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Totals:	674	674	0

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred: \_\_\_\_\_

**Race Category:** Statewide Candidate

**Race:** Corporation Commissioner

**Optical Scan**

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
BITTER SMITH, SUSAN	297	297	0
BURNS, ROBERT "BOB"	296	296	0
STUMP, BOB	304	304	0
BUSCHING, MARCIA	100	100	0
KENNEDY, SANDRA	106	106	0
NEWMAN, PAUL	110	110	0
GOHL, CHRISTOPHER	8	8	0
MEADOWS, THOMAS	4	4	0
POUT, DANIEL	6	6	0
Totals:	1231	1231	0

**Touch Screen**

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
BITTER SMITH, SUSAN	2	2	0
BURNS, ROBERT "BOB"	2	2	0
STUMP, BOB	1	1	0
BUSCHING, MARCIA	4	4	0
KENNEDY, SANDRA	3	3	0
NEWMAN, PAUL	4	4	0
GOHL, CHRISTOPHER	0	0	0
MEADOWS, THOMAS	0	0	0
POUT, DANIEL	0	0	0
Totals:	16	16	0

Sum of Optical Scan AND Touch Screens	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Totals:	1247	1247	0

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred: \_\_\_\_\_

**Race Category:** Statewide Ballot Measure

**Race:** Proposition 121

**Optical Scan**

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
YES	101	101	0
NO	323	323	0
Totals:	424	424	0

**Touch Screen**

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
YES	2	2	0
NO	6	6	0
Totals:	8	8	0

Sum of Optical Scan AND Touch Screens	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Totals:	432	432	0

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**\* Carry Totals to Aggregate Precinct Hand Count Report \***

**PRECINCT HAND COUNT REPORT**

Precinct Counted: 95 - QUEEN CREEK SOUTH

Election: November 6, 2012 General

**Race Category:** Presidential Elector

**Race:** Presidential Elector

**Optical Scan**

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
ROMNEY	144	144	0
OBAMA	87	87	0
JOHNSON	4	4	0
STEIN	1	1	0
Totals:	236	236	0

**Touch Screen**

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
ROMNEY	0	0	0
OBAMA	0	0	0
JOHNSON	0	0	0
STEIN	0	0	0
Totals:	0	0	0

Sum of Optical Scan AND Touch Screens	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Totals:	236	236	0

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred: \_\_\_\_\_

**Race Category:** Federal

**Race:** U.S. Senator

**Optical Scan**

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
FLAKE, JEFF	137	137	0
CARMONA, RICHARD	90	90	0
VICTOR, MARC	8	8	0
Totals:	235	235	0

**Touch Screen**

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
FLAKE, JEFF	0	0	0
CARMONA, RICHARD	0	0	0
VICTOR, MARC	0	0	0
Totals:	0	0	0

Sum of Optical Scan AND Touch Screens	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Totals:	235	235	0

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred: \_\_\_\_\_

**Race Category:** State Legislative

**Race:** State Representative

**Optical Scan**

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
PRATT, FRANK	124	124	0
SHOPE, THOMAS "T.J."	95	95	0
BUSTAMANTE, ERNEST	73	73	0
VERDUGO, EMILY	60	60	0
Totals:	352	352	0

**Touch Screen**

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
PRATT, FRANK	0	0	0
SHOPE, THOMAS "T.J."	0	0	0
BUSTAMANTE, ERNEST	0	0	0
VERDUGO, EMILY	0	0	0
Totals:	0	0	0

Sum of Optical Scan AND Touch Screens	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Totals:	352	352	0

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred: \_\_\_\_\_

**Race Category:** Statewide Candidate

**Race:** Corporation Commissioner

**Optical Scan**

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
BITTER SMITH, SUSAN	108	108	0
BURNS, ROBERT "BOB"	106	106	0
STUMP, BOB	102	102	0
BUSCHING, MARCIA	52	52	0
KENNEDY, SANDRA	64	64	0
NEWMAN, PAUL	69	69	0
GOHL, CHRISTOPHER	15	15	0
MEADOWS, THOMAS	7	7	0
POUT, DANIEL	7	7	0
Totals:	530	530	0

**Touch Screen**

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
BITTER SMITH, SUSAN	0	0	0
BURNS, ROBERT "BOB"	0	0	0
STUMP, BOB	0	0	0
BUSCHING, MARCIA	0	0	0
KENNEDY, SANDRA	0	0	0
NEWMAN, PAUL	0	0	0
GOHL, CHRISTOPHER	0	0	0
MEADOWS, THOMAS	0	0	0
POUT, DANIEL	0	0	0
Totals:	0	0	0

Sum of Optical Scan AND Touch Screens	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Totals:	530	530	0

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred: \_\_\_\_\_

**Race Category:** Statewide Ballot Measure

**Race:** Proposition 121

**Optical Scan**

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
YES	56	56	0
NO	132	132	0
Totals:	188	188	0

**Touch Screen**

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
YES	0	0	0
NO	0	0	0
Totals:	0	0	0

Sum of Optical Scan AND Touch Screens	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Totals:	188	188	0

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**\* Carry Totals to Aggregate Precinct Hand Count Report \***

**EARLY BALLOT AUDIT - HAND COUNT REPORT**

Batch Counted: 13

# of Ballots per Batch: 307

Election: November 6, 2012 General

**Race Category:** Presidential Elector

**Race:** Presidential Elector

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
ROMNEY	187	187	0
OBAMA	118	117	1
JOHNSON	1	1	0
STEIN	0	0	0
Totals:	306	305	1

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred: *Inconsistently marked ballots or miscounted by hand.*

**Race Category:** Federal

**Race:** U.S. Senator

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
FLAKE, JEFF	171	171	0
CARMONA, RICHARD	116	116	0
VICTOR, MARC	13	13	0
Totals:	300	300	0

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Race Category:** State Legislative

**Race:** State Representative

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
COLEMAN, DOUG	163	163	0
TOWNSEND, KELLY	140	140	0
CERRA, MATTHEW	107	107	0
MAHER, BILL	36	36	0
Totals:	446	446	0

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Race Category:** Statewide Candidate

**Race:** Corporation Commissioner

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
BITTER SMITH, SUSAN	151	151	0
BURNS, ROBERT "BOB"	154	154	0
STUMP, BOB	155	155	0
BUSCHING, MARCIA	112	111	1
KENNEDY, SANDRA	113	113	0
NEWMAN, PAUL	121	120	1
GOHL, CHRISTOPHER	9	9	0
MEADOWS, THOMAS	9	9	0
POUT, DANIEL	9	9	0
Totals:	833	831	2

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred: *Inconsistently marked ballots or miscounted by hand.*

**Race Category:** Statewide Ballot Measure

**Race:** Proposition 121

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
YES	109	109	0
NO	160	160	0
Totals:	269	269	0

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**EARLY BALLOT AUDIT - HAND COUNT REPORT**

Batch Counted: 16

# of Ballots per Batch: 223

Election: November 6, 2012 General

**Race Category:** Presidential Elector

**Race:** Presidential Elector

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
ROMNEY	117	117	0
OBAMA	99	98	1
JOHNSON	2	2	0
STEIN	1	1	0
Totals:	219	218	1

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred: *Inconsistently marked ballots or miscounted by hand.*

**Race Category:** Federal

**Race:** U.S. Senator

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
FLAKE, JEFF	104	104	0
CARMONA, RICHARD	104	104	0
VICTOR, MARC	12	13	1
Totals:	220	221	1

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred: *Inconsistently marked ballots or miscounted by hand.*

**Race Category:** State Legislative

**Race:** State Representative

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
PRATT, FRANK	106	106	0
SHOPE, THOMAS "T.J."	84	84	0
BUSTAMANTE, ERNEST	95	96	1
VERDUGO, EMILY	90	90	0
Totals:	375	376	1

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred: *Inconsistently marked ballots or miscounted by hand.*

**Race Category:** Statewide Candidate

**Race:** Corporation Commissioner

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
BITTER SMITH, SUSAN	99	99	0
BURNS, ROBERT "BOB"	92	92	0
STUMP, BOB	107	107	0
BUSCHING, MARCIA	89	90	1
KENNEDY, SANDRA	97	98	1
NEWMAN, PAUL	90	90	0
GOHL, CHRISTOPHER	9	9	0
MEADOWS, THOMAS	5	5	0
POUT, DANIEL	4	4	0
Totals:	592	594	2

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred: *Inconsistently marked ballots or miscounted by hand.*

**Race Category:** Statewide Ballot Measure

**Race:** Proposition 121

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
YES	68	70	2
NO	135	134	1
Totals:	203	204	3

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred: *Inconsistently marked ballots or miscounted by hand.*

**EARLY BALLOT AUDIT - HAND COUNT REPORT**

Batch Counted: 29

# of Ballots per Batch: 129

Election: November 6, 2012 General

**Race Category:** Presidential Elector

**Race:** Presidential Elector

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
ROMNEY	75	74	1
OBAMA	52	52	0
JOHNSON	2	2	0
STEIN	0	0	0
Totals:	129	128	1

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred: *Inconsistently marked ballots or miscounted by hand.*

**Race Category:** Federal

**Race:** U.S. Senator

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
FLAKE, JEFF	69	69	0
CARMONA, RICHARD	47	47	0
VICTOR, MARC	9	9	0
Totals:	125	125	0

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred:

**Race Category:** State Legislative

**Race:** State Representative

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
FARNSWORTH, EDDIE	70	70	0
PETERSEN, WARREN	60	60	0
Totals:	130	130	0

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred: *No discrepancy, but the board audited the race for state representative though it was uncontested in this particular batch of ballots.*

**Race Category:** Statewide Candidate

**Race:** Corporation Commissioner

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
BITTER SMITH, SUSAN	65	65	0
BURNS, ROBERT "BOB"	64	64	0
STUMP, BOB	68	68	0
BUSCHING, MARCIA	42	42	0
KENNEDY, SANDRA	47	47	0
NEWMAN, PAUL	41	41	0
GOHL, CHRISTOPHER	9	9	0
MEADOWS, THOMAS	4	4	0
POUT, DANIEL	3	3	0
Totals:	343	343	0

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred:

**Race Category:** Statewide Ballot Measure

**Race:** Proposition 121

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
YES	37	37	0
NO	72	72	0
Totals:	109	109	0

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred:

**AGGREGATE - PRECINCT HAND COUNT REPORT - TOTAL FROM ALL PRECINCTS**

Election: November 6, 2012 General

**Race Category:** Presidential Elector

**Race:** Presidential Elector

Precinct	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
08 - SADDLEBROOKE WEST	490	490	0
95 - QUEEN CREEK SOUTH	236	236	0
<b>Totals:</b>	726	726	0

**Aggregated Margin**

Margin = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count X 100	0%
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**Race Category:** Federal

**Race:** U.S. Senator

Precinct	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
08 - SADDLEBROOKE WEST	478	478	0
95 - QUEEN CREEK SOUTH	235	235	0
<b>Totals:</b>	713	713	0

**Aggregated Margin**

Margin = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count X 100	0%
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**Race Category:** State Legislative

**Race:** State Representative

Precinct	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
08 - SADDLEBROOKE WEST	674	674	0
95 - QUEEN CREEK SOUTH	352	352	0
<b>Totals:</b>	1026	1026	0

**Aggregated Margin**

Margin = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count X 100	0%
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**Race Category:** Statewide Candidate

**Race:** Corporation Commissioner

Precinct	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
08 - SADDLEBROOKE WEST	1247	1247	0
95 - QUEEN CREEK SOUTH	530	530	0
<b>Totals:</b>	1777	1777	0

**Aggregated Margin**

Margin = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count X 100	0%
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**Race Category:** Statewide Ballot Measure

**Race:** Proposition 121

Precinct	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
08 - SADDLEBROOKE WEST	432	432	0
95 - QUEEN CREEK SOUTH	188	188	0
<b>Totals:</b>	620	620	0

**Aggregated Margin**

Margin = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count X 100	0%
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Additional Comments:

**AGGREGATE - EARLY BALLOT AUDIT - HAND COUNT REPORT - TOTAL FROM ALL BATCHES**

Election: November 6, 2012 General

**Race Category:** Presidential Elector

**Race:** Presidential Elector

Batch	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
13	306	305	1
16	219	218	1
29	129	128	1
Totals:	654	651	3

**Aggregated Margin**

Margin = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count X 100

0.4%

**Race Category:** Federal

**Race:** U.S. Senator

Batch	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
13	300	300	0
16	220	221	1
29	125	125	0
Totals:	645	646	1

**Aggregated Margin**

Margin = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count X 100

0.2%

**Race Category:** State Legislative

**Race:** State Representative

Batch	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
13	446	446	0
16	375	376	1
29	0	0	0
Totals:	821	822	0

**Aggregated Margin**

Margin = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count X 100

0.1%

**Race Category:** Statewide Candidate

**Race:** Corporation Commissioner

Batch	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
13	833	831	2
16	592	594	2
29	343	343	0
Totals:	1768	1768	4

**Aggregated Margin**

Margin = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count X 100

0.2%

**Race Category:** Statewide Ballot Measure

**Race:** Proposition 121

Batch	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
13	269	269	0
16	203	204	1
29	109	109	0
Totals:	581	582	1

**Aggregated Margin**

Margin = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count X 100

0.2%

Additional Comments: There were no votes cast on the handicapped accessible voting machines which were deployed for early voting. Three batches of ballots were selected by party representatives to be audited. The total ballots in each batch varied. The batch totals were: 307, 223 and 129. Discrepancies likely occurred due to 2 factors: miscounts by the hand count audit board and ballots not marked correctly. It was observed that ballots were marked with pencil though the instructions call for ink. Further, though voter intent was clear, some voters did not fill in the ovals but instead placed X's and check marks inside next to them. There were no such issues with precinct ballots as the voters were provided with a proper marking implement. The uncontested race from batch 29 was not included in this summary as it would have falsely reduced the aggregated margin.