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Honorable Ken Bennett
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November 5, 2012

Dear Secretary Bennett,

Please be advised that Yavapai County did not have the required participation from the county political parties for the hand count of ballots for the General Election, November 6, 2012. Therefore, in accordance with A.R.S. §16-602(C), Yavapai County did not conduct a hand count. The following is a list of steps Yavapai County took to facilitate conducting a hand count.

On October 7, 2012, a letter was mailed to Lindsay Bell, Yavapai County Democratic Party Chairperson, Wayne Johnson, Yavapai County Libertarian Party Chairperson and Malcolm Barrett Jr., Yavapai County Republican Party Chairperson. The letter was to remind them of the hand count procedures, their responsibilities and allow them sufficient time to recruit hand count board workers.

On October 25, 2012, we received a list of hand count board workers from the Democratic Party. Also on October 25th, our office contacted the Republican Party headquarters to advise Mr. Barrett that the Democratic Party had submitted a list of hand count participants. A Republican Party staff member indicated that they would prepare a list of hand count board workers and would have that list to us before the first statutory deadline of October 30, 2012. However, Mr. Barrett instructed the staff member to contact our office with a verbal notice that they, in fact, did not want to participate in the hand count. No response was received from the Libertarian party.

On October 31, 2012, reminder e-mails, phone calls and voice mail messages were left for each of the three chairpersons listed above in accordance with A.R.S. §16-602(C)(7). The Republican Party provided a verbal response that they would not be participating in the hand count. The Libertarian Party also provided a verbal response, indicating that they did not have the volunteers necessary to participate in the hand count. All three parties were advised of the second statutory deadline of November 1, 2012 to submit a list of hand count board workers, in order to participate in the hand count.

On November 2, 2012, we contacted Lindsay Bell of the Democratic Party and informed her that due to the lack of participation from the other political parties a hand count would not be conducted for this election. In addition, we sent a letter stating the same to each party's chairperson.

Respectfully submitted,

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