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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 Primary Election, August 28, 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 July 26, 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 August 22, 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). On August 22, 2012, we received an email response from Mr. Malcolm Barrett Jr. indicating the Republican Party did not wish to participate in the hand count. We received verbal indication from Ms. Lindsay Bell that the Democratic Party would like to participate and would be working on a list of names to submit to our department. No response was received from the Libertarian party.

On August 23, 2012, at 4:57pm, three minutes before the required deadline, we received a letter containing a list of hand count workers from the Democratic Party. On August 24, 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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