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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 26, 2014. 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 August 6, 2014, a letter was mailed to Lindsay Bell, Yavapai County Democratic Party Chairperson, and James Dutton, 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 18, 2014, we received a list of hand count board workers from the Republican Party. On August 19th, our office contacted Mr. Dutton to confirm his Party's list had been received and that the Democratic Party had not yet submitted a list of hand count participants.

On August 20, 2014, a reminder e-mail, phone call and voice mail message was left for Lindsay Bell, Yavapai County Democratic Party Chairperson, in accordance with A.R.S. §16-602(C)(7). Also on August 20th, a Democratic Party staffer verbally stated that they would not be participating in the hand count for the Primary, but were interested in participating for the General Election. The Democratic Party was advised of the second statutory deadline of August 21, 2014 to submit a list of hand count board workers, in order to participate in the hand count for the Primary. As of the end of business on August 21st, the Democratic Party had not provided a list of hand count workers.

On August 22, 2014, we contacted the Democratic and Republican Party chairpersons and informed them that, due to the lack of participation, a hand count would not be conducted for this election.

Respectfully submitted,

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