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December 16, 2022

The Honorable Katie Hobbs
Arizona Secretary of State
1700 West Washington St, 7th Floor
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Secretary Hobbs:

Pursuant to A.R.S. §16-602, the Cochise County Elections Department conducted the statutorily required 2% hand count audit of the November 8, 2022 General Election Recount under A.R.S. §16-661.

Ten early batches of approximately 200 ballots each were sequestered for the random draw representing selections from four non-consecutive random days of tabulation. These were the same batches sequestered for the November 8, 2022 election and re-counted on the central count machines. All 17 vote center ballots, tabulated at each vote center on election day, were re-counted on the central count machines and were subject to the random draw.

The Republican Party Chair, Brandon Martin, and the authorized representative, Steve Marlatt, designated by the Democratic Party Chair, Elisabeth Tyndall, met at 3:30 pm on December 6, 2022 after attending the State Logic and Accuracy Test at the Elections Department in Bisbee to begin the hand count audit process.

2% of the 47,284 total votes cast were subject to the audit, requiring 946 ballots. Per agreement by the political parties, we selected one vote center and as many batches of early ballots required to obtain the number of ballots.

They randomly chose, by lot, the following Vote Centers and early batches:

Vote Center 5 Benson – 801 ballots cast
Batch #29 - 200 early ballots cast

Both races in the statewide automatic recount (Attorney General and Superintendent of Public Instruction) were selected for recount which allows four candidates to be re-counted.

The Cochise County Party Chairs from the Democratic and Republican Parties provided the required three names with alternates to the Elections Director by the agreed upon deadline of December 9, 2022.

Six hand count members, three each from the Democratic and Republican Parties convened at 9:00 am on Friday, December 16, 2022 at the Elections Department in Bisbee to begin the hand count. Following the administration of the Oath to all present and providing detailed instructions, the physical hand count began at 9:40am. The out stacking method, as outlined in the Election Procedures Manual was utilized. The hand count was conducted by two boards, consisting of three members each with two county election staff overseeing the audit. Results were verified by boards and staff with machine produced batch results reports.

The Boards adjourned by 11:30 am that same day, having successfully completed the hand count audit of the 2022 General Election recount. There were no discrepancies in any race audited by either Board. The aggregate hand count report, which depicts the results of the hand count audit for each race is attached along with the hand count summary report for each Board. Overall, two races represented by four candidates on a total of one thousand one hundred and one ballots (1001) were successfully hand audited.

As the Officer in Charge of Elections for Cochise County, I am pleased to report that all races selected and all ballots that were hand counted by these political party board members matched the machine determined results with no discrepancy in any race resulting in an absolute difference of zero.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lisa M. Marra, CERA, CPM
Director of Elections
Cochise County, State of Arizona



**COCHISE COUNTY, ARIZONA
POLITICAL PARTY HAND COUNT
November 8, 2022 General Election - RECOUNT**

Handcount process to begin at approximately **3:15pm on 12/6/22** in the offices of the Cochise County Elections Department – 1415 Melody Lane, Building E, Bisbee, AZ

The physical handcount will begin at 9:00 on Friday, December 16, 2022 with 3 members from each political party that were provided by December 6, 2022. 2 boards of 3 people each will complete the handcount.

Party order to draw:	Draw First <u>1</u>	Draw Second <u>2</u>
	<u>Rep</u>	<u>Dem</u>

A recount of an election requires 2% of TOTAL VOTES (ballots) cast be re-counted. The minimum requirements do not apply in this case. There were 47,284 ballots cast. 946 ballots must be included in the recount election. We will select one Vote Center and at least one batch (200) of Early Ballots. If the Vote Center drawn is more than 1000 votes, we will select one early batch. If the Vote Center is less than 1000 votes, we will select as many early batches as required to achieve the requirement of 946 ballots. This ensures random election day and early ballots are included in the handcount.

Official Vote Center Count Draw (1-17 Vote Centers)

Vote Center: 5 (801)

Races to Count (both contested races will be re-counted as agreed upon – no draw required)

Attorney General ✓

Superintendent of Public Instruction ✓

Official Early Ballot Count Draw

Batches are approximately 200 ballots each. Batches are sequestered from the same random days as the General Election and these same batches will be drawn from: Batches 1-4, 27-30, 52-53

Early Batch draw <u>29</u> (<u>200</u>)
Only if needed to achieve 1000 ballots including Vote Center above
Early Batch draw _____
Early Batch draw _____
Early Batch draw _____

Steve Marlott
Steve Marlott, Representative for
Elisabeth Tyndall, County Democratic Party Chair

Brandon Martin
Brandon Martin, County Republican Party Chair

Lisa M. Marra
Election Official: Lisa M. Marra, CERA, CPM
Director of Elections, Cochise County, AZ



COCHISE COUNTY ELECTIONS
11/8/2022 General Election – RECOUNT
Hand Count Board Sign in Sheet

The Hand Count Board, selected by the Cochise County Chairmen from the Republican and Democratic Party's, convened December 16, 2022 at 9:00am at the Cochise County Elections Dept. located at 1415 Melody Lane, Building E, Bisbee, AZ

Name	Party	ID & VR Verified	Signature	Board / Position
Susan Dalby	DEM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>Susan Dalby</u>	<u>1 Judge</u>
Ron Hale	REP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>Ron Hale</u>	<u>1 Judge</u>
Rusty Hale	REP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>Rusty Hale</u>	<u>2 Judge</u>
Randall Limbach	REP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>Randall Limbach</u>	<u>1 Insp.</u>
David Penrose	DEM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>David Penrose</u>	<u>2 Insp</u>
Dirk Sigler	DEM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>Dirk Sigler</u>	<u>2 Judge</u>

Staff member who verified ID: Dorthea

Master List of All Contested Races

Election: November 8, 2022 General – RECOUNT

Category: STATEWIDE Race: ATTORNEY GENERAL

Category: STATEWIDE Race: SUPT. OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Cochise County, Arizona

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

Election: Recount - November 8, 2022 (General)

Race Category: Statewide

Race: Attorney General

		Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Batch 29 (Board 2)	200 ballots	196	196	0
Vote Center 5 (Board 1)	801 ballots	789	789	0
Totals:		985	985	

Aggregated Margin

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

Race: Superintendent of Public Instruction

		Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Batch 29 (Board 2)	200 ballots	196	196	0
Vote Center 5 (Board 1)	801 ballots	791	791	0
Totals:		987	987	

Aggregated Margin

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

Race:

		Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
				0
				0
				0
				0
Totals:				

Aggregated Margin

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

Race: _

		Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
				0
				0
				0
				0
Totals:				

Aggregated Margin

Margin = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count X 100	0 %
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COCHISE COUNTY, ARIZONA

PRECINCT HAND COUNT REPORT

November 8, 2022 General Election - RECOUNT

Vote Center 5 801 ballots

BOARD # 1

Race Category: Statewide

Race: Attorney General

Optical Scan			
Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Hamadeh, Abraham "Abe" (REP)	700	700	0
Mayes, Kris (DEM)	89	89	0
TOTAL	789	789	0

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred: _____

Race Category: Statewide

Race: Superintendent of Public Instruction

Optical Scan			
Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Horne, Tom (REP)	708	708	0
Hoffman, Kathy (DEM)	83	83	0
TOTAL	791	791	0

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred: _____

*** Carry Totals to Aggregate Precinct Hand Count Report ***

COCHISE COUNTY, ARIZONA

PRECINCT HAND COUNT REPORT

November 8, 2022 General Election - RECOUNT

Early Batch # 29 200 ballots

BOARD # 2

Race Category: Statewide

Race: Attorney General

Optical Scan

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Hamadeh, Abraham "Abe" (REP)	100	100	0
Mayes, Kris (DEM)	96	96	0
TOTAL	196	196	0

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred: _____

Race Category: Statewide

Race: Superintendent of Public Instruction

Optical Scan

Candidate Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
Horne, Tom (REP)	100	100	0
Hoffman, Kathy (DEM)	96	96	0
TOTAL	196	196	0

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred: _____

*** Carry Totals to Aggregate Precinct Hand Count Report ***