



## **Apache County Elections**

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Please be advised the Apache County Elections Department was unable to conduct a hand count of the ballots for the November 5, 2024 General Election because a sufficient number of persons from each county political party did not arrive to participate.

On October 16, 2024, the Elections Department contacted the party chairs for the Apache County Democratic Party and the Apache County Republican Party and requested that each party designate at least four (4) hand count board members by October 29, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Both parties designated six (6) to eight (8) people.

The party chairs were informed that they needed to have their board members arrive at the Elections Department at 2:00 p.m. on November 6, 2024, for training and to choose the precincts for the hand count. At 2:00 p.m., two (2) Democrats and one (1) Republican had arrived. By 2:20 p.m., only one other Republican had arrived. At 2:30 p.m. the Elections Department cancelled the hand count training due to not enough members from both parties participating. Therefore, in accordance with A.R.S. § 16-602(B)(7), a hand count was not conducted.

Respectfully,

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Rita P Vaughan, Elections Director