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The Honorable Adrian Fontes  
Secretary of State  
1700 Washington St, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Secretary Fontes:

The Hand Count of precinct voted ballots and the Audit of early voted ballots were not conducted in Gila County for the Primary Election of July 30, 2024.

Pursuant to ARS §16-602(C)(7), the County political Party Chairman shall designate and provide the number of required Hand Count and Audit board members. At the designated date and time for the Precinct and selection of races to be audited the Republican party representative was 15 minutes late and the Democratic party representative did not show up at all. The hand count thus did not begin within the required time frame and was canceled.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Eric A. Mariscal".

Eric A. Mariscal  
Director, Gila County  
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