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Elections Director/
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To: Honorable Adrian Fontes, Arizona Secretary of State
1700 W. Washington St., 7th Floor, Phoenix, AZ 85007

Whitney Juszczak,
Elections Assistant
Director

Date: August 1st, 2024

RE: Hand Count Audit Results – July 30, 2024 Primary Election

Margaret Penado,
Enterprise Risk Manager

Transmitted electronically

Holly Roth,
Election Database
Programmer

Dear Secretary Fontes,

Stan Pierce,
Elections Training and
Outreach Coordinator

Following ARS §16-602(B)(1), I am writing to inform you that the Coconino County Elections Department conducted a hand count audit on randomly selected Election Day polling locations and early-voted ballot batches for the July 30, 2024, Primary Election (PE).

Lynndel Custodio
Elections Logistics
Coordinator

Coconino County utilized 38 polling locations during the 2024 Primary Election, comprised of 23 precinct-based locations and 15 Vote Centers. Political parties were instructed to select two polling locations based on the formula for the state-required 2 percent or a minimum of 2 polling places for hand audit counts of polling locations.

Denise Anderson
Election Board Worker
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Coordinator

On June 24, 2024, the Chair of the County Republican Party, the Green Party, and the designated representative of the County Democratic Party Chair met to select the polling locations and early ballot batches for hand counting. The selected polling locations were sealed in an envelope and opened after the polls closed on Election Day in the presence of the Democratic and Republican Party Chairs. Twelve early ballot batches were pre-selected from the nine-day counting schedule times of early ballots across all three tabulators utilized during the Primary Election.

Todd Hare,
Elections Specialist

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Worker

The physical hand count audit began on July 31, 2024, at 1:00 pm, within 24 hours after the close of the polls on Election Day. It concluded on July 31, 2024, at 6:07 pm, with the participation of appointed members of the Democratic, Republican, and Green Parties. Hand count audit board members underwent training and took an oath of office before selecting the races and early ballot batches to be hand counted. Alternating party representatives selected from the eligible races to be hand audited as listed below:

Race Category	Race Description
Presidential Electors	Not Applicable for a Primary Election
Federal Candidate	Republican US Senator Republican US Representative – District 2
Statewide Candidate	No Contested Races
State Legislature	Democratic AZ State Senator – District 7 Democratic AZ State Representative – District 6
Statewide Ballot Measure	No Contested Races



Two boards, each comprised of two judges from different parties and one inspector and one board consisting of four members (three judges and one inspector), conducted the hand count audits of tabulated ballots. This process included votes cast from the two randomly selected polling locations and a single early ballot batch counted on each of the three tabulators. The counting method used was the stack-to method.

Polling Locations Hand Count:

The two polling locations selected for the hand count audit were:

- 57 – Summit Fire Station #31 Cosnino Road/Precincts 57, 89, and 92
- 80 – Pinewood Fire Station/Precinct 80

Early Ballot Hand Count Audit:

As of July 30, Election Day, 15,382 early-voted ballots were tabulated in Coconino County for the primary election. Following the 2024 Elections Procedure Manual, counties are required to hand audit one percent of early ballots cast, or the equivalent of 154 ballots. Early-voted ballots are batched in sets of 100 for tracking purposes.

Coconino County Democratic, Republican, and Green Party hand count board members randomly selected one batch of early-voted ballots from each tabulation machine used in the primary election. The hand audit board compared hand count results to machine count results. The early ballot hand count consisted of three batches of ballots.

Comments:

The results of each hand count audit matched the tabulated results with zero discrepancies. I am attaching the Polling Location and Early Ballot Audit Report from the Coconino County July 30, 2024, Primary Election for your review.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Esdir Musta", with a horizontal line underneath.

Esdir Musta,
Elections Director