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To: Honorable Adrian Fontes, Arizona Secretary of State
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Whitney Juszczak,
Elections Assistant
Director

Date: March 21, 2024

Margaret Penado,
Enterprise Risk Manager

RE: Hand Count Audit Results – March 19, 2024 Presidential Preference Election

Holly Roth,
Election Database
Programmer

Transmitted electronically

Dear Secretary Fontes,

Stan Pierce,
Elections Training and
Outreach Coordinator

Following ARS §16-602(B) (1), I am writing to inform you the Coconino County Elections Department conducted a Hand Count Audit on randomly selected Election Day polling locations and early-voted ballot batches for the March 19, 2024, Presidential Preference Election (PPE).

Lynndel Custodio
Elections Logistics
Coordinator

Coconino County utilized 29 polling locations during the 2024 PPE, comprising 17 precinct-based locations and 12 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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Ray Daw,
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Coordinator

On February 16, 2024, the Chair of the County Republican 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 Party Chairs. Eight early ballot batches were pre-selected from the six-day counting schedule of early ballots across all three tabulators tested in the PPE.

Todd Hare,
Elections Specialist

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Native American Outreach
Worker

The physical hand count audit began on March 20, 2024, at 1 pm, within 24 hours after the close of the polls on Election Day. It concluded on March 20, 2024, at 4:45 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 early ballot batches. All contested races from the Presidential Preference Election were counted, as listed below:

Race Category	Race Description
Presidential Elector	Democrat US Presidential Candidate
Presidential Elector	Republican US Presidential Candidate

Three boards, consisting of two judges from different parties and one Inspector, conducted the Hand Count Audits. This process included votes cast from the selected polling location and early ballot batches counted on all three tabulators. The tabulation method used was the Stack-to method.



Polling Locations Hand Count:

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

- 02 – Museum of Northern Arizona Vote Center
- 48 – Coalmine Chapter House

Early Ballot Hand Count Audit:

As of March 19, Election Day, 16,935 early-voted ballots were tabulated in Coconino County for the March 19, 2024, Presidential Preference Election; following the 2024 Elections Procedure Manual, we are required to hand audit one percent of early ballots cast, or an equivalent of 170 ballots. Early-voted ballots are batched in sets of 100 ballots for tracking purposes.

Coconino County Democratic, Republican, and Green Party Hand Count Board members randomly selected three batches of early-voted ballots from each tabulation machine to complete the hand audit. The Audit Board compared hand count results to machine count results. The early ballot hand count consisted of three batches containing approximately 100 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 March 19, 2024, Presidential Preference Election for your review.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Esfir Musta", written over a horizontal line.

Esfir Musta,
Elections Director