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## Santa Cruz County

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The Honorable Adrian Fontes  
Arizona Secretary of State  
1700 W. Washington St., 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Phoenix, AZ 85007-2888

Dear Secretary Fontes:

This letter is to inform you that a hand count of ballots voted in the various Vote Centers in Santa Cruz County and a hand count audit of returned early ballots was not conducted for the March 19, 2024 Presidential Preference Election.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 16-602 (B)(7), “The county chairman of each political party shall designate and provide [a] number of election board... who shall perform the hand count under the supervision of the county officer in charge of elections.” The County did not receive the required sufficient hand count board members from one of the political parties. Therefore, a hand count was not conducted.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

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