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MOHAVE COUNTY Hand Count / Early Ballot Audit Report

Synopsis:

Pursuant to A.R.S. §16-602 (B), Mohave County conducted the hand count/early ballot audit for the July 21, 2026 Primary Election. 2% of precincts were counted as required by statute, which amounted to 2 precincts out of 24 total precincts.

The hand count began on July 22, 2026 at 11 a.m. when the Mohave County Chairmen of the Republican and Democratic Parties met to select the races, precincts, and early ballot audit batches to be counted. All ballots were accounted for in the central counting location before the selection process started. The selection order was chosen by lot, and the Democratic Party was chosen to go first.

With the order established, the specific precincts to be counted were selected with the County Party Chairmen alternating the selection. Once the precincts were chosen, the races to be counted were selected.

Four contested races were chosen according to the selection process outlined in the election procedures manual. Specifically, the No Labels Governor, Democratic State Senator District 6, Republican State Treasurer, and Republican State Representative District 30 races were counted.

The physical hand count started at 9 a.m. on July 25th and was concluded that day at 3:00 p.m. The tabulation method used was the stacking method. The hand count was conducted by three boards made up of 3 members each, of which not more than 2 members were from the same political party. This hand count counted votes cast on central count digital ballot scanners located within the Mohave County Elections Department.

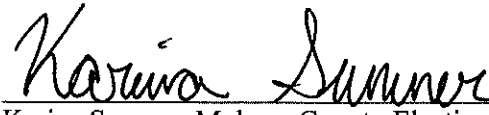
Early Ballot Audit:

The 1% of early ballots as required per Arizona State Law consisted of 3 batches, each containing 150 early ballots. There were 28,744 early ballots cast in the Mohave County 2026 Primary Election prior to Election Day, and 35,316 total.

Comments:

There were eight discrepancies found. The first discrepancy was found in the Republican State Treasurer race. One of the hand count teams for the precincts counted two more votes for Elijah Norton than recorded by the tabulation equipment. The hand count board felt that candidate Norton should be awarded two votes whereas the Mohave County ballot tabulation team followed the state rules of ballot adjudication for mismarked ballots and did not award the votes to Norton. The other seven discrepancies were for the Republican State Representative District 30 race. It was found that the members hand counting precinct 216 had mistakenly taken some ballots from the group counting the 212 precinct at some point during the counting process. We then reconciled these ballots, getting them to the correct group. At this point, the groups took those ballots and either added or subtracted the votes for candidates without starting the stacking method over and recounting all ballots. Also, the members of the hand count felt in some cases there should have been votes counted or not counted for a candidate in the race where the ballot tabulation team disagreed based off the state's ballot adjudication rules. These eight

discrepancies resulted in the absolute difference between the machine count and hand count of 0.20% for the Republican State Treasurer race and 0.13% for the Republican State Representative District 30 race which falls within the Arizona State certified acceptable count difference range of margin of less than 1%. Please find the following precinct and early ballot audit reports for your review.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Karina Sumner". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Karina Sumner, Mohave County Elections Director

Master Precinct and Race Selection Worksheet

Election: Primary Election 2026

SECTION A. SELECTED PRECINCTS (LIST IN ORDER SELECTED)

Batch 3	Batch 5	Batch 9			
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216	Kingman North	College Park Community Church
212	Mohave Valley	Mohave Valley United Methodist Church

SECTION B. NUMBER OF RACES TO COUNT PER CATEGORY

RACE CATEGORY	TICK MARK TALLY	NUMBER OF RACES PER CATEGORY	RECEIVED PRECINCT HAND COUNT MARGIN WORKSHEET
1. Presidential			
2. Statewide Candidate	2	10	
3. Statewide Ballot Measure			
4. Federal Candidate			
5. State Legislative	2	3	
Additional Races Needed			

SECTION C. RACES TO BE CONTED IN EACH SELECTED PRECINCT

RACE TO BE COUNTED	CATEGORY OF RACE
1. NOL Governor	Statewide Candidate Race
2. State Senator 6 DEM	Legislative Candidate Race
3. State Treasurer REP	Statewide Candidate Race
4. State Rep 30 REP	Legislative Candidate Race
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Category: NOL Statewide Candidate
Race: GOVERNOR

Category: DEM State Candidate
Race: STATE SENATOR 6

Category: REP Statewide Candidate
Race: STATE TREASURER

Category: REP State Candidate
Race: STATE REPRESENTATIVE 30

AGGREGATE-EARLY BALLOT AUDIT- HAND COUNT REPORT-TOTAL FROM ALL BATCHES

Election:

2026 PRIMARY ELECTION

Race Category: STATEWIDE

Race: NOL GOVERNOR

Candidate	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
HOURIHAN, TERI ANN	2	2	0
LYTLE, HUGH	3	3	0
Totals:	5	5	0

Aggregated Margin

Margin=Absolute Difference / Machine Count x 100%	0.00%
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Race Category: LEGISLATIVE

Race: DEM STATE SENATOR DIST. 6

Candidate	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
PESHLAKAI, JAMESCITA	0	0	0
TSOSIE, MYRON	0	0	0
Totals:	0	0	0

Aggregated Margin

Margin=Absolute Difference / Machine Count x 100%	0.00%
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Race Category: STATEWIDE

Race: REP STATE TREASURER

Candidate	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
HALEY, KATHERINE	163	163	0
NORTON, ELIJAH	144	144	0
Totals:	307	307	0

Aggregated Margin

Margin=Absolute Difference / Machine Count x 100%	0.00%
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Race Category: LEGISLATIVE

Race: REP STATE REPRESENTATIVE DIST. 30

Candidate	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
GANNUSCIO, MIKE	146	146	0
HECHT, GRACE	78	78	0
LOPEZ-RAJANIEMI, CATHERINE	77	77	0
ROSE, DAVID	111	111	0
STRECKER, CAROLINE	32	32	0

Totals:	444	444	0

Aggregated Margin		
Margin=Absolute Difference / Machine Count x 100%	0.00%	

INSPECTOR: *Leon Caputo*

INSPECTOR: *Ramiro Bruno*

EARLY BALLOT AUDIT-HAND COUNT REPORT [Set 1]

Batch #: 3 No. of Ballots per Batch: 150 Election: 2026 PRIMARY ELECTION

Race Category: STATEWIDE

Race: NOL GOVERNOR

Candidates Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
HOURIHAN, TERI ANN	1	1	0
LYTLE, HUGH	1	1	0
Totals:	2	2	0

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred:

Carry totals to the Aggregate Early Ballot Audit

Race Category: LEGISLATIVE

Race: DEM STATE SENATOR DIST. 6

Candidates Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
PESHLAKAI, JAMESCITA	0	0	0
TSOSIE, MYRON	0	0	0
Totals:	0	0	0

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred:

Carry totals to the Aggregate Early Ballot Audit

Race Category: STATEWIDE

Race: REP STATE TREASURER

Candidates Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
HALEY, KATHERINE	55	55	0
NORTON, ELIJAH	46	46	0
Totals:	101	101	0

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred:

Carry totals to the Aggregate Early Ballot Audit

Race Category: LEGISLATIVE

Race: REP STATE REPRESENTATIVE DIST. 30

Candidates Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
GANNUSCIO, MIKE	51	51	0
HECHT, GRACE	28	28	0
LOPEZ-RAJANIEMI, CATHERINE	17	17	0
ROSE, DAVID	46	46	0
STRECKER, CAROLINE	16	16	0
Totals:	158	158	0

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Comments for why a discrepancy occurred:

Carry totals to the Aggregate Early Ballot Audit

EARLY BALLOT AUDIT-HAND COUNT REPORT [Set 2]

Batch #: 5 No. of Ballots per Batch: 150 Election: 2026 PRIMARY ELECTION

Race Category: STATEWIDE

Race: NOL GOVERNOR

Candidates Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
HOURIHAN, TERI ANN	1	1	0
LYTLE, HUGH	1	1	0
Totals:	2	2	0

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred:

Carry totals to the Aggregate Early Ballot Audit

Race Category: LEGISLATIVE

Race: DEM STATE SENATOR DIST. 6

Candidates Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
PESHLAKAI, JAMESCITA	0	0	0
TSOSIE, MYRON	0	0	0
Totals:	0	0	0

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred:

Race Category: STATEWIDE

Race: REP STATE TREASURER

Candidates Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
HALEY, KATHERINE	54	54	0
NORTON, ELIJAH	42	42	0
Totals:	96	96	0

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred:

Race Category: LEGISLATIVE

Race: REP STATE REPRESENTATIVE DIST. 30

Candidates Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
GANNUSCIO, MIKE	42	42	0
HECHT, GRACE	32	32	0
LOPEZ-RAJANIEMI, CATHERINE	21	21	0
ROSE, DAVID	46	46	0
STRECKER, CAROLINE	12	12	0
Totals:	153	153	0

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred:

Carry totals to the Aggregate Early Ballot Audit

EARLY BALLOT AUDIT-HAND COUNT REPORT [Set 3]

Batch #: 9 No. of Ballots per Batch: 150 Election: 2026 PRIMARY ELECTION

Race Category: STATEWIDE

Race: NOL GOVERNOR

Candidates Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
HOURIHAN, TERI ANN	0	0	0
LYTLE, HUGH	1	1	0
Totals:	1	1	0

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred:

Carry totals to the Aggregate Early Ballot Audit

Race Category: LEGISLATIVE

Race: DEM STATE SENATOR DIST. 6

Candidates Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
PESHLAKAI, JAMESCITA	0	0	0
TSOSIE, MYRON	0	0	0
Totals:	0	0	0

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred:

Race Category: STATEWIDE

Race: REP STATE TREASURER

Candidates Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
HALEY, KATHERINE	54	54	0
NORTON, ELIJAH	56	56	0
Totals:	110	110	0

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred:

Race Category: LEGISLATIVE

Race: REP STATE REPRESENTATIVE DIST. 30

Candidates Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
GANNUSCIO, MIKE	63	63	0
HECHT, GRACE	29	29	0
LOPEZ-RAJANIEMI, CATHERINE	14	14	0
ROSE, DAVID	53	53	0
STRECKER, CAROLINE	16	16	0
Totals:	175	175	0

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred:

Carry totals to the Aggregate Early Ballot Audit

AGGREGATE-PRECINCT HAND COUNT REPORT-TOTAL FROM ALL PRECINCTS

Election: 2026 PRIMARY ELECTION

Race Category: STATEWIDE

Race: NOL GOVERNOR

Precinct & Polling Location	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
216 COLLEGE PARK COMMUNITY CHURCH	1	1	0
212 MOHAVE VALLEY UNITED METHODIST	1	1	0
Totals:	2	2	0

Aggregated Margin

Margin=Absolute Difference / Machine Count x 100%	0.00%
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Race Category: LEGISLATIVE

Race: DEM STATE SENATOR DIST. 6

Precinct & Polling Location	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
216 COLLEGE PARK COMMUNITY CHURCH	0	0	0
212 MOHAVE VALLEY UNITED METHODIST	0	0	0
Totals:	0	0	0

Aggregated Margin

Margin=Absolute Difference / Machine Count x 100%	0.00%
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Race Category: STATEWIDE

Race: REP STATE TREASURER

Precinct & Polling Location	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
216 COLLEGE PARK COMMUNITY CHURCH	454	454	0
212 MOHAVE VALLEY UNITED METHODIST	554	552	2
Totals:	1008	1006	2

Aggregated Margin

Margin=Absolute Difference / Machine Count x 100%	0.20%
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Race Category: LEGISLATIVE

Race: REP STATE REPRESENTATIVE DIST. 30

Precinct & Polling Location	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
216 COLLEGE PARK COMMUNITY CHURCH	731	734	-3
212 MOHAVE VALLEY UNITED METHODIST	858	853	5
Totals:	1589	1587	2

Aggregated Margin

Margin=Absolute Difference / Machine Count x 100%	0.13%
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INSPECTOR BD. SET 1:

Ben Caputo

INSPECTOR BD. SET 2:

Danice Bruno

PRECINCT HAND COUNT REPORT [Set 1]

Precinct Counted: 216

Election: 2026 PRIMARY ELECTION

Polling Location: 216 COLLEGE PARK COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Race Category: STATEWIDE

Race: NOL GOVERNOR

Candidates Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
HOURIHAN, TERI ANN	1	1	0
LYTLE, HUGH	0	0	0
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			0
Totals:	1	1	0

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred: _____

Carry Totals to Aggregate Precinct Hand Count Report

Digital Scan

Race Category: LEGISLATIVE

Race: DEM STATE SENATOR DIST. 6

Candidates Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
PESHLAKAI, JAMESCITA	0	0	0
TSOSIE, MYRON	0	0	0
Totals:	0	0	0

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred: _____

Carry Totals to Aggregate Precinct Hand Count Report

Digital Scan

Race Category: STATEWIDE

Race: REP STATE TREASURER

Candidates Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
HALEY, KATHERINE	210	210	0
NORTON, ELIJAH	244	244	0
Totals:	454	454	0

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred: _____

Carry Totals to Aggregate Precinct Hand Count Report

Digital Scan

Race Category: LEGISLATIVE

Race: REP STATE REPRESENTATIVE DIST. 30

Candidates Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
GANNUSCIO, MIKE	280	280	0
HECHT, GRACE	111	114	-3
LOPEZ-RAJANIEMI, CATHERINE	60	61	-1
ROSE, DAVID	249	248	1
STRECKER, CAROLINE	31	31	0
Totals:	731	734	-3

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred: Ballots were taken by this 216 group from the 212 precinct. When realized, they did not recount the ballots, just subtracted from their totals. They also counted votes for candidates different than our count team who used the state's adjudication guide.

Carry Totals to Aggregate Precinct Hand Count Report

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PRECINCT HAND COUNT REPORT [Set 2]

Precinct Counted: 212

Election: 2026 PRIMARY ELECTION

Polling Location: 212 MOHAVE VALLEY UNITED METHODIST

Digital Scan

Race Category: STATEWIDE

Race: NOL GOVERNOR

Candidates Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
HOURIHAN, TERI ANN	1	1	0
LYTLE, HUGH	0	0	0
Totals:	1	1	0

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred:

Carry Totals to Aggregate Precinct Hand Count Report

Digital Scan

Race Category: LEGISLATIVE

Race: DEM STATE SENATOR DIST. 6

Candidates Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
PESHLAKAI, JAMESCITA	0	0	0
TSOSIE, MYRON	0	0	0
Totals:	0	0	0

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred:

Carry Totals to Aggregate Precinct Hand Count Report

Digital Scan

Race Category: STATEWIDE

Race: REP STATE TREASURER

Candidates Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
HALEY, KATHERINE	237	237	0
NORTON, ELIJAH	317	315	2
Totals:	554	552	2

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred: The members of the hand count were counting votes for Elijah Norton that our count team did not count based off of the state's adjudication guide.

Carry Totals to Aggregate Precinct Hand Count Report

Digital Scan

Race Category: LEGISLATIVE

Race: REP STATE REPRESENTATIVE DIST. 30

Candidates Name	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
GANNUSCIO, MIKE	204	202	2
HECHT, GRACE	217	216	1
LOPEZ-RAJANIEMI, CATHERINE	198	198	0
ROSE, DAVID	196	195	1
STRECKER, CAROLINE	43	42	1
Totals:	858	853	5

Comments for why a discrepancy occurred: Ballots were taken from this group by the 216 members. When realized, they did not recount the ballots, just added to their totals. They also counted votes for candidates different than our count team who used the state's adjudication guide.

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Carry Totals to Aggregate Precinct Hand Count Report