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

Date: November 7th, 2026

RE: Hand Count Audit Results – November 3, 2026 General Election

Transmitted electronically

Dear Secretary Fontes,

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 16-602(B), I am writing to inform you that political party-appointed representatives conducted the hand count audit on randomly selected Election Day polling locations and early ballot batches for the November 3, 2026, General Election in Coconino County.

The hand count began on November 4, 2026, at 1:00 p.m., within 24 hours after the polls closed, and concluded on November 6, 2026, with the signing of the Certificate of Hand Count Audit.

Coconino County established thirty-eight (38) polling locations for the November 3, 2026, General Election. Based on the state-required 2% audit formula, but not less than two polling locations, political parties randomly selected two voting locations. The two randomly drawn voting locations were: 40 – Cameron Chapter House and 47 – Inscription House.

Once the polling locations and early ballot batches were chosen, the political party designees alternated to make random selections for five contested races from the required categories to be included in the hand count audit:

Race Category	Race Description
Statewide Candidate	**Attorney General** **Superintendent of Public Instruction**
Statewide Ballot Measure	**Proposition 320**
Federal Candidate	**U.S. Representative in Congress, District 2**
State Legislative Candidate	**State Representative, District 7**
Presidential Elector	Not Applicable

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As five races were required for the hand count and given that no Presidential Elector race appeared on November 3, 2026, General Election ballot, an additional random selection was made by alternating County Party Designees from the remaining available categories in order of precedence. These races are required to be filled from the highest priority race category possible. The additional draw from the Statewide Candidate category achieved the required five total races for the hand count, as listed above.

Three hand count boards were established. Each board included one inspector and judges from different political parties, with Democratic, Republican, and Green Party members participating. Their audit included the two randomly selected voting locations and four early ballot batches. The counting method used was the stack-to method prescribed by the Arizona Elections Procedures Manual. The locations and batches audited were:

Audited Location / Batch	Ballot Type	Board	Ballots Hand Counted
40 – Cameron Chapter House (Batches B0007, B0008)	Polling Location	1, 2	263
47 – Inscription House (Batches B0028, B0029)	Polling Location	2, 3	192
Early Ballot Batch A0093	Early Ballots	1	91
Early Ballot Batch B0074	Early Ballots	3	97
Early Ballot Batch B0096	Early Ballots	2	95
Early Ballot Batch E0108	Early Ballots	1	96

Early Ballot Hand Count Audit:

Following the Elections Procedures Manual, counties must hand-count audit one percent of early ballots cast, or 5,000 ballots, whichever is less. As of November 3, 2026, Coconino County had 34,924 early ballots cast. One percent of this amount is 349 ballots. Early ballots are batched in sets of 100 for tracking purposes. Four early ballot batches (A0093, B0074, B0096, and E0108), totaling 379 ballots, were randomly selected by lot from party representatives to include at least one batch from each tabulation machine used in this election: Tabulator A, Tabulator B, and Tabulator E.

The hand audit board members compared hand count results to the tabulator results and found zero discrepancies. On November 6, 2026, the hand count board members, the hand count auditor, and I signed the Certificate of Hand Count Audit, certifying that the hand count results corresponded with the machine-tabulated results. I am attaching the signed Certificate of Hand Count Audit and the Hand Count Audit Tally Sheets from the Coconino County November 3, 2026, General Election for your review.

Eshr Musta, Elections Director

Attachments:
Certificate of Hand Count Audit, signed November 6, 2026
2026 General Election Hand Count Audit Tally Sheets