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

Date: July 23rd, 2026

RE: Hand Count Audit Results – July 21, 2026 Primary Election

Transmitted electronically

Dear Secretary Fontes,

Pursuant to ARS §16-6021(B), I am writing to inform you that Coconino County political party representatives conducted the hand count audit on randomly selected Election Day polling locations and early-voted ballots for the July 21, 2026, Primary Election.

The hand count started on July 22, 2026, at 1:00 PM and concluded that same day at 6:35 PM. Coconino County had 38 polling locations for the July 21, 2026 Primary Election. Based on the state-required 2% audit formula, but not less than two polling locations, political parties randomly selected two voting locations. The names of the voting locations were drawn by lot from a fishbowl.

The two randomly drawn voting locations were: 14 - Shrine of the Ages polling location, located at 20 S Entrance Rd., Grand Canyon, AZ 86023, and 31 - East Valley Baptist Church - Vote Center, located at 10655 US-89, Flagstaff, AZ 86004.

Once the races 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	Superintendent of Public Instruction (Republican) Superintendent of Public Instruction (Democratic) State Treasurer (Republican) Corporate Commissioner (Republican)
Statewide Ballot Measure	Not applicable
Federal Candidate	No Contested Races
State Legislative Candidate	State Representative District 1 (Republican)
Presidential Elector	Not Applicable



As five races were required for the hand count and only two categories were available to draw from, three more random selections were made by alternating County Party Designees from the two remaining available categories in the following order of precedence: Statewide Candidate, State Legislative Candidate. These races are required to be filled from the highest priority race category possible. After a third, fourth, and fifth draw from the Statewide Candidate races, the selection process achieved the required five total races for hand count. These actions for the random draw of races resulted in the random selection of 3 more races for inclusion in the hand count audit as listed above.

Three hand audit boards were established. Two boards consisted of three members and one board consisted of four members from different political parties to conduct the hand count. Each board was comprised of at least two judges from different political parties and one inspector. Their audit included the two randomly selected voting locations and three early ballot batches, to audit all three tabulators certified and used during the July 21 Primary Election. The counting method used was the stack-to method prescribed by the Arizona Elections Procedures Manual.

Early Ballot Hand Count Audit:

Following the Elections Procedures Manual, counties are required to hand audit one percent of early ballots cast until Election Day. As of July 21, 2026, there were 14,960 early ballots cast in Coconino County. One percent of this amount is 150 ballots. Early ballots are batched in sets of 100 ballots for tracking purposes, which equates to 1.5 batches. However, we rounded up to three early ballot batches to include all three tabulation machines used during the election.

The hand audit board members compared hand count results to the tabulator results and found zero discrepancies. I am attaching the Polling Location and Early Ballot Audit Report from the Coconino County July 21, 2026 Primary Election for your review.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Esliir Musta".

Esliir Musta, Elections Director

