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N.J.S.A. 19:61-9: Audit of Election Results
2020 General Election
Audit date: December 3, 2020

The Sussex County Board of Elections performed an audit consistent with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:61-9. The Board conducted a hand-to-eye recount of the voter-verifiable paper records for the General Election for the President, U.S. Senate, House of Representatives, and Sussex County Freeholder. The municipal races and public questions were excluded from the audit.

Pursuant to the statute, "the audit shall be conducted in at least 2% of the election districts in which each audited election appears on the ballot." Sussex County is comprised of the 5th legislative district (216 batches) and the 11th legislative district (105 batches). 5 batches from the 5th Legislative District and 2 batches from the 11th Legislative district were chosen at random, for a total of 7 audit units. Audit units included: vote by mail ballots by municipality and provisional ballots by municipality. Tally sheets were prepared in advance of the audit for each audit unit.

The following audit units were randomly selected for audit:

1. 5th Legislative District: Frankford Batch 05-01
   Results of audit: 100% consistent with scanner tally
2. 5th Legislative District: Frankford Batch 05-04
   Results of audit: President - Donald Trump +1
   US Senate - Cory Booker +1
3. 5th Legislative District: Green Batch 08-07
   Results of audit: 100% consistent with scanner tally
4. 5th Legislative District: Lafayette Batch 13-02
   Results of audit: 100% consistent with scanner tally
5. 5th Legislative District: Vernon Batch 22-12
   Results of audit: President - Donald Trump +1
   Freeholder – Robert Slockbower +1
   Freeholder – Herbert J Yardley -1
6. 11th Legislative District: Sparta Batch 18-18
   Results of audit: 100% consistent with scanner tally
7. 11th Legislative District: Sparta Batch 18-33
   Results of audit: President – Donald Trump +1
   US Senate – Rikin "Rik" Mehta +1
   Freeholder – Robert Slockbower +1

Overvoted Ballots:
A post audit review of the ballots cast showed one paper ballot in Batch 18-18 contained an overvote and the scanner correctly did not count the vote.

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Undervoted Ballots:
A post audit review of the ballots showed that 6 contests were considered undervotes by the scanner and the hand tally interpreted a vote cast.

Batch #	Contest	Undervotes by Scanner	Undervotes by Hand-to-Eye
05-04	President	4	3
	US Senate	4	3
18-33	President	3	2
	US Senate	8	7
22-12	President	1	0
	Freeholder	16	15

As a result of this audit, the change to our certified results is as follows:

President – Donald Trump – gain of 3 votes
US Senate – Cory Booker – gain of 1 vote
House of Representatives – Rikin "Rik" Mehta – gain of 1 vote
Freeholder Robert Slockbower – gain of 2 votes
Freeholder Herbert Yardley – loss of 1 vote

Respectfully Submitted on December 9, 2020 by:

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