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TO: Katie Hobbs, Arizona Secretary of State
FROM: Melinda Meek, County Elections Official
RE: Hand Count Report – General Election – November 3, 2020
DATE: November 16, 2020

Pursuant to A.R.S. §16-602(B), Santa Cruz County conducted a Hand Count for the November 3, 2020 General Election.

On Wednesday, October 28, 2020, the Elections Official conducted a random drawing of lots for early ballot batches. The Elections Official conservatively estimated the total number of early ballots at 20,000. Under Arizona law, the hand count of early ballots needed to include at least 1% of early ballots cast in Santa Cruz County. Therefore, a hand count of 200 was conducted. The actual number of early ballots for the General Election was 15,481, so the actual percentage of early ballots hand counted was just under 4%.

The drawing for early ballot batches was conducted by placing 10 chips for each tabulation machine in a hat and asking random members of the Early Board to select two chips per tabulation machine. The numbers (1-10) for each machine indicated the sequential batch to be sequestered for the Hand Count Board process once processing of early ballots began. The following batches were selected:

- Tabulation Machine A (Red) – Batches R2 and R9
- Tabulation Machine B (Blue) – Batches B2 and B10

On Thursday, Oct. 29, 2020, the Elections Official began processing early ballot batches. The four selected 50-ballot batches were sequestered, two for each machine, as selected and reported above.

On Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 3 pm, representatives from the Santa Cruz County Democratic and Republican Parties met to select the Election Day Vote Center batches for the hand count.

The two polling locations randomly selected for the hand count were:

- VC 6 - Elgin
- VC 8 – Rio Rico

The Party Chairs also selected the races to be counted for those categories with more than one race, i.e. Federal (Senate or House of Representatives), State legislature (Senate or House) and Statewide Ballot Measure (Propositions 207 and 208). The races selected at random by the Party Chairs for these categories, and the other races to be counted, were:

- Presidential Elector — President
- Federal Candidate — U.S. Representative, District 3
- State Legislative — State Representative, District 2
- Statewide Candidate — Corporation Commissioner
- Statewide Ballot Measure — Proposition 208

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Conducting the Hand Count

The Hand Count boards met on Nov. 9 & 10, 2020. There were two boards made up of three members; one board had two Democrats and one Republican and one board had two Republicans and one Democrat. Each board had an alternate. The stacking method was used for counting.

The batches of early ballots were tabulated on two different machines; therefore, the hand count provides information on the tabulation accuracy of each machine. For each machine, the hand count results matched the tabulated results; there were 0 (zero) discrepancies. The results are shown in the tables below.

	Early Ballot Batch B2		Early Ballot Batch B10	
Race	Machine Count	Hand Count	Machine Count	Hand Count
U. S. President				
Biden, Joe	36	36	41	41
Trump, Donald J.	12	12	9	9
Jorgensen, Jo	1	1	0	0
U.S. Rep. in Congress Dist. 3				
Wood, Daniel	11	11	13	13
Grijalva, Raúl	38	38	36	36
State Rep. Leg. Dist. 2				
McEwen, Deborah	13	13	13	13
Dalessandro. Andrea	28	28	31	31
Hernandez Jr., Daniel	34	34	26	26
Corp. Commissioner				
Mundell, William "Bill"	26	26	28	28
Stanfield, Shea	27	27	27	27
Tovar, Anna	34	34	32	32
Marquez Peterson, Lea	15	15	14	14
O'Connor, James "Jim"	11	11	9	9
Sloan, Eric	9	9	8	8
Proposition 208				
No	21	21	17	17
Yes	28	28	31	31

	Early Ballot Batch R2		Early Ballot Batch R9	
Race	Machine Count	Hand Count	Machine Count	Hand Count
U. S. President				
Biden, Joe	32	32	34	34
Trump, Donald J.	17	17	16	16
Jorgensen, Jo	1	1	0	0
U.S. Rep. in Congress Dist. 3				
Wood, Daniel	14	14	16	16
Grijalva, Raúl	36	36	34	34
State Rep. Leg. Dist. 2				
McEwen, Deborah	15	15	15	15
Dalessandro. Andrea	30	30	24	24
Hernandez Jr., Daniel	29	29	29	29

Corp. Commissioner				
Mundell, William "Bill"	28	28	30	30
Stanfield, Shea	25	25	26	26
Tovar, Anna	33	33	34	34
Marquez Peterson, Lea	12	12	12	12
O'Connor, James "Jim"	16	16	13	13
Sloan, Eric	13	13	10	10
Proposition 208				
No	24	24	26	26
Yes	24	24	21	21

As stated above, the Election Day ballots for two (2) Vote Centers were hand counted. Vote Center 8 had no discrepancies between the hand count and the machine tabulation. Vote Center 6 had two (2) discrepancies, both of which were within the designated margins set by the Vote Count Verification Committee for polling places. The results are shown in the tables below.

	Vote Center 6 - Elgin		Vote Center 8 – Rio Rico Calabasas	
Race	Machine Count	Hand Count	Machine Count	Hand Count
U. S. President				
Biden, Joe	16	16	262	262
Trump, Donald J.	93	93	174	174
Jorgensen, Jo	3	3	7	7
U.S. Rep. in Congress Dist. 3				
Wood, Daniel	98	98	131	131
Grijalva, Raúl	13	13	305	305
State Rep. Leg. Dist. 2				
McEwen, Deborah	92*	93*	138	138
Dalessandro. Andrea	15	15	202	202
Hernandez Jr., Daniel	17	17	263	263
Corp. Commissioner				
Mundell, William "Bill"	11	11	172	172
Stanfield, Shea	13	13	165	165
Tovar, Anna	13	13	250	250
Marquez Peterson, Lea	76	76	149	149
O'Connor, James "Jim"	82**	83**	113	113
Sloan, Eric	73	73	98	98
Proposition 208				
No	84	84	171	171
Yes	24	24	246	246

* Discrepancy= 1/92x100= 1% (or three votes whichever is greater) – The Elections Official determined that the cause of this discrepancy was a write-in vote for the candidate that the Hand Count Board counted and the tabulation machine did not.

** Discrepancy = 1/82x100 = 1% (or three votes whichever is greater) – The Elections Official determined that the cause of this discrepancy was likely the voter not following ballot marking instructions when indicating their candidate choice.