PINAL COUNTY
Hand Count / Early Ballot Audit Report

November 3, 2020 General Election

Synopsis:

Pursuant to A.R.S. §16-602(B), Pinal County Elections Department conducted the hand count/early ballot audit for the November 3, 2020 Primary Election. Two (2) precincts were counted, as required by statute.

The hand count began on November 3, 2020, at 3:00 p.m. The Pinal County Democratic and Republican Party Chairs each appointed six people to serve as Hand Count Board Members.

Pinal County's ballots had four contested races in the Federal category, one contested race in the Statewide category, ten contested races in the Legislative category, and two contested races in the Statewide Ballot Measure category. Using a random selection method, the following races were selected for the hand count: (1) U.S. Presidential Electors; (2) U.S. Senator; (3) Corporation Commissioner; (4) State Senator – District 4; and (5) Proposition 207.

Tokens were created for each of the 90 polling places. Several of the polling places had multiple co-located precincts. All ballots were accounted for in the central counting location before the selection process started. Precincts 10 and 31 were selected by blindly pulling two labeled tokens out of a bowl. All ballots cast in these precincts were tabulated on ES&S DS850 optical scanning equipment.

For the early ballot audit, 1% of the early ballots were randomly selected in 4 batches that contained an aggregate total of 1,988 ballots. As of November 3, 2020, an estimated 105,332 have been tabulated, with an expectation of approximately 41,000 left to be processed, for a total of approximately 146,000.

The hand count was completed at 4:00 p.m. on November 5, 2020. There were zero (0) discrepancies between the machine count and the hand counts for the polling place ballots. For the precinct hand count, there was a one vote difference on the Corporation Commissioner race, resulting in an aggregated margin of 0.081%. For the early ballot audit, there were two discrepancies: (1) there was a three vote difference on the Corporation Commissioner race; and (2) there was a two vote difference on the Proposition 207 contest. The aggregated margins for those two contests were 0.058% and 0.104%, respectively. In all cases, the hand count boards felt that they could determine a voter's vote but the machine may not have read them because the mark was faint or just outside the oval. All of the discrepancies were within the acceptable margin published on the Secretary of State's website at azsos.gov/elections/voting-election/voting-equipment. The aggregate precinct and early ballot reports are attached.

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AGGREGATE - PRECINCT HAND COUNT REPORT - TOTAL FROM **ALL** PRECINCTS

Election: General Election – November 3, 2020

Race Category: President **Race**: U.S. Presidential Electors

Precinct	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
10	497	497	0
31	90	90	0
Totals:	587	587	0

Aggregated Margin

Margin = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count X 100	0 %

Race Category: Federal **Race**: U.S. Senator

Precinct	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
10	486	486	0
31	89	89	0
Totals:	575	575	0

Aggregated Margin

Margin = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count X 100	0 %

Race Category: Statewide **Race**: Corporation Commissioner

Precinct	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
10	1058	1057	1
31	177	177	0
Totals:	1235	1234	0

Aggregated Margin

Margin = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count X 100	0.081 %

Race Category: Legislative **Race**: State Senator – District 4

Precinct	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
10	0	0	0
31	0	0	0
Totals:	0	0	0

Aggregated Margin

Margin = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count X 100	0 %

Race Category: Ballot Measure **Race**: Proposition 207

Precinct	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
10	457	457	0
31	84	84	0
Totals:	541	541	0

Aggregated Margin

Margin = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count X 100	0 %

Additional Comments:

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

Election: November 3, 2020 General Election

Race Category: President **Race**: U.S. Presidential Electors

Batch	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
HC1-6	479	479	0
HC1-8	537	537	0
HC1-16	473	473	0
HC1-18	494	494	0
Totals:	1983	1983	0

Aggregated Margin

Margin = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count X 100	0%

Race Category: Federal **Race**: U.S. Senator

Batch	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
HC1-6	474	474	0
HC1-8	536	536	0
HC1-16	470	470	0
HC1-18	493	493	0
Totals:	1973	1973	0

Aggregated Margin

Margin = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count X 100	%

Race Category: Statewide **Race**: Corporation Commissioner

Batch	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
HC1-6	1207	1207	0
HC1-8	1345	1342	3
HC1-16	1276	1276	0
HC1-18	1346	1346	0
Totals:	5174	5171	3

Aggregated Margin

Margin = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count X 100	0.058 %

Race Category: Legislative **Race**: State Senator – District 4

Batch	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
HC1-6	0	0	0
HC1-8	0	0	0
HC1-16	0	0	0
HC1-18	1	1	0
Totals:	1	1	0

Aggregated Margin

Margin = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count X 100	0 %

Race Category: Ballot Measure **Race**: Proposition 207

Batch	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
HC1-6	460	460	0
HC1-8	505	507	2
HC1-16	465	465	0
HC1-18	485	485	0
Totals:	1915	1917	2

Aggregated Margin

Margin = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count X 100	.104 %

Additional Comments: