The Hunterdon County Board of Elections (HC BOE) performed an audit consistent with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:61-9.

The General Election held November 3, 2020 was conducted as an all Vote-by-Mail Election per Executive Order 144. Current voting machines in the County of Hunterdon do not have a verified voter paper trail and are exempt from an audit.

Pursuant to the statute and Executive Order 144, 2% of the paper ballot batches for each Congressional District within Hunterdon County were to be audited. Hunterdon County is comprised of one (1) Congressional District known as District 7.

The HC BOE conducted a hand-to-eye count of the paper records for the General Election held November 3, 2020 for the following offices: President, US Senate, House of Representatives, County Board of Chosen Freeholders and Local Mayor, if applicable.

Audit units were comprised of vote-by-mail ballots and provisional ballots of the same Municipality or ballot style in quantities of 100 or less. Based on the return of vote by mail ballots and the number of batches created 18 batches represent 2% of the total number of batches created.

The following batches were randomly selected for the audit:

CLINTON TWP: 1-58  
FLEMINGTON BOROUGH: 2-81  
CALIFON BOROUGH: 1-418  
CLINTON TWP: 1-36  
LAMBERTVILLE CITY: 1-105  
READINGTON TWP: 1-393

CLINTON TWP: 1-49  
HOLLAND TWP: 2-114  
LEBANON TWP: 2-176  
HOLLAND TWP: 5-15  
READINGTON TWP: 2-311  
UNION TWP: 1-411

RARITAN TWP: 1-207  
UNION TWP: 1-252  
HOLLAND TWP: 1-359  
READINGTON TWP: 2-330  
RARITAN TWP: 3-21  
CLINTON TWP: 1-329

In each Municipality, the hand to eye audit was 100% consistent with the vote-by-mail scanned tally reports generated for each of the above listed batches. The audit did not result in a change in the number of votes counted for any candidate. Any paper ballot which contained an overvote for a contest recorded it as an overvote and did not count the vote. The audit did not tally undervotes.

Respectfully Submitted on December 4, 2020 by:

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