The Salem County Board of Elections performed a post-election audit consistent with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:61-9 and the guidelines promulgated by the New Jersey Secretary of State’s Office on Thursday, December 3, 2020. The audit was available to the public.

The Salem County Board of Elections conducted a hand-to-eye count of the voter-verifiable paper records for the November 3, 2020 General Election for the offices of the United States President, United States Senate, United States House of Representative, and Salem County Freeholder. The Board of Education elections and public questions were excluded from the audit.

Pursuant to the statute, “the audit shall be conducted in at least 2% of the elections districts in which each audited election appears on the ballot”. Due to Covid-19 global pandemic, this election was conducted as a primarily paper election. The guidelines provided for this audit requires 2% of the audit units in each of the congressional districts to be randomly selected.

Audits units included: voter verified paper audit trials from each voting machines, vote by mail ballots by municipality/ward; and provisional ballots by municipality/ward. In total, 702 audits units created.

As provided for in the same statute, the audit units were randomly selected and followed by the audit process on December 3, 2020 at 9:00 am. Via a publicly advertised meeting:

2nd Congressional District: Carney’s Point: Batch 245: VBM: 13 Ballots

2nd Congressional District: Carney’s Point: Batch 469: VBM: 4 Ballots
2nd Congressional District: Elmer: Batch 308: VBMs: 16 Ballots
2nd Congressional District: Penns Grove: Batch 303: VBMs: 69 Ballots
2nd Congressional District: Pennsville: Batch 1: VBMs: 59 Ballots
2nd Congressional District: Pennsville: Batch 11: VBMs: 92 Ballots
2nd Congressional District: Pennsville: Batch 380: VBMs: 76 Ballots
2nd Congressional District: Pilesgrove: Batch 108: VBMs: 124 Ballots
2nd Congressional District: Pilesgrove: Batch 125: VBMs: 103 Ballots
2nd Congressional District: Pittsgrove: Batch 479: VBMs: 18 Ballots
2nd Congressional District: Woodstown: Batch 127: VBMs: 126 Ballots
2nd Congressional District: Woodstown: Batch 470: VBMs: 2 Ballots

In each district, the hand to eye audit was 100% consistent with the machine tally. The audit did not result in a change in the number of votes counted for any candidate.

Respectfully Submitted on December 10, 2020 by:

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