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 2, 2021 was conducted with Nine (9) days of early voting using the ESS Express Vote XL Ballot Marking Devices w/ paper ballots, Vote-By Mail Ballots, Provisional Ballots, and the Dominion AVC Advantage DRE. The Dominion AVC Advantage does not have a verified voter paper trail and are exempt from an audit.

Pursuant to the statute 2 Units of the paper ballot batches for each Legislative District within Hunterdon County were to be audited. Hunterdon County is comprised of three (3) Legislative Districts; 15, 16 & 23.

The HC BOE conducted a hand-to-eye count of the paper records for the General Election held November 2, 2021 for the following offices: Governor, State Senate, General Assembly, County Clerk, Full Term Municipal Race and/or Mayor.

Audit units were comprised of early voting ballots, vote-by-mail ballots, and provisional ballots. Based on less than 100 voting districts in each of the 3 Legislative Districts, 2 Units were required to be audited from each Legislative Districts.

The following batches were randomly selected for the audit:

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 15:
- LAMBERTVILLE CITY – A-0018
- EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP – 02-08

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 16:
- READINGTON TOWNSHIP – 01-71
- RARITAN TOWNSHIP – 01-60

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 23:
- BETHLEHEM TOWNSHIP – A0002
- ALEXANDRIA TOWNSHIP – 01-96

In each Municipality, the hand to eye audit was 100% consistent with the scanned tally report except Readington Township 01-71, where the voter did not complete the oval significantly enough to be detected by the tabulation equipment thus not assigning a vote. 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 November 22, 2021 by:

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