



November 29, 2023

Robert Serrano III
Guadalupe County Clerk

SUBJECT: Post-Election Voting System Check for the November 7, 2023, Regular Local Election

The New Mexico Secretary of State, Maggie Toulouse Oliver, has engaged Zlotnick & Sandoval, PC's accounting firm, to perform a Post-Election Voting System Check for the November 7, 2023, Regular Local Election. This agreed-upon procedures engagement will be performed in accordance with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) statements on standards for attestation engagements. As set forth in Section 1-14-13.2, NMSA 1978 and 1.10.23.9 NMAC, the post-election voting system check is performed for each statewide election. All precincts in the State of New Mexico are subject to selection for the voting system check. This will check on the accuracy of precinct electronic vote tabulators. We held the sample selection of precincts publicly on November 28, 2023.

The law requires the following:

1. County clerks to open the locked ballot boxes, remove ballots from the selected precincts, and compare the original machine count precinct vote totals to the respective totals for a hand recount of the paper ballots from the selected precincts.
2. The county clerks shall report their results to the auditor within fourteen (14) working days of receiving the notice of the chosen precincts. All machine-counted ballots in the precinct must be included in the recount.
3. The auditor will analyze the results between the hand counts and the original machine count to determine whether an additional sample size is needed (based on the law).



Pursuant to Section 1-14-13.2 NMSA 1978, this is a notification of the precincts in your county to be included in the voting system check. For these precincts, please report the hand recount of the precinct vote totals, including Election Day, Absentee, and Early Voting for the contest(s) indicated in the table below.

See Attached. Select the two candidates with the closest margin for each contest.

We have attached the Chain of Custody worksheet, the Summary Tally Sheet, and the Hand Tally Sheets for the hand recounts. Please make as many copies of the 'Hand Tally Sheet' as needed to document the recount by ballot type (election day, early voting, or absentee). When completed, please summarize the information on the 'Summary of Hand Tally Sheet' for each selected contest. We are also including an example of how to fill out the tally sheets.

Please scan and email these worksheets to ban@zlscca.com and cc: rick@zlscca.com. However, you can also hand-deliver or mail the worksheets to us at the above address. If you have any questions, please email or call us at (505) 982-3894.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Zlotnick & Sandoval, PC".

Zlotnick & Sandoval, PC
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