

PINAL COUNTY
Hand Count / Early Ballot Audit Report
March 17, 2020 Presidential Preference Election

Synopsis:


Pursuant to A.R.S. §16-602(B), Pinal County Elections Department conducted the hand count/early ballot audit for the March 17, 2020 Presidential Preference Election. Two (2) precincts were counted, as required by statute.

The hand count began on March 18, 2020, at 3:00 p.m. In lieu of representatives of the Pinal County Republican and Democratic Parties, which neither party designated by the deadline, the Early Board members were appointed to serve as Hand Count Board Members as well. This process was explained to the County Party Chairs and neither expressed any objections. The two Hand Count Boards were comprised of a mix of Democratic and Republican party members.

Tokens were created for each of the 51 polling places. Many 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 71/76/88 and 78/89 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 selected in 9 batches that contained an aggregate total of 453 ballots. As of March 5, 2020, an estimated 42,000 early ballots had been issued. To account for later-issued early ballots, the 1% estimate was 450.

The hand count was completed at 12:00 p.m. on March 19, 2020. There were zero (0) discrepancies between the machine count and the hand counts for both the early ballots and the polling place ballots. The aggregate precinct and early ballot reports are attached.


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

Election: 2020 Presidential Preference

Race Category: Federal Candidate U.S. President

Batch	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
C114	50	50	0
C96	49	49	0
C129	49	49	0
C144	50	50	0
C1	50	50	0
C45	50	50	0
C119	50	50	0
C14	48	48	0
C70	57	57	0
Totals:	453	453	0

Aggregated Margin

Margin = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count X 100	0%
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Additional Comments:

AGGREGATE - PRECINCT HAND COUNT REPORT - TOTAL FROM ALL PRECINCTS

Election: 2020 Presidential Preference

Race Category: Federal

U.S. President

Precinct	Hand Count Total	Machine Count Total	Absolute Difference
71, 76, 88	124	124	0
78, 79	135	135	0
Totals:	259	259	0

Aggregated Margin

Margin = Absolute Difference ÷ Machine Count X 100

0 %

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