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To: Election Stakeholders

From: Katherine Berry, Election Director

Re: 2020 Presidential General Election Manual Audit

State law¹ requires that election officials manually audit a sample of voted ballots. This audit must be performed after each general election.

The Carroll County Board of Elections will conduct the manual ballot audit of the 2020 Presidential General Election starting on Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at 8:30AM. This audit may take one day to complete and will take place at the Carroll County Board of Elections, located at 300 South Center Street, Westminster, MD 21157. This audit is open to the public, however social distancing guidelines will be adhered to, which may include limiting the number of people who can view the audit at one time, keeping any public viewers six feet apart from others, and requiring the use of masks indoors.

The Carroll County Board of Elections will manually tally a sample of votes cast for President/Vice President of the United States and compare the results of the manual tally against the results from the voting system. This process will determine whether the voting system accurately counted ballots during the 2020 Presidential General Election.²

The State Board of Elections randomly selected the early voting center and election day vote center to be audited, and the Carroll County Board of Elections randomly selected the mail in and provisional ballots to be audited. Starting on Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at 8:30AM, the Carroll County Board of Elections will manually tally the votes for President/Vice President of the United States on:

1. 987 ballots cast on one scanning unit on the first day of early voting at the Westminster Senior Activities Center
2. 2,008 ballots cast on election day at Taneytown Elementary School
3. 50 mail in ballots
4. 25 provisional ballots

¹ See Election Law Article, §11-309 of the *Annotated Code of Maryland*. This requirement introduced as House Bill 1278 of the 2018 Legislative Session and is reported as Chapter 523 of the 2018 Laws of Maryland.

² Before the 2020 General Election was certified, the State Board of Elections conducted an automated audit of **all** of the ballots cast in the 2020 General Election. The results of this audit confirmed the accuracy of the voting system. The results of the automated audit are at https://elections.maryland.gov/voting_system/ballot_audit_plan.html