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To: Election Stakeholders

From: Katherine Berry, Election Director

Re: 2022 Gubernatorial General Election Manual Audit

State law ¹ 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 2022 Gubernatorial General Election on Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at 8:30 am. This audit will be completed at the Robert Moton Gym located at 300 South Center Street, Westminster, MD 21157 and is open to the public. The snow date for this audit is Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at 8:30 am.

The Carroll County Board of Elections will manually tally a sample of votes cast for the Governor/Lt. Governor 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 2022 Gubernatorial General Election.²

The State Board of Elections randomly selected the early voting center and election day precinct to be audited, and the Carroll County Board of Elections randomly selected the mail-in and provisional ballots to be audited. Starting on Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at 8:30 am, the Carroll County Board of Elections will manually tally the votes for the Governor/Lt. Governor on:

1. 419 ballots cast on scanning unit #2 on the first day of early voting at the Westminster Senior Activities Center
2. 987 ballots cast on election day for precinct 07-007 Westminster Elementary School
3. 99 mail-in ballots
4. 75 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 2022 Gubernatorial General Election was certified, the State Board of Elections conducted an automated audit of **all** of the ballots cast in the 2022 Gubernatorial 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.