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Post-Election Audit of Loudoun General Election Ballots Set for February 23

Loudoun County election officials will conduct a post-election audit of ballots cast in the November 2020 general election Tuesday, February 23, 2021, from 10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Members of the public are invited to watch and participate remotely through the Webex platform. Details on how to participate may be found at loudoun.gov/remoteparticipation.

The audit in Loudoun is part of the statewide "Risk-Limiting Audit" of ballot scanner machines being conducted by the Virginia Department of Elections in partnership with Voting Works, a nonprofit organization. Local election officials and observers appointed by local political parties participate in the audits.

"The audit helps support the integrity of the election process. It uses a random sample of voted ballots to manually look for evidence that the originally reported outcome of the election is correct," said Loudoun General Registrar Judy Brown. "Unfortunately, this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we cannot have the general public watch in person, but they will be able to observe the audit remotely."

More information about election security and past audits is available from the <u>Virginia</u> <u>Department of Elections</u>.