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Loudoun Election Officials Complete Post-Election Audit

Loudoun County has successfully completed a post-election audit, which confirmed that the county's electronic voting system accurately reported the correct outcome of the November 7, 2023, general election.

The <u>Virginia State Board of Elections</u> approved a request from the Loudoun Electoral Board to conduct a "risk-limiting audit" of ballots cast in the House of Delegates District 27, using what is called the "batch comparison" method. A batch is typically all ballots from one precinct.

During this type of audit, a bi-partisan team hand counts a batch of ballots and compares the results to the reported outcome. The ballots that were reviewed included those cast in person during the early voting period, by mail and in person at a large number of polling locations on Election Day.

Loudoun conducted a similar audit in June 2023 following the June 2023 Democratic primary for the House of Delegates District 26.

"Post-election audits are one more way that we can illustrate to voters that our voting equipment and procedures used to count votes is working properly," said Loudoun County General Registrar Judy Brown. "The main issue we continue to see is that some voters do not completely fill in the bubble next to the name of their chosen candidate, which can lead to errors."

More information about the security of the county's voting system and how it operates is online at <u>loudoun.gov/ElectionSecurity</u>.