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Via Email

The Honorable Clint Hickman
Maricopa County Board of Supervisors
510 South 3rd Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona 85003

Re: Hand Count Audit

Dear Chairman Hickman:

Maricopa County will soon begin the manual hand count of certain precincts and early voting batches in accordance with A.R.S. § 16-602. Because of widespread concern raised about the ballot marking procedure in Maricopa County election day voting centers, we suggest Maricopa County consider expanding the hand count audit to five per cent of the voting center locations, which it may do in accordance with A.R.S. § 16-602(B)(1) and Chapter 11, Section III(A) of the Elections Procedures Manual.

Although at this point in time we have no reason to believe the tabulation equipment did not work properly, an expanded hand count may help alleviate concern and provide public confidence in the integrity of the vote tabulation process. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Kanefield".

Joseph Kanefield
Chief Deputy & Chief of Staff

cc: Scott Jarrett, Director of Elections Day and Emergency Voting, Maricopa County