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Media Advisory

El Paso County Elections Department Completes Risk Limiting Audit in First Round

[Colorado Springs, Colo. – Nov 21, 2017] El Paso County participated in the statewide Risk Limiting Audit last Friday, November 17, and was able to complete it in the first round. The Risk Limiting Audit (RLA) introduces a new level of confidence testing for election results.

Required by Section 1-7-515(2)(a) of the Colorado Revised Statutes, the RLA is coordinated by the Secretary of State's Office, and provides strong statistical evidence that the election outcome is consistent with what was counted. This was the first statewide RLA conducted in Colorado.

Election rules for the RLA state that the Secretary of State's Office must select a countywide race for the audit – if possible. With only one countywide issue, the audit in El Paso County focused on El Paso County Ballot Issue 1A. Elections staff were required to audit ballots cast for the issue; the audit process included locating specific ballots, and reviewing and determining that the results of those ballots were consistent with what was counted.

“Our unofficial elections motto is ‘El Paso County V.O.T.E.S.’ – standing for verified, open, tested, ethical, and secure. By passing the RLA in the first round, we are proud to say that motto continues to reflect our office's work to make sure that every vote – and every voice – counts,” said Clerk and Recorder Chuck Broerman.

El Paso County's success in passing the audit in the first round is attributable to the robust processes developed by the Elections Department, and the effective use and management of the new elections equipment. The election has now been certified, and the results are official. El Paso County ended the election with 153,832 ballots cast.

A recount is required for the Academy School District 20 Board of Directors race, and that must be completed by December 7.

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