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**Post-Election Manual Ballot Tabulation Audit Notice**  
**February 1, 2019**

To whom it may concern,

State law<sup>1</sup> now requires that election officials manually audit a sample of voted ballots. This audit must be performed after each general election.

The Harford County Board of Elections will conduct the manual ballot audit of the 2018 General Election starting on **February 12, 2019 at 9:00 am**. This audit is expected to take one day (possibly two) and will take place at the Harford County Board of Elections, located at 133 Industry Lane in Forest Hill, Maryland. This audit is open to the public.

The Harford County Board of Elections will manually tally a sample of votes cast for the Office of the Comptroller 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 2018 General Election.<sup>2</sup>

The State Board of Elections randomly selected the early voting center and precincts for the audit, and the Harford County Board of Elections randomly selected the absentee and provisional ballots. Starting on February 12, 2019 the Harford County Board of Elections will manually tally the votes for Comptroller on:

1. 825 ballots cast on one scanning unit on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Early Voting at the McFaul Activity Center
2. 984 ballots cast on Election Day at Abingdon Elementary School (1-09)
3. 212 ballots cast on Election Day at Riverside Elementary School (1-41)
4. 723 ballots cast on Election Day at Jarrettsville Library (4-06)
5. 15 absentee ballots
6. 15 provisional ballots

Respectfully submitted,

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Before the 2018 General Election was certified, the State Board of Elections conducted an automated audit of all of the ballots cast in the 2018 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](https://elections.maryland.gov/voting_system/ballot_audit_plan.html)