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Prince George's County Board of Elections Issues Update Regarding 2026 Gubernatorial Primary Election Results Verification

Prince George's County Board of Elections is committed to ensuring the accuracy, integrity, and transparency of all elections conducted within Prince George's County. During the Maryland State Board of Elections' and Prince George's County Board of Elections' established post-election verification process for the 2026 Gubernatorial Primary Election, an administrative discrepancy was identified during the processing of USB media associated with three (3) Election Day polling places. The discrepancy was detected through the 100% verification of Election Day results and was promptly investigated and corrected through established auditing, reconciliation, and quality assurance procedures, ensuring that the official election results accurately reflect the ballots cast by voters.

The processing discrepancy impacted three (3) USB media devices assigned to the following Election Day polling places:

- 006-015
- 011-003/011-007 (combined polling place)
- 020-005

The processing discrepancy required a rescan of the affected ballots. The rescan was completed using three separate precinct-based scanners and included only those ballots associated with the impacted USB media. A total of 383 ballots were rescanned, consisting of:

- 006-015 – 65 ballots
- 011-003 – 203 ballots
- 011-007 – 63 ballots
- 020-005 – 52 ballots

Following completion of the rescan, the corrected USB media was successfully uploaded. It was subsequently determined that the original upload containing the processing discrepancy had not been cleared prior to the second upload. As a result, Election Day results temporarily reflected 383 duplicate ballots associated with the three affected USB media devices.

Once the duplicate upload was identified, immediate corrective action was taken. The duplicate records were removed and the election results were corrected to accurately reflect the ballots cast and the corresponding vote totals for each contest and candidate. These corrections were completed during the evening of July 1, 2026, reducing the Election Day ballot total from 49,489 to 49,106.

Prince George's County Board of Elections sincerely apologizes for any confusion this matter may have caused to voters, candidates, stakeholders, and members of the public. We recognize the importance of maintaining public confidence in the electoral process and remain committed to providing timely, accurate, and transparent election information.

This matter demonstrates the strength of Maryland's election administration processes. The discrepancy was identified through rigorous verification procedures, multiple quality-control checkpoints, post-election auditing practices, and numerous technical and procedural safeguards incorporated throughout the election process. Internal auditing, collaboration with the Maryland State Board of Elections, and independent verification through ClearBallot functioned as intended by identifying the discrepancy before final certification and ensuring that the official election results accurately reflect the ballots cast by voters.

Prince George's County Board of Elections has remained in continuous communication with the Maryland State Board of Elections throughout this process to ensure that the appropriate corrective actions were taken and that the integrity, security, and accuracy of the election results remain uncompromised. The Board remains committed to transparency, accountability, and the continuous improvement of election administration.