## November 8, 2011 General Election Official Canvass Certification Data - Amended

## FINAL RESULTS

Amended Election Results for the November 8, 2011 General Election are attached in the "Election Summary" report.

NOTE: Seven (7) ballots were added to the Provisional Category

## SUMMARY OF OFFICIAL CANVASS

There were a total of 384,202 ballots tabulated for the November 8, 2011 General Election. Below is a breakdown of the ballots counted by category and a percentage of the total vote by category.

| Category | Ballots Cast | \% of Total Ballots Counted |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Election Day | 241,632 | $62.89 \%$ |
| Absentee | 130,413 | $33.94 \%$ |
| Provisional | 11,295 | $2.94 \%$ |
| Post Absentee | 722 | $0.19 \%$ |
| Post Election Day | 140 | $0.04 \%$ |

## \% of Total Ballots Cast



## ABSENTEE / VOTE BY MAIL

The Cuyahoga County Board of Elections received a total of 148,046 valid Absentee/Vote by Mail applications. Of those requests, 133,123 ballots were returned ( $89.92 \%$ ). The Ballot Department tabulated 131,135 Absentee / Vote by Mail Ballots ( $88.57 \%$ ). There were 1,988 ballots challenged in this election resulting in a challenge rate of $1.49^{*}$ for this election. Details of the challenges are below.
*The Absentee Ballot Challenge Rate is $0.61 \%$ when the Absentee Ballots postmarked after the deadline are excluded.

| Absentee Challenge Category | \# Challenged | \% of Total Challenged Absentee |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Returned Too Late* | 1,186 | $59.66 \%$ |
| ID Envelope Not Returned | 254 | $12.78 \%$ |
| No Signature on ID Envelope | 243 | $12.22 \%$ |
| No Identification | 115 | $5.78 \%$ |
| ID Envelope Not Completed | 92 | $4.63 \%$ |
| No Printed Name on ID Envelope | 39 | $1.96 \%$ |
| Ballot Not in ID Envelope | 21 | $1.06 \%$ |
| No Ballot Returned with ID Envelope | 10 | $0.50 \%$ |
| Returned to Polling Location | 10 | $0.50 \%$ |
| Returned Ballot to Library | 8 | $0.40 \%$ |
| Registration Address Does Not Match ID Envelope | 4 | $0.20 \%$ |
| Invalid Signature on ID Envelope | 3 | $0.15 \%$ |
| No Stub or Stub Removed | 1 | $0.05 \%$ |
| Printed Signature | 1 | $0.05 \%$ |
| Non-County Resident | 1,988 | $0.05 \%$ |
| Total |  |  |


| Absentee Data |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| Total Ballots - COUNTED | 384,202 |
| Absentee Ballots - REQUESTED | 148,046 |
| Absentee Ballots - RETURNED | 133,123 |
| Absentee Ballots - COUNTED | 131,135 |
| Absentee Ballots - CHALLENGED | 2,226 |
| Challenges - CORRECTED | 238 |
| Challenges - NOT CORRECTED | 1,988 |
| Challenge - LATE RETURN | 1,186 |
| \% Counted of All Ballots Counted | $34.13 \%$ |
| \% Returned of Absentee Ballots Requested | $89.92 \%$ |
| \% Counted of Absentee Ballots Requested | $1.67 \%$ |
| \% Challenged of Absentee Ballots Requested | $1.49 \%$ |
| \% Remaining Challenges of Absentee Ballots Returned | $0.61 \%$ |
| \% Challenged Not Including Late | $10.69 \%$ |
| \% Corrected of All Challenges | $22.88 \%$ |
| \% Corrected Not Including Late | $0.89 \%$ |
| \% Late of All Absentee Ballots Returned | $59.66 \%$ |
| \% Late of All Remaining Challenges |  |

## \% of Total Challenged Absentee



## PROVISIONAL VOTING SUMMARY

A total of 13,335 Provisional Ballots were cast In-House and on Election Day. Of those ballots, 11,295 (84.70\%) were valid and tabulated by the Ballot Department. There were 2,041 rejected Provisional Ballots resulting in a $15.30 \%^{*}$ rejection rate for this election. Details of the rejections are below.

* The Provisional Ballot Rejection Rate is $14.70 \%$ when Provisional Voters who have already cast an Absentee Ballot are excluded.

| Reason for Rejection | \# Rejected | \% of Total Provisional Rejections |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Wrong Precinct | 992 | $\mathbf{4 8 . 6 3 \%}$ |
|  | Wrong Precinct in Correct Location | 499 |
| Wrong Precinct in Wrong Location | 493 | $24.46 \%$ |
| Not Registered | 768 | $\mathbf{2 4 . 1 6 \%}$ |
| Voted Absentee* | 94 | $\mathbf{3 7 . 6 5 \%}$ |
| No Signature | 74 | $\mathbf{4 . 6 1 \%}$ |
| No Printed Name | 71 | $\mathbf{3 . 6 3 \%}$ |
| Missing Identification | 15 | $\mathbf{3 . 4 8 \%}$ |
| Incorrect Address | 12 | $\mathbf{0 . 7 4 \%}$ |
| Out of County | 7 | $\mathbf{0 . 3 9 \%}$ |
| Signature Does Not Match Registration Record | 6 | $\mathbf{0 . 2 9 \%}$ |
| Signature in Wrong Place on Provisional Envelope | 1 | $\mathbf{0 . 0 5 \%}$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{2 0 4 0}$ |  |


| Provisional Data |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| Provisional Ballots - CAST | 13,335 |
| Provisional Ballots - VALID | 11,295 |
| Provisional Ballots - REJECTED | 2,040 |
| Rejected - ABSENTEE VOTERS | 94 |
| Rejected - NOT INCLUDING ABSENTEE VOTERS | 1,946 |
| Rejected - WRONG PRECINCT (Total) | 992 |
| Rejected - WRONG PRECINCT/CORRECT LOCATION | 499 |
| \% VALID of All Provisional Ballots Cast | $84.70 \%$ |
| \% REJECTED of All Provisional Ballots Cast | $15.30 \%$ |
| \% REJECTED Not Including Absentee Voters | $14.70 \%$ |
| \% Wrong Precinct (Total) of All Provisional Ballots Cast | $7.44 \%$ |
| \% Wrong Precinct/Correct Location of All Provisional Ballots Cast | $3.74 \%$ |

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\% of Total Provisional Rejections


## BALLOT REMAKES

During the election, 1,236 ballots were processed in accordance with the CCBOE Remake Procedure (approved by the Board on August 4, 2010). Of those, 839 ballots were processed during the Unofficial Canvass; the remaining 397 were processed during the Official Canvass. The following is a breakdown by category:

| Reason for Remake | Number of Remakes | $\%$ of Total Remakes |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| 1 - Ripped or torn ballot. | 357 | $28.88 \%$ |
| 3 - Crossed out one choice. | 221 | $17.88 \%$ |
| 4 - Tried to erase one choice. | 83 | $6.72 \%$ |
| $5-$ A dot or resting mark occurs on one contest. <br> (Run As Is) | 266 | $21.52 \%$ |
| 6 - Used whiteout. | 18 | $1.46 \%$ |
| 7 - Dash marks are made outside of the ovals and <br> nothing is inside of the ovals. | 3 | $0.24 \%$ |
| 8 - Majority of ovals marked with "X", check mark <br> or other mark. | 16 | $1.29 \%$ |
| 9 - Entire response crossed out. (Run As Is) | 2 | $0.16 \%$ |
| 10 - Used only (or majority of) circles, "x" or other <br> marks. | 11 | $0.89 \%$ |
| 11 - Used words instead of filling in ovals. | 2 | $15.78 \%$ |
| 12 - Used green ink. | 15 | $0.16 \%$ |
| 14 - Ink transferred when ballot was folded. | 2 | $1.21 \%$ |
| 15 - Miscellaneous writing on ballot. (Run As Is) | 27 | $0.16 \%$ |
| 16 - Circle oval rather than filling it in. | 18 | $2.18 \%$ |
| MOVE Act |  | $1.46 \%$ |


| Stage of Election | Number of Ballots Remade | $\%$ of Total Remakes |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Unofficial | 839 | $67.88 \%$ |
| Official | 397 | $32.12 \%$ |

## OVER VOTES

There were a total of 2,796 over votes recorded resulting in a $0.086 \%$ over vote rate for the election. The exact number of over voted ballots is unknown as the Unity system reports over votes on a per-contest basis, thus a ballot containing multiple over votes is recorded multiple times. Details of the over votes by contest are below:

A detailed listing of over votes cast by contest is attached.

## POLL BOOK JUSTIFICATION AND BALLOT RECONCILIATION

All 1,066 precincts were involved in this election. The number of signatures in the Poll Books matches the number of Ballots Cast in 866 ( $81.24 \%$ ) precincts. Below is a breakdown of the range of discrepancies between the number of signatures in the poll books and the number of ballots cast on Election Day.

| Number of Precincts | Range |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{2}$ | 5 Discrepancies |
| 9 | 4 Discrepancies |
| $\mathbf{1 5}$ | 3 Discrepancies |
| $\mathbf{5 0}$ | 2 Discrepancies |
| $\mathbf{1 2 4}$ | 1 Discrepancy |
| TOTAL $=\mathbf{2 0 0}$ |  |

A review of the ballots cast on Election Day was completed for all of the precincts with a discrepancy.

The number of ballots ordered reconciles with the number of ballots used, unused, soiled and defaced at the polls on Election Day in 867 ( $81.33 \%$ ) precincts. Below is a breakdown of the range of discrepancies between the number of ballots ordered and the number of ballots used, unused and soiled on Election Day.

| Number of Precincts | Range |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{2}$ | 5 Discrepancies |
| $\mathbf{3}$ | 4 Discrepancies |
| $\mathbf{8}$ | 3 Discrepancies |
| $\mathbf{2 5}$ | 2 Discrepancies |
| $\mathbf{1 6 1}$ | 1 Discrepancy |
| TOTAL $=199$ |  |

The Poll Worker Department is conducting further review into both the Poll Book Justification and Ballot Reconciliation and will determine if there is a trend in certain geographical areas of the county.

## RECOUNTS

The following six (6) contests resulted in a margin of victory that is less than one half of one percent - the threshold to conduct an automatic recount.

| Contest | Total Precincts | Precincts Hand Counted |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Bedford Heights Charter Review Commission | 10 | 1 |
| Cleveland Heights Council | 37 | 2 |
| Mayfield Heights Council - UTE 12/31/2013 | 15 | 1 |
| University Heights Council at Large | 10 | 1 |
| 4-Bedford City School District - Tax Levy | 31 | 3 |
| 13 - Olmsted Falls City School District - Tax Levy | 20 | 2 |

A recount was also requested in an additional four (4) races.

| Contest | Total Precincts | Precincts Hand Counted |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Euclid Mayor (3 Precincts Only) | 48 | 3 |
| Walton Hills Mayor | 2 | 1 |
| Walton Hills Council | 2 | 1 |
| Warrensville Heights Council Ward 5 | 2 | 1 |

A detailed description of the recount results is attached.

## AUDITS

The Post-Election Audit for the November 8, 2011 General Election began on Tuesday, December 13, 2011 at 2:00 PM. Utilizing the funds from the Election Assistance Commission (EAC) Logic \& Accuracy Testing and PostElection Audit Grant, we conducted an audit of two races - Berea Mayor (15 Precincts) and Issue 2 - State Issue Referendum (countywide).

A detailed description of the audit results is attached.

## HISTORICAL DATA FOR MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTIONS

The following data sets and graphs include comparisons related to election information and voting method distributions (ballot categories).

|  | November 6, 2007 <br> General | November 3, 2009 <br> General | November 8, 2011 <br> General |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Precincts | 1,436 | 1,069 | 1,066 |
| Registered Voters | $1,057,374$ | 984,397 | 885,563 |
| Ballot Cast - Counted | 204,379 | 388,851 | 384,202 |
| Election Day | 172,604 | 205,785 | 241,632 |
| Absentee | 28,596 | 173,475 | 130,413 |
| Provisional | 3,179 | 9,591 | 11,295 |
| Post Absentee | Included in Absentee | Included in Absentee | 722 |
| Post Election Day | Included in Election Day | Included in Election Day | 140 |
| Voter Turnout | $19.33 \%$ | $39.50 \%$ | $43.39 \%$ |

## Voter Turn Out



|  | November 6, 2007 <br> General | November 3, 2009 <br> General | November 8, 2011 <br> General |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Election Day | $84.45 \%$ | $52.92 \%$ | $62.93 \%$ |
| Absentee | $13.99 \%$ | $44.61 \%$ | $34.13 \%$ |
| Provisional | $1.56 \%$ | $2.47 \%$ | $2.94 \%$ |

## Election Day Voting Trend



Absentee Voting Trend


November 6, 2007 General
November 3, 2009 General
November 8, 2011 General

## Provisional Voting Trend



## Absentee Data

|  | November 6, 2007 <br> General | November 3, 2009 <br> General | November 8, 2011 <br> General |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| TOTAL BALLOTS COUNTED | 204,379 | 388,851 | 384,202 |
| TOTAL ABSENTEE BALLOTS REQUESTED | 33,830 | 205,655 | 148,046 |
| TOTAL ABSENTEE BALLOTS RETURNED | 29,130 | 180,162 | 133,123 |
| TOTAL ABSENTEE BALLOTS COUNTED | 28,596 | 173,475 | 131,135 |
| TOTAL BALLOTS CHALLENGED | 920 | 7,144 | 2,226 |
| CHALLENGES CORRECTED | 386 | 457 | 238 |
| CHALLENGES NOT CORRECTED | 534 | 6,687 | 1,988 |
| ABSENTEE BALLOTS RETURNED LATE | 7 | 2,135 | 1,186 |
| \% COUNTED of All Ballots Counted | $13.99 \%$ | $44.61 \%$ | $34.13 \%$ |
| \% RETURNED of Absentee Ballots Requested | $86.11 \%$ | $87.60 \%$ | $89.92 \%$ |
| \% COUNTED of Absentee Ballots Returned | $98.17 \%$ | $96.29 \%$ | $98.51 \%$ |
| \% CHALLENGED of Absentee Ballots Returned | $1.83 \%$ | $3.71 \%$ | $1.49 \%$ |
| \% CHALLENGED Not Including Late | $1.81 \%$ | $2.53 \%$ | $0.61 \%$ |
| \% CORRECTED of All Challenges | $41.96 \%$ | $6.40 \%$ | $10.69 \%$ |
| \% CORRECTED Not Including Late | $42.28 \%$ | $9.12 \%$ | $22.88 \%$ |
| \% LATE of Absentee Ballots Returned | $0.02 \%$ | $1.19 \%$ | $0.89 \%$ |
| \% LATE of All Remaining Challenges | $1.31 \%$ | $31.93 \%$ | $59.66 \%$ |

## Challenge Rate



## Challenge Rate (Excluding Late)



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Provisional Data

|  | November 6, 2007 <br> General | November 3, 2009 <br> General | November 8, 2011 <br> General |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| TOTAL PROVISIONAL BALLOTS CAST | 3,990 | 11,111 | 13,335 |
| TOTAL BALLOTS VALID | 3,179 | 9,591 | 11,295 |
| TOTAL REJECTED | 811 | 1,520 | 2,040 |
| REJECTED Absentee Voters | 5 | 97 | 94 |
| REJECTED Not Including Absentee Voters | 806 | 1,423 | 1946 |
| WRONG PRECINCT (Total) | not recorded | 831 | 992 |
| WRONG PRECINCT/CORRECT LOCATION | not recorded | 351 | 499 |
| \% Valid | $79.67 \%$ | $86.32 \%$ | $84.70 \%$ |
| \% Rejected | $20.33 \%$ | $13.68 \%$ | $15.30 \%$ |
| \% Rejected Not Including Absentee Voters | $20.23 \%$ | $12.92 \%$ | $14.70 \%$ |
| \% Wrong Precinct (Total) | not recorded | $7.48 \%$ | $7.44 \%$ |
| \% Wrong Precinct/Correct Location | not recorded | $3.16 \%$ | $3.74 \%$ |

## Rejection Rate



## Rejection Rate (Excluding Absentee Voters)



## Wrong Precinct Rejection Rate



November 6, 2007 General
November 3, 2009 General
November 8, 2011 General

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