# August 2, 2011 Special Election Official Canvass Certification Data 

## FINAL RESULTS

Final Election Results for the August 2, 2011 Special Election are attached in the "Election Summary Report."

NOTE: Issue 3 (Strongsville City School District Tax Levy) includes a precinct from Lorain County. The Cross-Over County Election Results are also attached for certification.

## SUMMARY OF OFFICIAL CANVASS

There were 25,797 ballots counted for the August 2, 2011 Special 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 | 7,331 | $28.42 \%$ |
| Absentee | 18,162 | $70.40 \%$ |
| Provisional | 253 | $0.98 \%$ |
| Post Absentee | 50 | $0.19 \%$ |
| Post-Election Day | 1 | $0.00 \%$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{2 5 , 7 9 7}$ |  |

\% of Total Ballots Cast


## ABSENTEE / VOTE BY MAIL

The Cuyahoga County Board of Elections received a total of 21,543 Absentee/Vote by Mail applications. Of those requests, 19,059 ballots were returned ( $88.47 \%$ ). The Ballot Department tabulated 18,212 Absentee / Vote by Mail Ballots (84.54\%). There were 847 ballots challenged in this election resulting in a challenge rate of $4.44 \%^{*}$ for this election. Details of the challenges are below.
*The Absentee Ballot Challenge Rate is ( $0.75 \%$ ) when the Absentee Ballots postmarked after the deadline are excluded.

| Absentee Challenge Category | Number of Challenged Ballots | \% of Total Challenged Absentee |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| RETURNED TOO LATE | 704 | $83.12 \%$ |
| NO SIGNATURE ON ID ENVELOPE | 36 | $4.25 \%$ |
| NO IDENTIFICATION | 26 | $3.07 \%$ |
| NO PRINTED NAME ON ID ENVELOPE | 25 | $2.95 \%$ |
| ID ENVELOPE NOT RETURNED | 22 | $2.60 \%$ |
| ID ENVELOPE NOT COMPLETED | 19 | $2.24 \%$ |
| NO BALLOT RETURNED WITH ID ENVELOPE | 11 | $1.30 \%$ |
| NO STUB OR STUB REMOVED | 4 | $0.47 \%$ |

Total
847

* There were no ballots challenged for Invalid Signature this election.



## PROVISIONAL VOTING SUMMARY

A total of 287 Provisional Ballots were cast on Election Day and in-house (Absentee Provisional). Of those ballots, 253 ( $88.15 \%$ ) were tabulated by the Ballot Department. There were thirty-four (34) rejected Provisional Ballots resulting in an 11.85\%* rejection rate for this election. Details of the rejections are below.

* The Provisional Ballot Rejection Rate is (8.36\%) when Provisional Voters who have already cast an Absentee Ballot are excluded.

| Reason for Rejection | \# Rejected | $\%$ of Total Provisional Rejections |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | :---: | :---: |
| Not Registered | 14 | $41.18 \%$ |  |  |
| Voted Absentee | 10 | $29.41 \%$ |  |  |
| Wrong Precinct* | 5 | $14.71 \%$ |  |  |
| Missing Identification | 2 | $5.88 \%$ |  |  |
| Name and Signature in Wrong Location | 2 | $5.88 \%$ |  |  |
| No Printed Name | 1 | $2.94 \%$ |  |  |
| Total |  |  |  | 34 |
| ${ }^{*}$ 4 of the 5 ballots rejected for Wrong Precinct were cast in the Correct Location |  |  |  |  |

\% of Total Provisional Rejections
Name and Signature in
Wrong Location -
$5.88 \%$ -
Missing Identification -
Vrong Precinct*

## BALLOT REMAKES

During the election, twenty-six (26) ballots were processed in accordance with the CCBOE Remake Procedure (approved by the Board on August 4, 2010). All twenty-six (26) ballots were processed during the Unofficial Canvass. The following is a breakdown by category:

| Reason for Remake | Number of Remakes | $\%$ of Total Remakes |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| 1 - Ripped or torn ballot. | 11 | $42.31 \%$ |
| 3 - One choice is crossed out, the intent is clear. | 5 | $19.23 \%$ |
| 4 - One choice has been erased. | 2 | $7.69 \%$ |
| 5 - A dot or resting mark occurs on one contest. <br> (Ran Ballot As Is) | 7 |  |
| 6 - Whiteout has been used on an oval. | 1 | $26.92 \%$ |
| TOTAL REMAKES | $\mathbf{2 6}$ | $3.85 \%$ |

## OVER VOTES

Fifteen (15) over votes were recorded resulting in a $0.05 \%$ 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:

| Contest | \# of Over Votes | Total Votes | Over Vote \% |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| ISSUE 1 - BRECKSVILLE/BROADVIEW HTS CITY <br> SCHOOL DISTRICT TAX LEVY (RENEWAL) |  |  |  |
| ISSUE 2 - CUYAHOGA HTS LOCAL SCHOOL <br> DISTRICT TAX LEVY (ADDITIONAL) | 2 | 7,341 | $0.03 \%$ |
| ISSUE 3 - STRONGSVILLE CITY SCHOOL <br> DISTRICT TAX LEVY (ADDITIONAL) | 2 | 1,390 | $0.14 \%$ |
| ISSUE 4 - CITY OF INDEPENDENCE PROPOSED <br> CHARTER AMMENDMENT | 5 | 11,123 | $0.04 \%$ |
| ISSUE 5 - CITY OF SEVEN HILLS TAX LEVY - <br> GARBAGE (ADDITIONAL) | 2 | 2,661 | $0.08 \%$ |
| ISSUE 6 - CITY OF SEVEN HILLS TAX LEVY - <br> FIRE (REPLACEMENT AND INCREASE) | $\mathbf{2}$ | 3,193 | $0.09 \%$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{1}$ | $\mathbf{3 , 1 8 5}$ | $0.03 \%$ |

## POLL BOOK JUSTIFICATION AND BALLOT RECONCILIATION

There were a total of seventy-five (75) precincts involved in this election. The number of signatures in the Poll Books matched the number of Ballots Cast in seventy-four (74) precincts. One precinct (Independence 00-D) had one more ballot cast than signatures in the Poll Book. A hand count of the ballots in the ballot box for this precinct confirms the total number uploaded into the tabulation software is accurate. There were no notations on the Election Day documentation sheets (Pink Memos) provided by the Poll Workers to explain this difference.

Every ballot ordered for each precinct, Election Day and In-House, has been accounted for in the Ballot Reconciliation process (ballots ordered = ballots voted + ballots soiled).

## RECOUNTS

There are no automatic recounts for the August 2, 2011 Special Election. The deadline for Requested Recounts is Monday, August 29, 2011 at 4:30 PM.

## AUDITS

The Post-Election Audit for the August 2, 2011 Special Election will begin on Tuesday, September 6, 2011 at 10:00 AM.

## HISTORICAL DATA FOR SPECIAL ELECTIONS

|  | February 2010 <br> Special | August 2010 <br> Special | February 2011 <br> Special | August 2011 <br> Special |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Precincts | 20 | 29 | 25 | 75 |
| Registered Voters | 15,778 | 29,254 | 23,708 | 72,414 |
| Ballot Cast - Counted | 8,000 | 11,749 | 7,114 | 25,797 |
| Election Day | 2,730 | 4,529 | 1,858 | 7,331 |
| Absentee | 5,124 | 6,910 | 5,055 | 18,162 |
| Provisional | 143 | 174 | 68 | 253 |
| Post Absentee | Included in Absentee | 136 | 133 | 50 |
| Post Election Day | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Voter Turnout | $50.70 \%$ | $40.16 \%$ | $30.01 \%$ | $35.62 \%$ |

## Voter Turnout



Election Day Voting Trend


Absentee Voting Trend


Provisional Voting Trend


## ABSENTEE/VOTE BY MAIL DATA -

|  | February 2010 <br> Special | August 2010 <br> Special | February 2011 <br> Special | August 2011 <br> Special |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| TOTAL BALLOTS COUNTED | 8,000 | 11,749 | 7,114 | 25,797 |
| TOTAL ABSENTEE BALLOTS REQUESTED | 5,584 | 7,993 | 5,950 | 21,543 |
| TOTAL ABSENTEE BALLOTS RETURNED | 5,169 | 7,223 | 5,229 | 19,059 |
| TOTAL ABSENTEE BALLOTS COUNTED | 5,127 | 7,046 | 5,188 | 18,212 |
| TOTAL BALLOTS CHALLENGED | 43 | 180 | 92 | 921 |
| CHALLENGES CORRECTED | 1 | 3 | 51 | 74 |
| CHALLENGES NOT CORRECTED | 42 | 177 | 41 | 847 |
| ABSENTEE BALLOTS RETURNED LATE | 27 | 80 | 41 | 704 |
| \% COUNTED of All Ballots Counted | $64.09 \%$ | $59.97 \%$ | $72.93 \%$ | $70.60 \%$ |
| \% RETURNED of Absentee Ballots Requested | $92.57 \%$ | $90.37 \%$ | $87.88 \%$ | $88.47 \%$ |
| \% COUNTED of Absentee Ballots Returned | $99.19 \%$ | $97.55 \%$ | $99.22 \%$ | $95.56 \%$ |
| \% CHALLENGED of Absentee Ballots Returned | $0.81 \%$ | $2.45 \%$ | $0.78 \%$ | $4.44 \%$ |
| \% CHALLENGED Excluding Late | $0.29 \%$ | $1.34 \%$ | $0.00 \%$ | $0.75 \%$ |
| \% CORRECTED of All Challenges | $2.33 \%$ | $1.67 \%$ | $55.43 \%$ | $8.03 \%$ |
| \% CORRECTED Not Including Late | $2.33 \%$ | $1.67 \%$ | $55.43 \%$ | $34.10 \%$ |
| \% LATE of Absentee Ballots Returned | $0.52 \%$ | $1.11 \%$ | $0.78 \%$ | $3.69 \%$ |
| \% LATE of All Remaining Challenges | $64.29 \%$ | $45.20 \%$ | $100.00 \%$ | $83.12 \%$ |

Challenge Rate


Challenge Rate (Excluding Late)


PROVISIONAL DATA -

|  | February 2010 <br> Special | August 2010 <br> Special | February 2011 <br> Special | August 2011 <br> Special |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| CAST | 178 | 198 | 77 | 287 |
| VALID | 143 | 174 | 68 | 253 |
| REJECTED | 35 | 24 | 9 | 34 |
| REJECTED Not Including Absentee Voters | 24 | 8 | 9 | 24 |
| WRONG PRECINCT (Total) | 5 | 2 | 2 | 5 |
| WRONG PRECINCT/CORRECT LOCATION | 2 | 0 | 2 | 4 |
| \% Valid | $80.34 \%$ | $87.88 \%$ | $88.31 \%$ | $88.15 \%$ |
| \% Rejected | $19.66 \%$ | $12.12 \%$ | $11.69 \%$ | $11.85 \%$ |
| \% Rejected Excluding Absentee Voters | $13.48 \%$ | $4.04 \%$ | $11.69 \%$ | $8.36 \%$ |
| \% Wrong Precinct (Total) | $2.81 \%$ | $1.01 \%$ | $2.60 \%$ | $1.74 \%$ |
| \% Wrong Precinct/Correct Location | $1.12 \%$ | $0.00 \%$ | $2.60 \%$ | $1.39 \%$ |

## Rejection Rate



## Rejection Rate

 (Excluding Absentee Voters)

Wrong Precinct Rejection Rate


