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Maryland State Board of Elections, Baltimore City Board of Elections Provide Update on City Election Day Vote Discrepancy

(Annapolis, MD May 21, 2024) The Maryland State Board of Elections (SBE) in coordination with the Baltimore City Board of Elections issues the following update on the vote discrepancy from election night reporting to the verification reporting.

The source of the vote discrepancy has been identified. In total, 584 more ballots were reported on election night affecting 10 precincts. The affected precincts were 21-01, 21-02, 21-04, 23-03, 24-04, 16-13, 22-01, 22-02, 23-01, and 25-04. The vote discrepancy occurred due to (1) not uploading election results from 3 ballot scanners and (2) duplicating uploaded election night results from 5 precincts. While the cause has been determined, SBE remains committed to continuing our post-election audit procedures prior to certification to ensure accuracy and verified accurate counts.

Additionally, SBE will review internal procedures and best practices for election night reporting prior to the General Election.

Openness and transparency are keystones to dispel any dis- or misinformation. The audit process and safeguards to certify the election results worked accordingly and are integral to the voting process in Maryland. Our verification processes are working effectively. Voters can be assured that their votes were tallied accurately, and this will be verified with the post-election audit processes.

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