

## Ballot Audit Review Tool FAQ

- Is this tool connected to our election management system?
  - No, this tool has copies of the ballot images and cast vote record. The official records reside on the system in our office with no external connections.
- What is the Audit mark?
  - This is a page that is created to remain attached to ballot images throughout the tabulation process. It allows us to audit our system down to the ballot level to verify the logic and accuracy of the system. We can also verify adjudication that took place on ballots requiring human review.
- What is the Cast Vote Record?
  - This is the digital record of the results. Viewing this allows us to see what the system determined as votes when reading the ballot image.
- Why do some adjudicated ballots for the federal contests look like they did not need it?
  - In some cases, our Write-In line was picked up as a marginal/ambiguous vote and sent to human review. This is because the system not only looks at the oval for marks on write-ins but also the line itself.
- What does the term “AMBIGUOUS VOTE” mean on the Audit mark?
  - This is a term that the system uses to identify a mark that falls within a lower percentage of the oval than filling it in entirely. It allows human review of ballots that may have hesitation marks resulting in the accurate count of what a voter intended.
- Why is the ballot count smaller in this tool than the official ballots cast?
  - To comply with statutory requirements for voter anonymity, our office had to remove 44 ballots. This protected small communities from the potential exposure of how individuals voted.
- What are the numbers designated to each ballot?
  - These number identify the tabulator\_batch\_ballot for each record so that we can verify system accuracy and processes down to the individual ballot.