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**THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AUDIT IS 100% ACCURATE  
FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION**

(Cleveland) – The Cuyahoga County Board of Elections has concluded a week long hand count of the results from the November 8, 2016 Presidential Election. “I am proud to announce that the post-election audit numbers for the presidential race were exactly the same as the results that came from our polling locations and high speed scanners,” said Pat McDonald the Director of the Board of Elections.

In the weeks leading up to the election there were claims that the election would be rigged creating doubts about an accurate vote count. “During this tense election season I repeatedly assured voters that our election would be administered with transparency and accuracy. The audit results confirm this fact and builds confidence in our democratic system,” said McDonald.

Post-election audits are required by state election law following general elections in even-numbered years and following presidential primary elections. The Cuyahoga County Board of Elections goes beyond this requirement by conducting audits following every election.

A total of 1,952 ballots were hand counted from United States Presidential contest. Election Day, absentee, and provisional ballots were included in the audit. The ballots were selected at random and the process was conducted by politically balanced teams of staff members over a period of one week. The audit was open to the public.

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