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The 2011 Coordinated Election audit reviewed six races/issues. A total of 26,870 individual contests were audited. No issues were identified that impacted the outcome of any contest.

The only audit discrepancies identified were associated with the Boulder City Council race. In the Boulder City Council race, a few voters crossed out one or more candidates' names but undervoted the contest and therefore the system did not automatically detect and flag these ballots for resolution. This issue is applicable only in contests where voters can vote for more than one choice. In addition, there were unintentional and ambiguous marks that caused discrepancies. The error rate for the 10,938 Boulder City Council ballots audited was .000189. It is important to note that all discrepancies identified in the audit would be identified in a recount.

The information was presented to the audit board and it was decided that a minimum of 5,000 additional Boulder City Council ballots would be reviewed for the strike-out/undervote issue to verify the error rate. An additional 63,242 ballot images were reviewed and the audit board concluded that the discrepancies identified did not impact the outcome of the City of Boulder contest.

The only other contest in Boulder County that allowed voters to vote for more than one choice was the Lafayette City Council race. While this race was not initially selected as part of the audit, staff reviewed this race after discovering the Boulder City Council strike-out/undervote discrepancies. In reviewing the impact to the Lafayette City Council race, staff applied the error rate from the Boulder City Council race in conjunction with the wide margin and a sample set review of ballots. This issue had no impact on the outcome for the Lafayette City Council race and no additional audit was necessary.

The audit board concludes that the 2011 Coordinated Election Audit verifies no change in the election outcome and therefore does not recommend any recounts for the 2011 Coordinated Election.

The 2011 Coordinated Election audit board accepts the results of the audit, as presented by the Boulder County Clerk and Recorder's office.

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