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Latah County Ballot Reporting Discrepancy Prompts Full Recount

(Boise, Idaho) – Latah County will conduct a full recount of ballots cast in the November 3, 2026 General Election after a post-election review identified 2,342 ballots whose results were not included in the unofficial election-night totals reported on VoteIdaho.gov.

The discrepancy was discovered by the Latah County Clerk's Office during its routine review of election results ahead of the official county canvass. While the ballots were counted by the county's tabulation machines, results from a portion of early voting were not fully transferred to the election-night result reporting system. An initial review indicates that no outcomes were changed with the addition of the unreported votes.

"This is a significant discrepancy in results, and we are taking it very seriously," said Secretary of State Phil McGrane. "Every Idahoan needs to have confidence that their vote counted, and we're working closely with Latah County Clerk Julie Fry and her team to ensure the results are accurately reported, and every vote is properly accounted for."

A team from the Idaho Secretary of State's Office will oversee the recount of all ballots cast in Latah County during the General Election. The recount will take place on Tuesday November 10th **at 9:30 AM Pacific Time** at the Latah County Courthouse, 522 S. Adams Street, Suite 10, Moscow, Idaho. Candidates, members of the public, and the media are welcome to observe.

The discrepancy appears to be the result of a procedural error in reporting election-night results. The Secretary of State's Office will continue working with Latah County to determine how the error occurred and identify steps to prevent similar issues in future elections.

"We have the canvass period and review processes in place to serve as important safeguards to ensure election results are accurate," McGrane continued. "In this case, Latah County was working through these safeguards and identified a discrepancy that needs to be corrected. Every indication is that the election was conducted properly and a mistake was made when sharing the results publicly. Regardless, in Idaho, we have a

paper record of every vote cast for this very reason. We will go back and count all the original votes so everyone can have confidence in the process. Clerk Fry and I are committed to ensuring every vote is counted and reported."

Election-night results are unofficial until the canvass process is complete.

ABOUT PHIL McGRANE

Phil McGrane was elected Idaho's twenty-eighth Secretary of State and took office on January 2, 2023. McGrane served as elected Clerk of Ada County from 2019-2022. McGrane holds a bachelor's degree in philosophy, a juris doctorate, and a Master of Public Administration. As a fourth-generation Idahoan, Phil has dedicated his career to making elections in the state of Idaho accessible, secure and transparent.