MEMORANDUM

TO: Anoka County Board of Commissioners and Staff

FROM Anoka County Election Integrity Team (ACEIT)

DATE: June 27, 2023

SUBJECT: Hand Count Can Be Done

PRESENTER: Pam Weber

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Introduction

I participated in hand counting ballots at the 2022 PER. It was an honor to be part of this process. It seemed to me that all who were involved had the same sense of patriotism and enjoyment throughout the process.

Analysis

Scope and method of the 2022 PER:

·         Sort, stack, count method

·         6 precincts counted (Andover P-3, P-5, P-6, Blaine W-2 P-1, Fridley W-2 P-1, Ramsey W-1 P-2)

·         3 offices/choices (Gov, US Rep. & SOS)

·         1274 average number of ballots per precinct based upon actual numbers

·         Therefore, there were 22,932 choices counted by election judges

·         6 tables by teams of 2

·         About 6 hours on site with approximately 5 hours counting time

By comparison the 2023 city/school elections have:

·         26 precincts

·         1.46 offices/choices per ballot based upon actual known offices/choices posted by Anoka County

·         717 average number of ballots based upon actual 2019 data times 1.1

·         Therefore, there could be about 27,217 choices to be counted by election judges for the 2023 city/school elections

·         Ballots/votes would be counted in each precinct so counting time would be concurrently split among 26 precincts

Conclusions/Recommendations

The comparison of the 2022 PER and the upcoming 2023 city and school elections leads to the conclusion that a hand count of the upcoming city and school elections is feasible.

Note: This Memorandum and Report will be emailed to Board Members, County

Administrator, PRT Division Head and Elections Manager.