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## NOTICE

## Hillsborough County State Representative District 16 (Manchester Ward 6)

Ballot counting will be continued in the Hillsborough County State Representative District 16 recount. The routine recount reconciliation process—which, for the first time, considers counts of over-votes and under-votes on both a local level and for a recount—indicated that, in part, due to the absence of undervote and overvote numbers on the election night return of votes for this race, reconciliation numbers and recount reconciliation numbers were not equivalent. On 11/16/2022 a revised Return of Votes containing the undervotes and overvotes for each race was received. Reconciliation revealed there is insufficient certainty that all ballots cast in that race have been recounted, necessitating further counting. Additionally, while reconciliation efforts were ongoing, the office of Governor was recounted on the ballots cast in this district as required by RSA 660:17-a (Laws of 2022, Chapter 262:1). This "audit" recount disclosed that the total number of ballots cast and counted for the office of Governor in this district is greater than the total accounted for so far in for the Hillsborough County State Representative District 16 race. This indicates that some ballots from the Representative District 16 race have not yet been counted at the recount, and therefore the Secretary of State is unable to make a declaration per RSA 660:6. As a result, the process of recounting the ballots cast in that race will now continue starting on Monday November 21st, 2022, at 4:00PM.

## Rockingham County State Representative District 6 (Brentwood)

The recount of the State Representative District 6 race concluded that candidate Turer received 1213 votes and candidate Litchfield received 1198 votes. The margin of victory is 15 votes. An examination of the Absentee Ballot Materials, sealed into boxes by Brentwood election officials and transferred to the Secretary of State with the boxes of ballots, disclosed 27 Absentee Ballot Affidavit envelopes that still contain ballots. Preliminary indications are that these voters were marked as voting on the checklist and on the clerk's list of absentee voters, but the absentee ballots were not removed from the envelopes, cast, nor counted. Because these 27 ballots have the potential to change the outcome of this race, the Ballot Law Commission will be requested to order that these ballots be counted and the results added to recount results for Rockingham County State Representative District 6. These 27 ballots do not have the potential to change the outcome of any other race or question voted on these ballots. Compliance with election administration obligations is being referred to the Attorney General's Office.

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