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At long last, the Maricopa County Forensic Audit <u>results</u> are in, and Americans are finally getting answers to what really happened on November 3, 2020, when the U.S. presidential election unfolded in utter chaos, as polling centers across the country closed unexpectedly in the midst of counting votes, election workers pulled boxes of hidden ballots from underneath unmarked tables, and Republican poll watchers were refused entry to observe the election process.

The findings of the historic review comprised of a full-hand recount of nearly 2.1 million votes cast in the state's most populous county, a full-forensic evaluation of the paper ballots and voting machines, and a meticulous analysis of voter rolls — were presented on Friday, September 24, during a public Senate hearing <u>livestreamed</u> to the American public.



Maricopa County ballots cast in the 2020 general election are examined and recounted / AP Images

While the auditors reported "no substantial differences" existed "between the hand count of ballots provided and the official election canvass results for Maricopa County," stunning discrepancies of mailin ballots cast from unverified addresses, more ballots returned by voters than received, and records of voters casting ballots in multiple counties, revealed significant and widespread irregularities that many claim warrant a decertification of the state's 11 Electoral College votes for Joe Biden.

On Friday, former Missouri Governor and current candidate for the U.S. Senate Eric Greitens issued this strong <u>statement</u>: "Over 50,000 illegal ballots in an election separated by just over 10,000! Don't listen to the mainstream media, liberals, and RINO's spin on the Arizona Audit. Arizona must decertify! We MUST have forensic audits across the country!"

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Join our movement —> <u>https://t.co/3XmKwuNgSV</u> <u>pic.twitter.com/tdmmb7bgsU</u>

– Eric Greitens (@EricGreitens) <u>September 24, 2021</u>

Arizona State Senator Wendy Rogers, a staunch advocate for decertification, having recently toured a number of U.S. cities calling for full-forensic audits across all 50 states, <u>wrote</u> on Telegram: "Corrupt



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ballots should not count. Therefore, Arizona suffered a corrupted election. Recall the electors and #DECERTIFY."

Harnessing the words of screen legend Gary Cooper from the 1952 classic Western *High Noon* to underscore the significance of the audit and other "crap going on" on his state, Arizona Attorney General Mark Brnovich put the Democrats on notice, declaring "<u>It's high noon</u>" in a recent *Washington Examiner* interview, time for Biden to pay his dues. Brnovich later <u>tweeted</u>, "there's this window of opportunity, this key moment in history that if we don't stand up now and protect the Constitution and rule of law, we'll never get it back."

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— Mark Brnovich (@GeneralBrnovich) September 26, 2021

Presiding over the audit hearing were Arizona Senate President Karen Fann and Judiciary Committee Chairman Senator Warren Petersen, who were presented with findings of "more than 100,000 hours of examining paper ballots, voting machines, and voter data patterns," by the Florida-based firm Cyber Ninjas.

Millions of Americans remember well how Arizona featured prominently among the unprecedented anomalies of election night, beginning with an <u>early call</u> by Fox News declaring Biden the winner of the state, even though thousands of voters were still in line to cast their ballots.

Ultimately, Arizona's votes were certified for Biden over former president Donald Trump, with Biden leading by a margin of 10,457 votes.

In their Executive Summary, the auditors led off with "positive news" that "no substantial differences" existed "between the hand count of ballots provided and the official election canvass results for Maricopa County."

Fann declared this finding that the numbers of the two audits matched within a couple hundred votes "the most important and encouraging," penning a <u>letter</u> to Arizona Attorney General Mark Brnovich stating that "the paper ballots are the best evidence of voter intent because they are under 24-hour video surveillance and physical security, and there is no reliable evidence that they were altered to any material degree."

Additional results, however, suggest excessive evidence of significant and widespread fraud involving several times more votes than the number separating Biden and Trump in Arizona, and warranting a deeper investigation by AG Brnovich, per the recommendation of the auditors, and as formally advised by Fann in her letter below.

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Key findings taken from the <u>Maricopa County Forensic Election Audit Volume I: Executive Summary &</u> <u>Recommendations</u> include the following:

None of the various systems related to elections had numbers that would balance and agree with each other. In some cases, these differences were significant.

There appears to be [as] many 27, 807 ballots cast from individuals who had moved prior to

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the election.

Files were missing from the Election Management System (EMS) Server.

Ballot images 284,412 on the EMS were corrupt or missing.

Logs appeared to be intentionally rolled over, and all the data in the database related to the 2020 General Election had been fully cleared.

On the ballot side, batches were not always clearly delineated, duplicated ballots were missing the required serial numbers, originals were duplicated more than once, and the Auditors were never provided Chain-of-Custody documentation for the ballots for the time-period prior to the ballot's movement into the Auditors' care. This all increased the complexity and difficulty in properly auditing the results; and added ambiguity into the final conclusions.

Maricopa County failed to follow basic cyber security best practices and guidelines from CISA.

Software and patch protocols were not followed.

Credential management was flawed: unique usernames and passwords were not allocated.

Lack of baseline for host and network activity for approved programs, communications protocols and communications devices for voting systems.

Additional findings outlined in the <u>Maricopa County Forensic Election Audit Volume III: Result Details</u> included more than 23,000 thousand mail-in ballots sent from a voter's prior address, meaning no one by the name of the voter existed at the address from which the ballot was cast; nearly 10,000 ballots shown as returned than were actually sent, and more than 5,000 ballots by voters who potentially voted in multiple counties. The total number of ballots impacted by irregularities well exceed 50,000.

#	Finding Name	Phase	Ballots Impacted	Severity
5.3.1	Mail-in Ballots Voted from Prior Address	Voter History	23,344	Critical
5.4.1	More Ballots Returned by Voter Than Received	Voter History	9,041	High
5.4.2	Voters That Potentially Voted in Multiple Counties	Certified Results	5,295	High
5.5.1	Official Results Does Not Match Who Voted	Certified Results	3,432	Medium
5.5.2	More Duplicates Than Original Ballots	Ballot	2,592	Medium
5.5.3	In-Person Voters Who Had Moved out of Maricopa County	Certified Results	2,382	Medium
5.5.4	Voters Moved Out-of-State During 29-Day Period Preceding Election	Voter History	2,081	Medium
5.5.5	Votes Counted in Excess of Voters Who Voted	Certified results	1,551	Medium

5.2 Finding Summary Table

For the complete finding summary table, scroll to p. 5 in the report below:

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From the beginning of the audit process, Senate President Fann has maintained that the purpose of the audit was to uncover and report the truth to the American people, providing "careful and accurate answers" that "address voter concerns about the integrity of the certified results of the 2020 general election."



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Fann appears to have accomplished her goal, but she will need assistance from the Arizona state legislature to enact true reform of the current election process to continue to ensure the preservation of free and fair elections in this country.

Given the overwhelming evidence of widespread fraud, confidence remains low among Americans concerning the U.S. elections process. However, these auditors offer a glimmer of hope as their report states, "the preamble to our Constitution reminds us that our nation is always pursuing greater perfection, seeking to establish '... a more perfect Union' so that we can '...secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity.' " To that end, the auditors engaged in the review process, pressing Americans to continue our due diligence in "determining what areas [of] legislative reform may enhance our current process so our election integrity improves, becoming unquestionably 'more perfect.' "



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