# March 15, 2016 Primary Election Official Canvass Certification Data 

## FINAL RESULTS

Official Election Results for the March 15, 2016 Primary Election are attached to the Election Summary Report.

## SUMMARY OF OFFICIAL CANVASS

There were a total of 361,098 ballots tabulated for the March 15, 2016 Primary Election. Below is a breakdown of the ballots counted by category and a percentage of the total vote by category.

| Category | Ballots Cast | \% of Total Ballots Counted |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Election Day | 262,695 | $72.75 \%$ |
| Absentee | 86,474 | $23.95 \%$ |
| Provisional | 8,421 | $2.33 \%$ |
| Post Election Day | 1,068 | $0.30 \%$ |
| Post Absentee | 2,440 | $0.68 \%$ |

\% of Total Ballots Cast


## ABSENTEE / VOTE BY MAIL

The Cuyahoga County Board of Elections received a total of 98,816 valid Absentee/Vote by Mail applications. Of those requests, 90,163 ballots were returned ( $91.24 \%$ ). The Ballot Department tabulated 88,945* Absentee/Vote by Mail Ballots of the applications processed. There were 1,218 ballots challenged in this election resulting in a challenge rate of $1.35 \%^{* *}$. Details of the challenges are below.

* Of the 88,945 valid ballots, 31 multi-page ballots were returned without the first page. The pages that were returned were tabulated, however only first pages are recorded numerically in the tabulating system, resulting in an Absentee Scan of 88,914 ballots recorded.
** The Absentee Ballot Challenge Rate is $0.29 \%$ when the Absentee Ballots postmarked after the deadline are excluded.

| Absentee Challenge Category | Number of <br> Challenged Ballots | $\%$ of Total <br> Challenged <br> Absentee |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Returned Too Late | 961 | $78.90 \%$ |
| ID Envelope Not Returned | 88 | $7.22 \%$ |
| No Signature on ID Envelope | 71 | $5.83 \%$ |
| No Date of Birth | 46 | $3.78 \%$ |
| No Identification | 14 | $1.15 \%$ |
| No Ballot Returned with ID Envelope | 13 | $1.07 \%$ |
| ID Envelope Not Completed | 8 | $0.66 \%$ |
| Registration Address does not match Address on ID Envelope | 5 | $0.41 \%$ |
| Returned Ballot to Polling Location | 5 | $0.41 \%$ |
| No Stub or Stub Removed | 3 | $0.25 \%$ |
| Wrong Voter Completed Envelope | 2 | $0.16 \%$ |
| ID does not match Registration Database | 2 | $0.16 \%$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{1 , 2 1 8}$ |  |


|  | Total Ballots Counted |
| :--- | :---: |
| Total Absentee Ballots Requested | 361,098 |
| Total Absentee Ballots Returned | 98,816 |
| Total Absentee Ballots Counted | 90,163 |
| Total Absentee Ballots Challenged | 88,945 |
| Total Absentee Challenges Correctable by 11-S | 1,950 |
| Total Absentee Challenges Corrected by 11-S | 968 |
| Remaining Challenges That Could Have Been Corrected by 11-S But Were Not | 732 |
| Absentee Ballots Returned Late | 236 |
| Total Absentee Challenges NOT Correctable by 11-S (including late) | 961 |
| Total Absentee Challenges Remaining | 982 |
| \% Absentee Ballots Counted of All Ballots Counted | 1,218 |
| \% Returned of Absentee Ballots Requested | $24.63 \%$ |
| \% Absentee Ballots Counted of Absentee Ballots Returned | $91.24 \%$ |
| \% Remaining Challenges of Absentee Ballots Returned | $98.65 \%$ |
| \% Remaining Challenges (Excluding Late) of Absentee Ballots Returned | $1.35 \%$ |
| \% Corrected Challenges of All Challenges | $0.29 \%$ |
| \% Remaining Challenges That Could Have Been Corrected by 11-S But Were Not | $37.54 \%$ |
| \% Challenges Corrected by 11-S (Excluding Late) | $24.38 \%$ |
| \% Late of Absentee Ballots Returned | $74.01 \%$ |
| \% Late of All Remaining Challenges | $1.07 \%$ |

## Absentee Challenges



## PROVISIONAL VOTING SUMMARY

A total of 10,401 Provisional Ballots were cast In-House and on Election Day. Of those ballots, 8,430* (81.05\%) were valid and tabulated by the Ballot Department. There were 1,971 invalid Provisional Ballots resulting in a $18.95 \%^{* *}$ rejection rate for this election. Details of the rejections are below.

* Of the 8,430 valid ballots, 9 multi-page ballots were returned without the first page. The pages that were returned were tabulated, however only first pages are recorded numerically in the tabulating system, resulting in a Provisional Scan of 8,421 ballots recorded.
** The Provisional Ballot Rejection Rate is $7.53 \%$ when Provisional Voters who have already cast an Absentee Ballot and those who were not registered to vote are excluded.

|  | March $\mathbf{1 5 , \mathbf { 2 0 1 6 }}$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| Provisional Ballots - CAST | 10,401 |
| Provisional Ballots - VALID | 8,430 |
| Provisional Ballots - REJECTED | 1,971 |
| Rejected - Absentee Voters | 94 |
| Rejected - Not Including Absentee Voters | 1,877 |
| Rejected - Not Registered | 1191 |
| Rejected - Not Including Not Registered | 780 |
| Rejected - Not Including Not Registered or Absentee Voters | 686 |
| Rejected - Wrong Precinct Wrong Location | 438 |
| \% Valid of All Provisional Ballots Cast | $81.05 \%$ |
| \% Rejected of All Provisional Ballots Cast | $18.95 \%$ |
| \% Rejected Not Including Absentee Voters | $18.21 \%$ |
| \% Rejected Not Including Not Registered or Absentee Voters | $7.53 \%$ |
| \% Wrong Precinct Wrong Location of All Provisional Ballots Cast | $4.21 \%$ |
| Correct Location Remakes*** | 266 |

*** Of those 266 Wrong Precinct Correct Location ballots, 0 had accompanying 12-D Forms.

| Reason for Rejection | \# Rejected | \% of Total Provisional Rejections |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Not Registered | 1191 | $60.43 \%$ |
| Wrong Precinct Wrong Location | $\mathbf{4 3 8}$ | $22.22 \%$ |
| Voted Absentee | 91 | $4.62 \%$ |
| Empty Envelope | $\mathbf{7 8}$ | $3.96 \%$ |
| No Signature | $\mathbf{3 3}$ | $1.67 \%$ |
| Non Matching ID | $\mathbf{3 2}$ | $1.62 \%$ |
| Missing or Incomplete Address | $\mathbf{2 6}$ | $1.32 \%$ |
| Missing Acceptable Identification | $\mathbf{2 5}$ | $1.27 \%$ |
| Non Matching Signature | 15 | $0.76 \%$ |
| Invalid Address | 15 | $0.76 \%$ |
| Voted in Incorrect County | $\mathbf{1 3}$ | $0.66 \%$ |
| Missing Date of Birth | $\mathbf{8}$ | $0.41 \%$ |
| Voted Absentee was Challenged | $\mathbf{3}$ | $0.15 \%$ |
| No Printed Name | $\mathbf{2}$ | $0.10 \%$ |
| Challenged | $\mathbf{1}$ | $0.05 \%$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{1 , 9 7 1}$ |  |



## BALLOT REMAKES

During the election, 4,130 ballot pages were processed in accordance with the CCBOE Remake Policy (approved by the Board on May 17, 2013). Of those, 876 were processed during the Unofficial Canvass. The remaining 3,254 ballot pages were processed during the Official Canvass. The following is a breakdown by category:

| Reason for Remake | Number of Remakes | \% of Total Remakes |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 - Ballot folded, torn or mutilated. | 344 | 8.33\% |
| 2 - Ballot contains indeterminate marks not made by the voter. | 11 | 0.27\% |
| 3 - UOCAVA Ballot that cannot be accurately read by automatic tabulating equipment. | 556 | 13.46\% |
| 4 - Ballot contains votes for ineligible contest(s). | 2629 | 63.66\% |
| 5 - Inadvertent mark made by the voter, resulting in the scanner detecting an over vote or an indeterminate mark. | 79 | 1.91\% |
| 6 - Voter marked entire ballot contrary to the instruction listed at the beginning of the ballot. | 153 | 3.70\% |
| 7 - Voter marked part of the ballot according to the ballot marking instructions contained on the ballot, and part of the ballot contrary to the instructions. | 45 | 1.09\% |
| 8 - Over vote, voter marked the ballot more than the permissible number of times for a particular contest, and there is no indication of contrary intent. | 123 | 2.98\% |
| 9 - Voter marked the ballot more than the permissible number of times for a particular contest, however, the voter also made an indication of contrary intent and the voter's choice can be determined. | 190 | 4.60\% |
| 10- Voter filled in the oval next to a candidate for an office and also cast a write-in vote for a different candidate for the same office by filling in the oval of, and the writing in of, the name of a write-in candidate. | 0 | 0.00\% |
| 11- Voter filled in the oval next to a candidate for an office and also cast a write-in vote for the same candidate for the same office by filling in the oval of, and the writing in of, the name of a write-in candidate. | 0 | 0.00\% |
| TOTAL REMAKES | TOTALREMAKES 4,130 |  |
| Stage of Election | Number of Remake Ballots Processed | \% of Total <br> Remake <br> Ballots <br> Processed |
| Unofficial | 876 | 21.21\% |
| Official | 3,254 | 78.79\% |
| Total | 4,130 |  |

## OVER VOTES

There were a total of 1,746 over votes recorded, resulting in a $0.48 \%$ over vote rate for the election.

## VOTER HISTORY /BALLOT RECONCILIATION

Nine hundred eighty (980) precincts were involved in this election, including five (5) Congressional split precincts which had to be separated by precinct portions for reporting purposes. Voter History is ongoing.

Ballot Reconciliation is currently being conducted.

## RECOUNTS

There are no automatic recounts for this election.

The requested recount deadline is Monday, April $11^{\text {th }}$ at $4: 30 \mathrm{PM}$.

## AUDIT

The post-election audit will be conducted beginning Tuesday, April $12^{\text {th }}$ at 10:00AM, provided there are no recounts. The audits will be conducted using the batch-based risk-limiting audit method. The following two contests are mandated by the Secretary of State, and the Board will randomly select the third contest in which the audit will be conducted:

- Delegates-at-Large and Alternates-at-Large to the National Convention (Democratic)
- Justice of the Supreme Court FTC 1/1/2017 (Republican)


## HISTORICAL DATA FOR PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTIONS

The following data sets and graphs include comparisons related to election information and voting method distributions (ballot categories).

|  | March 4, 2008 <br> Primary | March 6, 2012 <br> Primary | March 15, 2016 <br> Primary |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Precincts | 1,436 | 1,063 | 980 |
| Registered Voters | $1,053,232$ | 890,367 | 849,206 |
| Ballots Cast - Counted | 436,647 | 244,713 | 361,098 |
| Election Day | 328,792 | 144,480 | 262,695 |
| Absentee | 89,209 | 95,325 | 86,474 |
| Provisional | 18,646 | 3,948 | 8,421 |
| Post Absentee | Included in <br> Absentee | 738 | 2,440 |
| Post Election Day | Included in <br> Election Day | 222 | 1,068 |
| Voter Turnout | $41.46 \%$ | $27.48 \%$ | $42.52 \%$ |

## Overall Voter Turnout



## Ballots Cast by Category - \% of Total Ballots Cast

|  | March 4, 2008 Primary | March 6, 2012 Primary | March 15, 2016 Primary |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Election Day | $75.30 \%$ | $59.13 \%$ | $73.04 \%$ |
| Absentee | $20.43 \%$ | $39.26 \%$ | $24.62 \%$ |
| Provisional | $4.27 \%$ | $1.61 \%$ | $2.33 \%$ |

## Voter Turnout by Category



## Absentee Data

|  | March 4, 2008 <br> Primary <br> Election | $\begin{gathered} \text { March 6, } 2012 \\ \text { Primary } \\ \text { Election } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | March 15, 2016 <br> Primary <br> Election |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Ballots Counted | 436,647 | 244,712 | 361,098 |
| Total Absentee Ballots Requested | 100,832 | 113,386 | 98,816 |
| Total Absentee Ballots Returned | 89,209 | 98,474 | 90,163 |
| Total Absentee Ballots Counted | 87,647 | 96,064 | 88,945 |
| Total Absentee Ballots Challenged | 2101 | 2646 | 1,950 |
| Total Absentee Challenges Correctable by 11-S | Not Recorded | Not Recorded | 968 |
| Total Absentee Challenges Corrected by 11-S | 539 | 235 | 732 |
| Remaining Challenges That Could Have Been Corrected by 11-S But Were Not | Not Recorded | Not Recorded | 236 |
| Absentee Ballots Returned Late | 863 | 1224 | 961 |
| Total Absentee Challenges NOT Correctable by 11-S (including late) | Not Recorded | Not Recorded | 982 |
| Total Absentee Challenges Not Corrected | 1562 | 2411 | 1,218 |
| \% Absentee Ballots Counted of All Ballots Counted | 20.07\% | 39.26\% | 24.63\% |
| \% Returned of Absentee Ballots Requested | 88.47\% | 86.85\% | 91.24\% |
| \% Absentee Ballots Counted of Absentee Ballots Returned | 98.25\% | 97.55\% | 98.65\% |
| \% Remaining Challenges of Absentee Ballots Returned | 1.75\% | 2.45\% | 1.35\% |
| \% Remaining Challenges (Excluding Late) of Absentee Ballots Returned | 0.78\% | 1.21\% | 0.29\% |
| \% Corrected Challenges of All Challenges | 25.65\% | 8.88\% | 37.54\% |
| \% Remaining Challenges That Could Have Been Corrected by 11-S But Were Not | Not Recorded | Not Recorded | 24.38\% |
| \% Challenges Corrected by 11-S (Excluding Late) | 43.54\% | 16.53\% | 74.01\% |
| \% Late of Absentee Ballots Returned | 0.97\% | 1.24\% | 1.07\% |
| \% Late of All Remaining Challenges | 55.25\% | 50.77\% | 78.90\% |

## Challenge Rate



## Challenge Rate (Excluding Late)



|  | March 4, 2008 | March 6, 2012 | March 15, 2016 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Provisional Ballots - CAST | 23,954 | 4,327 | 10,401 |
| Provisional Ballots - VALID | 18,646 | 3,948 | 8,430 |
| Provisional Ballots - REJECTED | 5,308 | 379 | 1,971 |
| Rejected - Absentee Voters | 41 | 51 | 94 |
| Rejected - Not Including Absentee Voters | 5,267 | 328 | 1,877 |
| Rejected - Not Registered | 2,183 | 185 | 1191 |
| Rejected - Not Including Not Registered | 3,125 | 194 | 780 |
| Rejected - Not Including Not Registered or Absentee Voters | 3,084 | 143 | 686 |
| Rejected - Wrong Precinct and Wrong Location | 2,588 | 109 | 438 |
| \% Valid of All Provisional Ballots Cast | 77.84\% | 91.24\% | 81.05\% |
| \% Rejected of All Provisional Ballots Cast | 22.16\% | 8.76\% | 18.95\% |
| \% Rejected Not Including Absentee Voters | 21.99\% | 7.58\% | 18.21\% |
| \% Rejected Not Including Not Registered or Absentee Voters | 12.87\% | 3.30\% | 7.53\% |
| \% Wrong Precinct of All Provisional Ballots Cast | 10.80\% | 2.52\% | 4.21\% |
| Correct Location Remakes | Not Recorded | Not Recorded | 266 |
| 12-D Forms Correctly Completed and Submitted by Poll Workers (Preventing Wrong Precinct Correct Location Ballots from Being Remade) | Not Recorded | Not Recorded | 0 |

## Rejection Rate



## Rejection Rate (Excluding Not Registered and Absentee Voters)



## Wrong Location Rejection Rate



