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MEMORANDUM

To: Public Notice

From: David Garreis, Election Director

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Subject: 2026 Primary Election Risk Limiting Audit

Maryland State law¹ requires that election officials conduct a risk-limiting audit after each primary and general election.

The Anne Arundel County Board of Elections will conduct the risk-limiting audit of the 2026 Primary Election starting on Wednesday, July 15, 2026 at 10:00 AM. This audit may take approximately one day and will take place at the Anne Arundel County Board of Elections, located at 6740 Baymeadow Drive, Glen Burnie. The audit is open to the public. Members of the public must follow the [Rules of Conduct for Post-Election Audit Observers](#) and elections officials' directions while observing the risk-limiting audit.

The Anne Arundel County Board of Elections will manually tally a sample of votes cast for a local contest and a state contest and compare the results of the manual tally against the results from our voting system. This process will confirm the accuracy of reported results of the 2026 Primary Election.

The State Board of Elections randomly selects the contests to be audited during this risk-limiting audit. After counties upload ballot spreadsheets into the [open-source audit software tool](#) that Maryland uses for risk-limiting audits - called [Arlo](#) - the State Administrator of Elections will generate a random 20-digit seed number during a livestreamed dice roll. The State Board of Elections will enter that seed number into the audit software, which will select a random list of ballot batches for local boards of elections to retrieve and hand-tally.

Members of the public will be permitted to review the final list of ballot batches chosen for audit by their identifying name or code numbers, and machine and hand counts of the votes in each chosen batch of ballots.

¹ See Election Law Article, §11-309 of the *Annotated Code of Maryland*.