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Achieving Locally-Controlled Elections in Anoka County

Presented by

**Anoka County
Election Integrity Team (ACEIT)**

To

City of Spring Lake Park

August 19, 2024



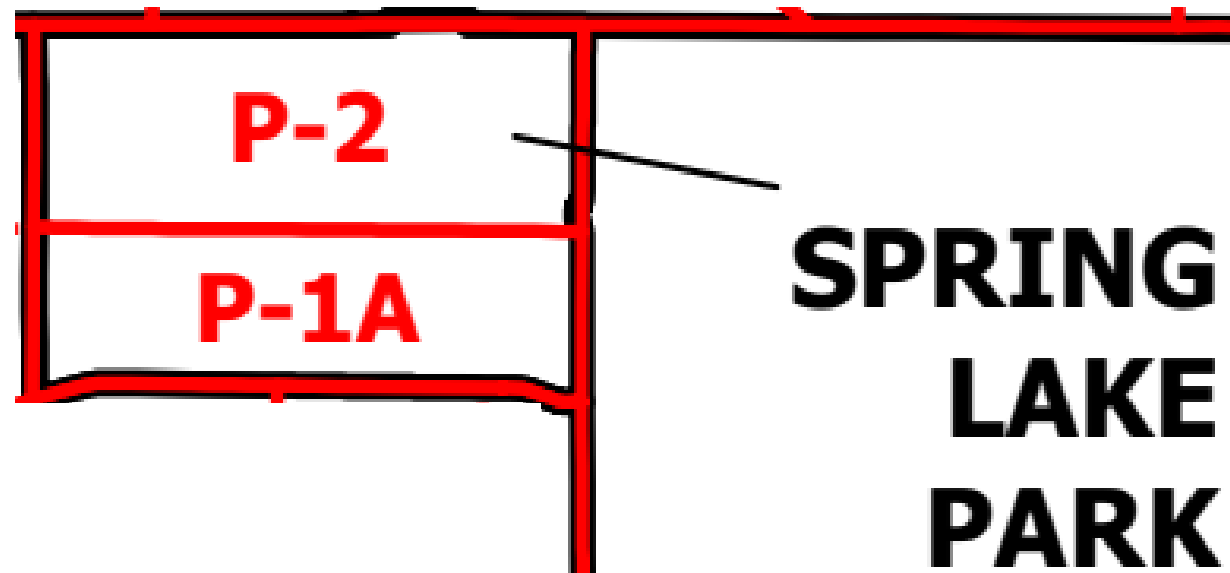
ELECTION INTEGRITY GOALS

1. Small Voting Precincts
2. Secured Election Judge Data
3. Verified Registered Voters
4. Validated Paper Poll Books
5. Hand-Counted Paper Ballots
6. dated Paper Ballots

ELECTION INTEGRITY GOAL #1

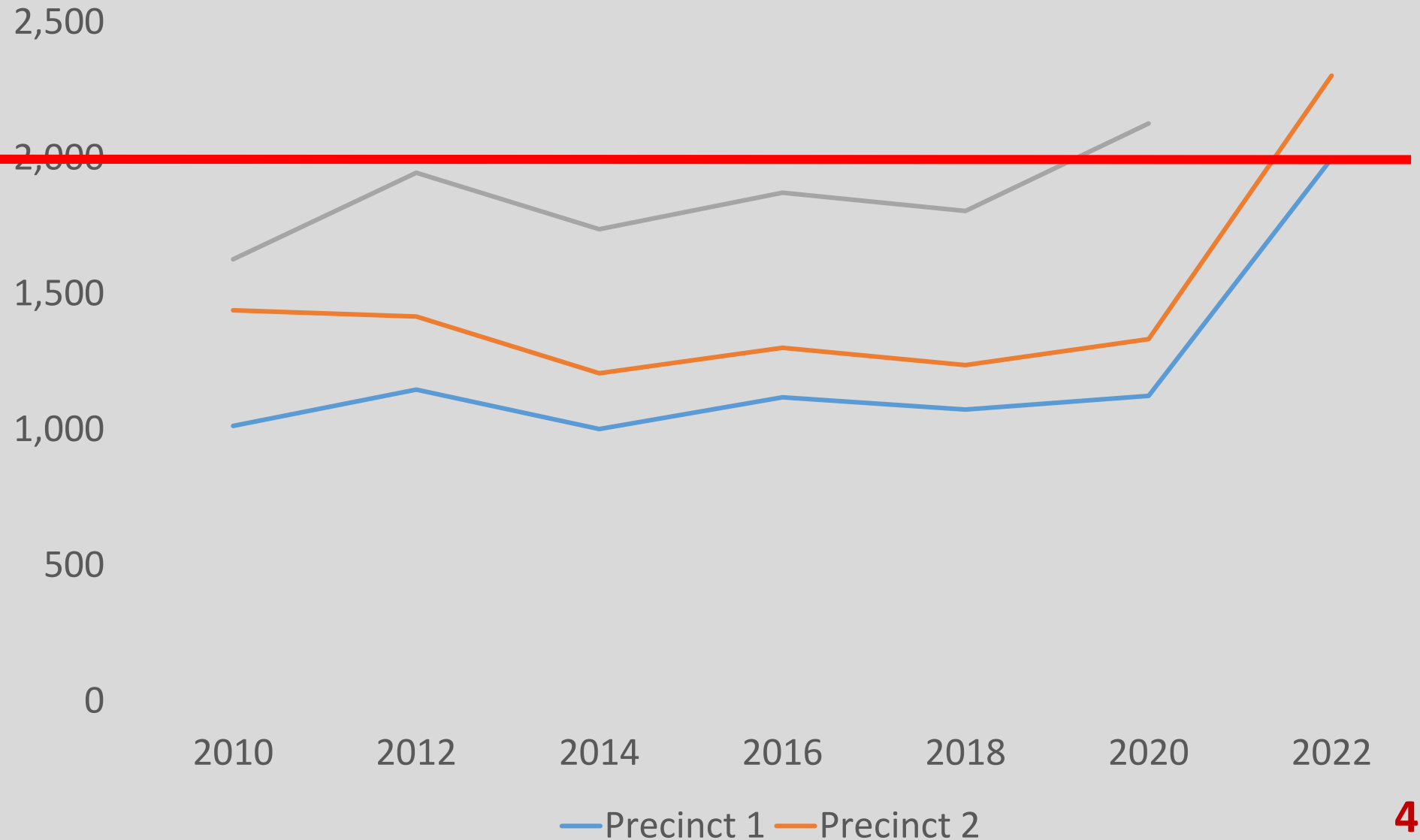
Small Voting Precincts

- Through Local Management



CITY OF SPRING LAKE PARK_REGISTERED VOTERS PER PRECINCT: 2010-2022

MN SOS
Suggested
Maximum of
2,000
Registered
Voters Per
Precinct



Note:
May be time
to add back
one precinct

CITY OF Spring Lake Park: NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS PER PRECINCT, 2010-2022

<u>Precinct</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2022</u>
Precinct 1	1,013	1,147	1,002	1,119	1,074	1,124	1,998
Precinct 2	1,439	1,416	1,207	1,301	1,237	1,333	2,303
Precinct 3	1,627	1,946	1,738	1,872	1,805	2,127	
TOTALS	4,079	4,509	3,947	4,292	4,116	4,584	4,301

The reduction of one precinct is now creating two precincts over 2,000 registered voters

ELECTION INTEGRITY GOAL #3

Verified Registered Voters

- Through Local Management

ACEIT is working with Anoka County Elections to clean up voter rolls by removing voters who have moved out of their precinct —over 2,200 so far

ELECTION INTEGRITY GOAL #6

Hand-Counted Paper Ballots

- Through Local Management

WHY HAND COUNT?

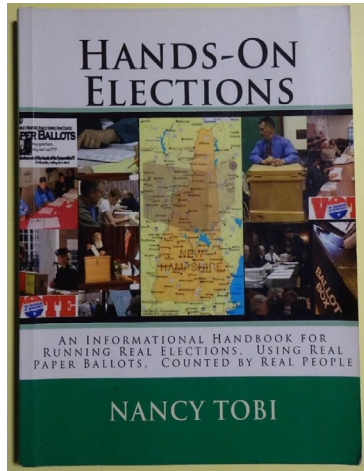
Post-Election Review (PER) hand count does not include:

- Presidential Primary
- State Primary
- General Election
 - MN offices
 - County offices
 - Municipal offices
 - School board offices
 - Questions on the ballot

**NO AUDITS FOR
DECADES**

**BALLOT EVIDENCE
DESTROYED AFTER
22 MONTHS**

MN Statute: Piling System



“It takes approximately 6 seconds to hand count a contest ... including training time, sorting, stacking and counting.”

(*Hands-On Elections* by Nancy Tobin, 2010, pp. 92-93).



In November, 2023, a re-count of a AHSD #11 election involving 4,393 ballots **took just over 5 seconds to process each vote.**

A FEASIBLE STRATEGY

- Use tabulators as mandated by State law
- Conduct Expanded Post-Election Review (PER)
- Hand count votes only for competitive offices
- The time & cost can be calculated

(Upon request, ACEIT will provide this Excel spreadsheet on USB)

SPRING LAKE PARK HAND COUNT DATA BY PRECINCT

<u>Offices</u>	<u># Counts</u>	<u>Notes</u>
US President, Senate, House	3	Always contested
MN Representative	1	Always contested
County Board	1	May be uncontested
Mayor	0	Up in 2026
Councilmembers (2)	4	May be uncontested
School Board	0	Up in 2025
SWCD	0	Up in 2026
Judicial (Supreme, Appeals, District) <u>0</u>		Usually uncontested
Total Offices/Hand Counts	9	
Average Ballots Per Precinct	2,150	Actual 2022 average
Hours to Count	32	Based upon 6 seconds per vote
Number Hours (2-person teams)	64	Runtime (2 hours = 32 judges; 4 hours = 16 judges)
Pay Rate	\$13	Estimated
Cost Per Precinct	\$839	\$466 if Council seats uncontested

City Council votes 5-0 to hand count all four precincts and all competitive offices in November Election under Post-Election Review (PER)

April 29, 2024



Rolf for Oak Grove

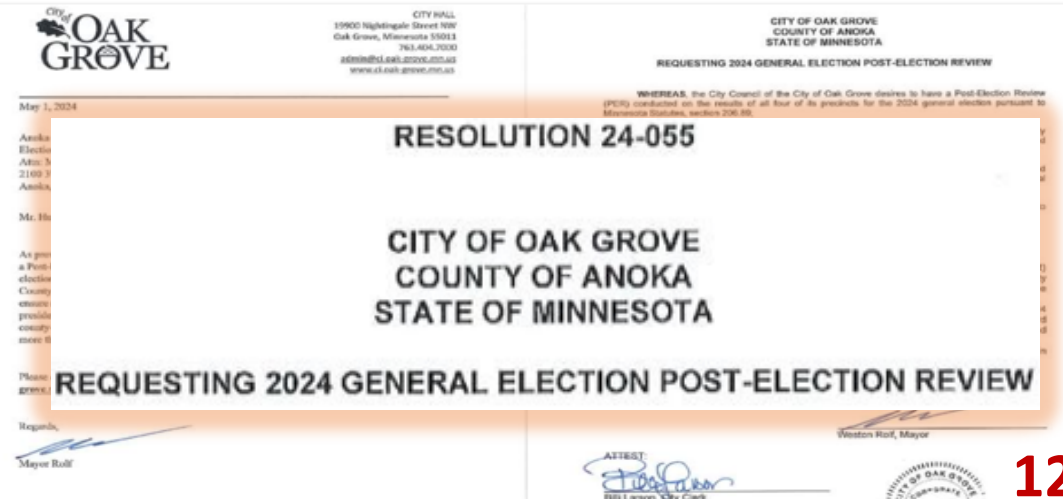
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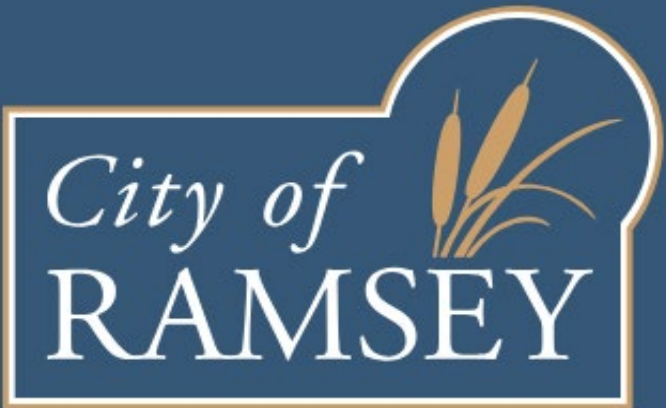
There has been a lot of discussion about election integrity over the years and I think it is time to make sure things are being done correctly.

I requested to have this resolution added to the council agenda this past Monday as a discussion item and the resolution passed 5-0!

This signed resolution will be sent to Anoka County requesting they conduct a post-election review on our four precincts this November. It is important to me as your mayor that your vote counts.

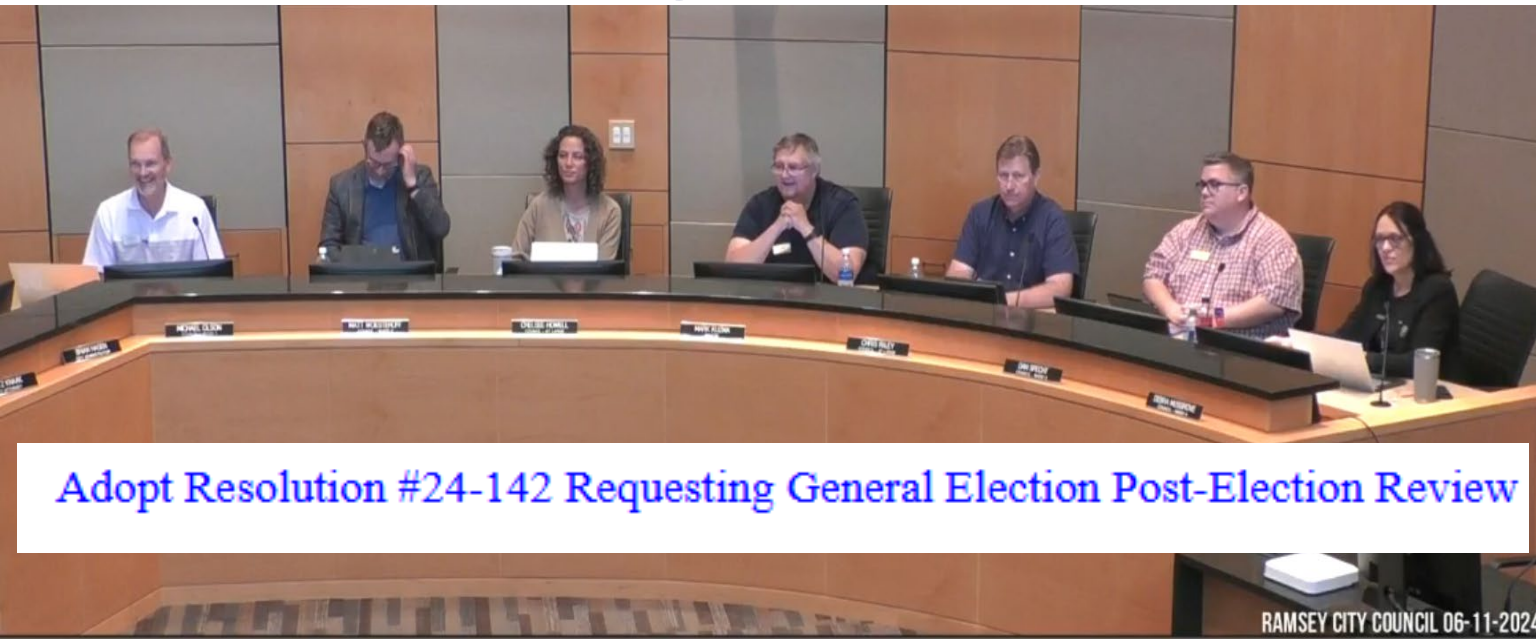
I would like to thank the council for supporting this resolution.





**City of Ramsey
Agenda
Regular City Council
Tuesday, June 11, 2024**

City of Ramsey seeks to hand count votes during the 2024 Post-Election Review



[Adopt Resolution #24-142 Requesting General Election Post-Election Review](#)

Ramsey City Council voted 7-0 to hand count 2/3 of their 9 precincts under Post-Election Review (PER) for the 2024 General Election. This will include all offices with more than one candidate, with the exception of judicial offices.



EXCLUSIVE: 'We are election verifiers': Anoka citizen group makes progress on local election reform

Their group of four has grown to more than 20. From professionals in the medical field to engineers, accountants and IT, their diverse skills have allowed them to dig in.

By Liz Collin - July 9, 2024



Two Anoka County cities have taken action to verify votes down the ballot by hand counting at the Post-Election Review, others are evaluating the same



Derek Lind

"It's a grass roots movement"



Brenda Miller

"People are beginning to listen"



Robert Kirchner

"We are election verifiers"

REQUEST

The Anoka County Election Integrity Team respectfully requests the opportunity to make a full presentation of all six goals to the Spring Lake Park City Council with time for question and answer discussion.

Thank you.



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