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Primary Election Results Certified No Recounts Necessary

(Columbus) The Franklin County Board of Elections certified results of the March 15, 2016 primary this morning. No recounts are necessary because no issue was decided by a half percentage point or less-the threshold for mandatory recounts under Ohio law.

The official totals show 328,379 or 41.06 percent of 799,673 voters casting ballots in the primary. The results include 41,250 voting absentee in-person or by mail and 10,254 casting valid provisional ballots.

Final vote totals are posted on the board's Web site.

A post-election audit required by the secretary of state in even year elections will be conducted at the board of elections beginning April 11. Three contested races will be audited. The secretary of state has chosen two contests- presidential delegates on the Democratic ballot and for the Ohio Supreme Court contest between Pat Fisher and Colleen Mary O'Toole. The board of elections was directed to select a third race to audit and chose the election for Franklin County Treasurer involving Democrats Cheryl Brooks Sullivan and Edward Leonard.

The audit will review at least five percent of the countywide turnout as required by Ohio law. It will be open to the public and to appointed observers.

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