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**Franklin County Board of Elections Completes Automatic Recount of
Whitehall Special Election Question #2 – Lori Elmore**

(Columbus) - The Franklin County Board of Elections today completed the official automatic recount of ballots cast for Question #2 – Lori Elmore in the Whitehall Special Election held on June 23, 2026.

At the June 29, 2026 Whitehall certification meeting an automatic recount was ordered for Question #2 - Lori Elmore after the official result was certified as less than one-half of one percent (0.5%) of total votes cast in that contest. The recount was conducted on July 7, 2026, at the Franklin County Board of Elections, 1700 Morse Road, Columbus, Ohio.

In accordance with Ohio Revised Code and Ohio Secretary of State directives, precincts for the automatic recount were randomly selected to total at least five percent of the total votes cast in the election being recounted. Bipartisan election officials conducted a hand recount of all ballots cast in Whitehall 3-B, which represented 8.91% of all ballots cast. The hand recount matched the tabulated results.

Following the recount, the official results for Question #2 – Lori Elmore are:

- YES: 1,094
- NO: 1,086

The recount confirmed the original certified election results. No changes to the vote totals or the outcome were identified during the recount.

"The recount process is an important part of Ohio's election system and serves as an additional safeguard to ensure every valid vote is accurately counted," said Franklin County Board of Elections Director Antone White. "Today's recount confirmed the accuracy of the original certified official results and reflects the professionalism and dedication of our bipartisan election officials."

With the completion of today's automatic recount, the June 23, 2026 Whitehall Special Election remain officially certified.

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