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**Post-Election Voting System Check Begins This Friday**

SANTA FE – The process for administering the statutorily required post-election voting system check (sometimes referred to as a “post-election audit” or “risk-limiting audit”) will begin Friday, November 16, 2018 as a certified independent auditor selects a random sample of precincts that will comprise the audit. This meeting is open to the press and public.

**Who:** Robert J. Rivera, CPA and staff from the Secretary of State’s Office. The press and public are also welcome to attend.

**What:** Independent auditor Robert J. Rivera will publicly select a random sample of precincts from a pool of all precincts in the state in order to perform a post-election audit.

**When:** Friday, November 16, 2018 at 3:00PM MST

**Where:** Office of the Secretary of State, 325 Don Gaspar, Suite 300, Santa Fe, NM 87501

New Mexico is a national leader in election security and post-election audits are recognized as a best-practice for ensuring and demonstrating the security of election systems. Post-election audits are conducted after every general election in New Mexico in accordance with NMSA 1978 §1-14-13.2.

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