

Report on the Analysis of Voting Machine Issues in Northampton County

By Becky Bartlet

EASTON - Lamont McClure and Adam Carbullido, senior vice president of Product Development with ES&S, held a press conference today to present the analysis of the Nov. 5 Election Day performance of the ES&S ExpressVote XL voting machines in Northampton County.

Following the close of the polls, it was discovered that some of the races were inaccurately tabulated on the machine tape. Election Officials worked through the night to count the machine-marked voter-verifiable ballots and released the unofficial results a bit after 6 AM on Nov. 6. A canvas was conducted later in the month to determine the official results, as well as an audit of 1,500 ballots from four precincts. After feeding a set of ballots into the DS200 scanner, the machine operator provided a results tape for a comparison to the human-readable names printed on the ballot cards. The statistical samples were verified to be 100% accurate.

ES&S began a first-hand examination of the Northampton County machines on Dec. 5 after the court-ordered impoundment was lifted. ES&S worked with county staff confirming, through testing, that the initial incorrect results for some races were the result of a human error in formatting the ballot. This error was caused by the placement of a special instructional text on the ballot for cross-filed races, which created a misalignment in the database. Certain cross-filed candidates' votes were attributed to the instructional text field, instead of the candidates' fields.

In response to reports that some voters had problems with the touch screens, the analysis showed some machines had been configured improperly at the factory prior to delivery to Northampton County. Additionally, the selection boxes near the screen edge were too close for consistent screen performance, and the small selection boxes may have caused issues.

"This was an unfortunate human error and we are glad to have it resolved," says Lamont McClure. "Moving forward, Northampton County is committed to demanding accountability from ES&S for the performance of these machines, and rebuilding trust with our voters. We are dedicated to making sure our voters feel confident about the process when they're at the polls and secure with results when they are tabulated."

"I want to make clear this was a human error, and ES&S takes full accountability," said Adam Carbullido, senior vice president of Product Development with ES&S. "When we replicated the exact ballot and removed the special instructional text, the results were accurately captured and vote totals were properly attributed to all candidates."

ES&S has begun reconfiguration of all of the Northampton County machines and will complete this process prior to the next election. An improved ballot layout in future elections will improve the voter experience.

"We are absolutely committed and already working with the county to show officials, staff and, most importantly, voters, that these issues will never occur again," said Carbullido. "The equipment behaved the way it should have—human error instructed it to do what it did. Clearly, we should have prevented these mistakes, and we take full accountability."



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(610) 759-9080, www.gracebelfast.org

Grace United Methodist 404 Mountain Ave., Pen Argyl
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