Dear Election Transparency Supporters & Helpers,

We are writing you to thank you once again for your years of support and willingness to help with the scanning of ballots for the Election Transparency Project. We believe that you would be interested in this report on the September 2021 Gubernatorial Recall Election.

Several things were of particular note during this election.

A major improvement was the smooth operation of the scanning equipment. Prior to the election we hired a Fujitsu repairman to repair the backup scanner that has been on the sidelines for many elections. The repair was successful and unlike the May primary, we had none of the down time (and frustration) similar to that which we experienced in May.

Also of note was the fact that our reported number of ballots scanned was precisely the same as that reported by the Elections Dept. with the exception of one precinct , which was 1 ballot off.

We scanned 51,961 ballots and achieved our primary goal: Making the images available to anyone who might want to see them, either to satisfy themselves on the counts or for academic studies. This time we changed the output format to make it much easier to select the ballot images by precinct. We did not disagree with the official counts for the question of whether to recall the Governor or of the choice of who would have replaced the Governor if he had been recalled.

We also met our secondary goal of counting the votes and comparing our counts with the official Elections canvas using the open-source/non-proprietary software created by Wes Rishel and David McCallie. We were very pleased to have completed that process before the Department of Elections certified the results on October 21. That is

another new "first" for the Project.

We found that our results did not disagree with the official counts. You can see our results [on our Website](#). You can also see a detailed description of our process in our [report on the 2020 Presidential Election](#).

Thanks again for your support over the years. The primary election next June will be more challenging to scan and score. We will be reaching out to you and look forward to working with you again!

Respectfully yours,

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