FULTON COUNTY

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FROM: Nadine Williams, Director, Registration & Elections

DATE: November 3, 2026

SUBJECT: Proposed Advance Voting Ballot Rescan – Nov 3, 2026

Please be advised that, due to equipment failures experienced with two (2) ICP scanners during Advanced Voting, the tabulation procedure for those scanners require modification. The Fulton County Elections Department previously discussed the issues, and recommended resolutions, with the SOS Voting Systems staff and I will be discussing with the Fulton County Board of Registration and Elections at its scheduled 6:30 pm meeting on Election Night.

I will request that the Board formally adopt the modified method of tabulation, as described below, for both scanners at that meeting. If the Board approves, staff will begin tabulation for those scanners as soon as possible following poll closing. I estimate that the process will begin between 7:00-7:30 pm.

Prior to the start, an announcement will be made in the Fulton County Election Hub & Operations Center public observation area. These actions will still occur within view of the public and a closer view of the process will be available for poll watchers and individuals permitted within the restricted area at the tabulation center.

A summary of the issues encountered with the two (2) scanners as well as the planned modification for the tabulation of votes cast on those scanners (if the Board approves) is as follows:

Hugh C. Conley Recreation Center – On October 26, a scanner persistently displayed a paper jam error, even after troubleshooting and confirming there was no apparent jam. The scanner was shut down and no longer used. There were 708 ballots cast on that scanner. SOS Voting Systems staff advised that the memory cards should be transferred to a separate ICP scanner on Election Night to complete the scanner close-out process. If such transfer is successful, closing tapes will be generated and the original memory cards will be uploaded. If the memory card transfer is unsuccessful, the physical ballots will be scanned on an ICC scanner and an EMS report will be utilized to document the results.

Mechanicsville Library – On October 21, a wheelchair-bound voter accidentally rolled over a scanner's power cable, causing an unexpected shutdown. Upon restarting the scanner, an error displayed on the screen and the scanner would no longer operate. There were 361 ballots cast with that scanner prior to its failure. SOS Voting Systems staff advised that the memory cards from that scanner should not be uploaded due to potential corruption of data. Therefore, all of the ballots will be scanned on an ICC scanner and an EMS report will be utilized to document the results.

Should you have any questions, please direct them to my attention before the planned Board meeting at 6:30 pm on Election Night.