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America Counts: Poll Tape Recording, November 3, 2026 General Election

To election officials, law enforcement, and anyone curious about what's happening here:

What this person is doing. The person showing you this letter is using Actual Vote, a free tool from America Counts, a nonpartisan nonprofit. After the polls close, they make a video recording of the results tape. That's the printout each voting machine produces at closing, showing the vote totals for this location. They are not recording voters or ballots. They are not here to campaign, to challenge anyone's vote, or to interfere with the work of election officials.

Why it's legal. Vote totals are public information, and a poll tape contains only totals: no individual ballots and no voter information. In the United States, anyone may photograph or record what they can see from a place they're lawfully allowed to be, unless a specific law prohibits it. Actual Vote is used to record only after the polls have closed.

If you'd rather they stop. We ask everyone who uses Actual Vote to follow any lawful instruction from an election official or law enforcement officer. If you ask this person to stop or step away, we ask them to do so. We'd appreciate hearing about it at info@americacounts.us.

Why this matters. The posted tape is the first public record of this location's count. Recordings like this one are compared with the official results the county publishes later. That confirms, polling place by polling place, that the published numbers match what the machines printed here. It's an independent check on the count that the poll workers here produced. As of October 2026, our analyses have audited more than 2.7 million votes in five states. Every comparison has matched the official results or been accounted for, and every result is published openly so anyone can check our work.

Who we are. America Counts is a program of Democracy Counts, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. We build Actual Vote, a free tool anyone can use to record poll tapes and audit vote reporting: by Americans, across party lines. Scan the code to see your state's law with sources, read our published reports, or learn how to do this yourself.

Scan for your state's law and sources
americacounts.us/actual-vote/in-your-state/

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Learn more:

Why recording poll tapes is legal	**americacounts.us/technical-manual/legal**
About the Actual Vote app	**americacounts.us/start-here**
Published audit reports	**americacounts.us/actual-vote/vote-reporting-audits**
Past poll tape recordings	**americacounts.us/actual-vote/video-archive**

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