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The preliminary Election "results" reported on Election Night are just that -- preliminary. New York State Election Law requires a complete re-canvass of all votes cast on Election Day and the counting of all valid absentee, affidavit, and military ballots before the Election Results can be certified. Beginning with the November 5th, 2013 General Election, the Unofficial Election Results were uploaded wirelessly in order to improve the accuracy of the results that both the public and media have come to rely on. Starting with the May 5, 2015 Special Election for the 11th Congressional District, the Board of Elections began uploading the results at the Poll Site, eliminating the delay in transporting the PMDs to the Police Precincts. The Board will be transmitting results from all poll sites in the city during the November 3, 2015 General Election.

After the polls close on Election Night, poll workers will shut down the scanner and print out the results tape. They also will remove the Portable Memory Device (PMD) and insert it into Microsoft Surface 3 Tablet provided by the Board for upload of the results at the Poll Site to the Board's secure servers that will compile the results. After the upload is complete, the PMD will be sealed in a pouch. They will hand the sealed pouch to an NYPD Officer who will take it back to their respective precincts.

At the precinct, the Police Officer will hand over the pouch to the Board's bipartisan team of specially trained Election Night clerks, who will be waiting with equipment to conduct a second upload for any PMDs that may have been missed or had an issue transmitting from the Poll Site.

The data will be transmitted to the Board and we will make such unofficial results available to the media and the State Board of Elections. The Board will place running totals at the Board's public hearing room at 42, Broadway, 7th Floor starting at 9pm and on its website as required by law. The website is www.vote.nyc.ny.us

New York State has one of the most meticulous re-canvass procedures in the country. New York State Election Law requires all Boards of Elections, within 15 days of the election, to re-canvass all votes cast in that election. The re-canvass is conducted by bipartisan teams of Board employees. As an extra layer of oversight, representatives of the campaigns involved are notified of the re-canvass schedule and invited to monitor the official re-canvass and ensure its accuracy. The absentee, military, and affidavit ballots are then opened and tabulated after staff review. The campaigns are once again invited to monitor the opening and counting of these paper ballots (see NYS Election Law, Section 9-208 & 9-209).