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Arapahoe County to finish counting mail-in ballots Wednesday *Election Day turnout of 43,400 was lower than anticipated*

LITTLETON, CO --- The Arapahoe County Clerk and Recorder's Office is expected by Wednesday to finish counting the remainder of the record number of mail-in ballots cast in the 2012 General Election.

"Election Day turnout was lighter than anticipated," said Clerk and Recorder Nancy A. Doty. "More than 43,400 turned out to cast a ballot, which was lower than the 55,000 projected to cast a ballot Tuesday. My thanks to the nearly 1,000 election judges and county workers who worked tirelessly throughout Early Voting and Election Day on Tuesday to ensure voters in Arapahoe County were able to make their voice heard during this important election."

Turnout for the 2012 – so far - is roughly 83 percent of the County's nearly 310,000 active registered voters. In 2008, the overall turnout was 93 percent of the County's then 287,895 active registered voters.

Arapahoe County gave voters three options for casting their ballot during this year's General Election. Voters could vote by mail, vote early or vote on Election Day.

Of the 256,426 ballots counted as of Tuesday, about 17 percent were voted on Election Day, 8.3 percent were cast during Early Voting, and 64 percent voted by mail.

The remaining ballots to be counted include military and overseas ballots, mail-in ballots with signature discrepancies and missing identification, and about 6,900 provisional ballots. The deadline to receive all military and overseas ballots, as well as to cure all mail-in ballots with signature discrepancies and missing signatures is Nov. 14. The last day to verify and count provisional ballots is Nov. 20.

For updated election results, visit www.arapahoevotes.com.

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