

Communication Services
5334 South Prince Street
Littleton, Colorado 80120-1136
Phone: 303-795-5467
Fax: 303-734-5470
www.co.arapahoe.co.us

For release: January 20, 2012

Contact:

NANCY DOTY

Clerk and Recorder

Direct: 303-795-4285

E-mail: ndoty@co.arapahoe.co.us

Public invited to comment on option for mail-ballot Primary Election *Arapahoe County Clerk and Recorder requests written comments by Feb. 3*

Littleton, Colo. – The Arapahoe County Clerk and Recorder’s Office is soliciting written comments from citizens on its proposal to hold the June 2012 Primary Election as an all mail ballot election. The proposal to conduct the 2012 Primary Election by mail ballot requires a 10-day public comment period under state law and approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

A mail ballot Primary Election would mean that all active registered voters who are affiliated with the Democratic, Republican or American Constitution Party would receive a ballot in the mail approximately three weeks before the Primary Election Day, June 26. Voters would have until 7 p.m. on Election Day to return their ballot by mail or at one of several convenient ballot drop-off sites around the county.

“I am proposing conducting the Primary Election by mail because mail ballot elections historically have a higher turnout and are more convenient for our voters,” said Clerk and Recorder Nancy A. Doty. “In addition, the timeframe of Colorado’s Primary Election was moved up by the Legislature from August to June. By sending all registered voters a mail ballot, we can ensure that they are aware of the earlier date.”

Nearly 70 percent of registered voters in Arapahoe County have already requested to vote by mail ballot voters in every election. Arapahoe County held the 2010 Primary Election by mail ballot after a similar public comment period. In the traditional 2008 Primary Election, nearly 92 percent of voters voted by mail.

Citizens may submit written comments to the Clerk and Recorder’s Office between January 23 and 4:30 p.m., February 3. Comments can be made via the Elections web site at www.arapahoevotes.com or can be mailed or delivered to at the Clerk and Recorder’s Office, 5334 S. Prince St., Littleton, CO, 80166-0001.

###