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Nearly 50 percent of Arapahoe County voters have cast ballots

Clerk and Recorder estimates 75 percent total voter turnout for this election

LITTLETON, CO --- An estimated 200,000 voters are expected to participate in Arapahoe County's General Election.

As of Monday, nearly 123,000 have voted early and voted by mail, which is nearly a 50 percent turnout of the County's total registered active voters. Arapahoe County has 347,000 registered voters and 273,000 active voters. Active voters are determined by those that voted in the last General Election.

This year, more than 200,000 mail-in ballots were requested and 117,500 returned as of Monday.

"Your vote is as important to us as it is to you," said Clerk and Recorder Nancy A. Doty. "We've seen large numbers of voters participating in early voting and vote by mail and we are ready to insure a smooth voting process on Election Day."

When combined with the 5,200 people who voted early, nearly 123,000 total votes have been cast in Arapahoe County so far. Arapahoe County is urging the 85,000 voters who still have not turned in their mail-in ballot to return their ballots at any of the County's 15 mail-in ballot locations or their precinct polling place on Election Day. To find a location nearest you, visit our web site at www.arapahoevotes.com.

Based on Early Voting, Vote by Mail and the County's prior voting history, Doty said she expects fewer voters to cast ballots on Election Day than in 2006. That year, 67,700 votes were cast on Election Day. Doty said she anticipates about 30,000 voters at the polls on Tuesday.

Polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. Anybody standing in line by 7 p.m. will be allowed to vote.

There are three things that voters can do to help speed up the voting process.

- First, determine your correct polling location by visiting www.arapahoevotes.com or by calling 303-795-4511.
- When arriving at the polls, Voters should bring identification, such as a valid Colorado Drivers' license, passport, Medicare or Medicaid card. Voter registration cards and a social security card are **not** valid forms of identification.
- Please study the ballot and decide on your choices before you enter the voting booth.

For more information about the Nov. 2 General Election, contact the Elections Division at 303-795-4511 or visit www.arapahoevotes.com.

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