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Arapahoe County Clerk and Recorder Nancy Doty announces August Primary to be Mail Ballot Election

Littleton, Colo. --- After reviewing written comments from citizens on whether to hold the Aug. 10 Primary Election as a mail ballot election and meeting with the Chairs of the political parties in the County, Arapahoe County Clerk and Recorder Nancy A. Doty has concluded, pending agreement by the Board of Commissioners, that the Primary Election should be conducted entirely by mail for Arapahoe County voters.

A mail ballot Primary Election means that all active registered voters who are affiliated with either the Democratic or Republican Party will receive their ballot in the mail approximately three weeks before Election Day. Voters will 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 proposed conducting the Primary Election by mail because mail ballot elections have a higher turnout,” said Arapahoe County Clerk and Recorder Nancy A. Doty. “People like the convenience of voting by mail. In fact, nearly 92 percent of those voting in the 2008 Primary Election voted by mail.”

“These themes were reflected in the comments from the public that we received,” Doty added.

Of those providing reasons for their support of the mail election, 50 percent cited convenience; 18 percent cited lower costs; 18 percent cited increased voter participation and 11 percent liked having more time to make decisions.

The Clerk and Recorder, as required by law, has submitted the issue to the Arapahoe County Board of Commissioners with a request that the Board concur with her recommendation.

Ballots for the Aug. 10, 2010 Primary Election will be mailed to all active registered Democrat or Republican voters between July 19 and July 23, 2010.

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