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Media Advisory

Arapahoe County to hold a Mock Election July 11 ***County purchases new disabled-accessible voting machines for 2006 election***

Littleton, Colo.- The Arapahoe County Clerk and Recorder's Office will conduct a Mock Election July 11, using the new Sequoia Edge Direct Recording Electronic (DRE) Voting System recently purchased by the County. The acquisition puts the County in compliance with The Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA), which mandates the use of disabled-accessible voting equipment beginning in 2006 for all federal elections. At least one new Sequoia Edge voting machine will be placed at each polling location on Election Day and at all the County's Early Vote sites to provide ease of voting for citizens with disabilities.

"This is a great opportunity for our residents to see and use the new voting machines before they are put to use during Early Voting and on Election Day," said Clerk and Recorder Nancy A. Doty. "The voting process is simple, but I encourage people to try it out before they vote in the upcoming elections."

The Sequoia Edge is a freestanding touch screen unit that allows voters to select their choices electronically, like an ATM. The County received \$1.2 million in Federal HAVA funds to cover the cost of the new equipment. It is anticipated additional machines will be purchased in 2007 or 2008 to replace older AVC Sequoia machines, which will be used with the new Direct Recording Electronic machines in this year's elections.

Any group or organization interested in participating in the Mock Election should call Nancy Doty at 303-795-4248 to schedule a time. There is a photo/video opportunity for the media during the Mock Election:

When: Tuesday, July 11, 2006, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Where: Administration Building, 5334 S. Prince St., Littleton
Aurora Motor Vehicle Branch, 490 S. Chambers Road, Aurora
Southeast Motor Vehicle Office, 12600 E. Arapahoe Road, Suite B, Centennial
What: Voters are encouraged to participate in the Mock Election and get a first hand look at the new disabled-accessible equipment, and to cast a vote in the Mock Election.

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