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Arapahoe County debuts new web site for voters

Web site allows voters to check their voter registration status and track ballots online

Littleton, Colo. – The Arapahoe County Clerk and Recorder’s Office has made it easier for voters to check their voter registration information and track their mail ballots online. Voters may go to www.arapahoevotes.com to find out if they are registered at their current address and what the status is of their mail ballot.

Voters will begin receiving their ballots in the mail in October for the November 2007 election. Ballots will be mailed to all active, registered voters in Arapahoe County. Voters who have moved must update their address since ballots are not forwarded.

“Since 2007 is a mail ballot election, it is critical that voters make sure they are registered at their current address,” said Nancy Doty, Arapahoe County Clerk and Recorder. “The new web site is easy to use and it allows voters to learn about their individual voting information, polling location, ballot status, who represents them, and a host of other tools by just logging in.”

Colorado law allows counties to conduct a mail ballot election in odd numbered years. Arapahoe County exercises this option, which means voters receive their ballots in the mail and do not go to their polling places. Mail ballot elections cost much less than polling place elections, saving the County approximately \$200,000. Currently 14 cities and school districts in Arapahoe County are participating in the 2007 mail ballot election.

“The number of voters who participate in mail ballot elections has consistently increased,” said Doty. “Citizens like the ease and convenience of voting from home. In 2005, 49.15 percent of the citizens in Arapahoe County voted. This year we hope to break that record by getting the word out early about the mail ballot election.”

Voters will have another new option this year. Colorado law now allows voters to place themselves on a permanent mail-in ballot list. Voters who sign up will receive a ballot in the mail for each election and will

no longer have to fill out an absentee ballot request every year. Voters who are interested in this option can fill out a new voter registration form and mail it to the County Clerk and Recorder.

For more information about mail ballot elections and voter registration, go to www.arapahoevotes.com.

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