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Arapahoe County reports successful Mock Election

Littleton, Colo.- The new 225 Sequoia Edge Direct Recording Electronic (DRE) voting machines were well received by voters on July 11 when the County conducted a Mock Election. The new machines will be used in the 2006 Primary and General Elections.

“We experienced very positive comments and the voters overwhelmingly felt the machines were easy to use,” said Clerk and Recorder Nancy A. Doty.

Voters were each given a voter card which is inserted into the AVC Edge voting machines to ensure that the correct ballot is shown to the voter. Voters navigated through voting screens and cast their vote on questions such as “Who will win the Super Bowl?”

The new DREs will be at every polling location on Election Day and will be used for Early Voting at each of the eight locations. They are free-standing units that allow voters to select their choices electronically, much like an ATM. Voters can verify their selections and change them at any time before casting their ballots. The Sequoia Edge has been designed to provide easy voting for voters with disabilities, and provide a Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail as required by legislation enacted into law in 2005.

“We will be introducing our new voting machines throughout the County in the coming weeks and months before the Primary and General Elections,” stated Nancy. “We welcome any invitation to demonstrate the Edge.”

Early Voting begins on July 29 and continues through August 4. Information on times and locations are available at www.co.arapahoe.co.us/Departments/CR or by calling 303-795-4511. The deadline for requesting an absentee ballot to be mailed is August 1 or August 4 if it is picked up at one of the Clerk’s offices.

Anyone wishing to be part of the democratic process and serve as an Election Judge on Election Day should contact the Clerk's office. This is a rewarding service to the democratic process and Arapahoe County is still in need of judges. Judges are trained and paid for their service either \$115 or \$135 depending on their duties.

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