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# Elections in Boulder County

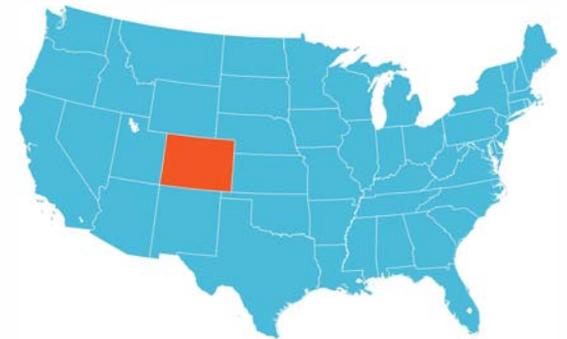
Everything you wanted to know!

# Elections in Colorado



## What makes Colorado Elections unique?

- Voters get a ballot in the mail.
- Voters can also choose to go vote in person
- Voters can go to ANY Voter Service and Polling Center in their county
- Voters can register and vote on the same-day up through Election Day (ID Required)



Tip: Remind your friends and family and share these voting facts when you meet people new to Colorado. They may not know!

# Voter Registration



- There is no registration deadline.
- Residents can register to vote up to and including Election Day (ID required)
- One must be a resident of Colorado for at least 22 days prior to Election Day to vote.
- Voters who register online less than 8 days prior to an election will not be sent a ballot by mail. They must go to a Voter Service Center to vote in person. (ID required)



# 2016 General Election Key Dates



**Today** – Sign-up for Ballot Track at [www.BoulderCountyVotes.org](http://www.BoulderCountyVotes.org)

**October 17** – Ballots mailed to voters; 24-hour ballot drop-off locations open; mail ballots and machine voting available at Boulder office

**October 24** – Voter Service Centers open

**October 31** – Last day to register and still receive a ballot in the mail

**November 4** – **Return your ballot!** Drive-by Ballot Drop-off locations open (closed Sunday)

**November 7** – Additional NINE Voter Service Centers open

**November 8** – Last Day to Vote – Election Day

# Ballot Return Options:



## Return your Mail Ballot to a:

- ✓ 24-Hour Box



- ✓ Voter Service & Polling Center



- ✓ Drive-by Drop-off location



- ✓ Or by mail (allow sufficient time)



- ✓ Or go vote in person!



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# Mail Ballot Processing Basics



**Step 1** – Ballots envelopes received and prepared for envelope sorting and signature capture machine.

**Step 2** – Run ballot envelopes through envelope sorting and signature capture machine.



**Step 3** – Verify that the signature on the ballot envelope matches the signature we have from the voter's registration – either through our Automatic Signature Verification technology or by election judges.

**Step 4** – Once signature verified, voters are assigned vote credit in the Secretary of State database and the ballot envelope is securely transported to 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor for opening and separating.



# Mail Ballot Processing Basics



**Step 5** – Ballot envelopes are run through a specialized machine that allows for easy extraction of your secrecy sleeve and ensures voter anonymity and that no ballots are missed in the process.



**Step 6** – Bi-partisan election judges then remove your ballot from your secrecy sleeve and flatten the ballot in preparation for scanning.

**Step 7** – Ballots are scanned in batches and votes are captured.



**Step 8** – Recorded votes are stored to secured Mobile Ballot Boxes in preparation for tallying votes on election night.



# Ballot Processing Facilities Tour



**Save the Date!**

General Election: Ballot Processing Facilities Tour  
1750 33<sup>rd</sup> Street in Boulder

Thursday, November 3 – 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

or

Monday, November 7 – 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.

# Preparing for 2016



- Plan for nearly 100% turnout & up to 202,000 voters casting a ballot by Election Day
  - Includes 68,000 on Election Day
  - But...
    - It is an extremely long ballot
    - Of ballots returned on Election Day, **almost 60%** of those or approx. come in **AFTER 5 p.m.**
    - Then, we need to transport them back to the Ballot Processing Center
- Plan:** Process ballots until 2 a.m. and begin again at 7:30 a.m. Last results posting around 3 a.m. then next one around 11:30 a.m.



# Why Vote Early



**Once you decide how to vote, please return your mail ballot or go vote.**

## Voting early:

- ✓ Helps reduce campaign phone calls for you
- ✓ Avoids last minute in-person or ballot drive-by drop-off lines
- ✓ Helps county by being able to process ballots throughout the election period, not just on election night (no votes are tabulated before election night though!).



# Thank you & What you can do to help:



- ✓ Check your registration.
- ✓ Talk to your friends and neighbors:
  - Make sure they are registered (if they are voting)
  - Make sure they know they are getting a ballot in the mail
  - Encourage them to return their ballot as soon as possible! And definitely by **Friday, November 4** if they are ready to vote
- ✓ Return your ballot early!
- ✓ We need Election workers – over 450 workers; Especially Republican workers – if you are interested contact the Boulder County Republicans:  
[www.BoCoGOP.org](http://www.BoCoGOP.org)

## Action Steps:

- 1) Check your voter registration at [www.BoulderCountyVotes.org](http://www.BoulderCountyVotes.org)
- 2) Track your mail ballot by signing up for **Ballot Track** (sign up at same website)
- 3) Follow us on Twitter: [@BoCoClerk](https://twitter.com/BoCoClerk)
- 4) Contact us with questions: [Vote@BoulderCountyVotes.org](mailto:Vote@BoulderCountyVotes.org) or 303.413.7740

# Additional Slides

# Our 2016 Focus



Preparing for the  
**largest voter turnout**  
election in Boulder County  
history with the  
**longest mail ballot ever**  
in a mail ballot election  
AND the first ever  
**open presidential election**  
**with same-day voter**  
**registration.**



# Voter Registration Figures



## Boulder County Voter Registration Statistics

Data as of Oct 1, 2016

Party	Active	Inactive	Total*
American Constitution	246	75	321
Democratic	92,182	18,453	110,635
Green	1,087	480	1,567
Libertarian	2,158	733	2,891
Republican	35,566	9,276	44,842
Unity	24	3	27
Unaffiliated	72,385	26,437	98,822
<b>Total*</b>	<b>203,648</b>	<b>55,457</b>	<b>259,105</b>

*\* Note that the voter counts reflected above do include a small percentage of voters who are under 18 at present, but may be eligible to vote by the next election. Colorado law allows residents to register to vote as young as 16. Only active voters who are age 18 on or before Election Day will be mailed a ballot.*

# Ballot Drop-off Options – So many choices!



## 24-Hour Ballot Drop-off

**Boulder** – FIVE LOCATIONS

**Lafayette** – Lafayette Public Library

**Longmont** – THREE LOCATIONS

**Louisville** – Louisville Police Department

**Superior** – Superior Town Hall



## Drive-by Ballot Drop-off (begins Friday before)

**Boulder** – Boulder County Clerk & Recorder

**Erie** – Arapahoe Ridge Marketplace – Arapahoe Road & Highway 287

**Longmont** – Boulder County Clerk & Recorder / St. Vrain Community Hub

**Louisville** – Steinbaugh Pavilion

**Lyons** – Town Hall

**Nederland** – Nederland Community Center – 750 N. Highway 72

# General Election Locations – 24-Hour Boxes



**Boulder** – Boulder County Clerk & Recorder – 1750 33rd Street

**Boulder** – Boulder County Courthouse – East Wing Entrance  
– 2025 14th Street

**Boulder** – Boulder County Housing and Human Services  
– Broadway & Iris (in parking lot behind B-Cycle Station) **New!**

**Boulder** – CU Campus – UMC – 1669 Euclid Avenue – SE Side  
of the building **New!**

**Boulder** – South Boulder Recreation Center – 1360 Gillaspie Drive **New!**

**Lafayette** – Lafayette Public Library – 775 W. Baseline Road

**Longmont** – Boulder County Clerk & Recorder / St. Vrain  
Community Hub – Corner of 6th Avenue and Coffman

**Longmont** – Boulder County Fairgrounds – 9595 Nelson Road

**Longmont** – YMCA 9<sup>th</sup> & Lashley **New!**

**Longmont** – North Longmont location – TBD **New!**

**Louisville** – Louisville Police Department – 992 W. Via Appia Way **New!**

**Superior** – Superior Town Hall – 124 E. Coal Creek Drive



# Join Us: Election Jobs



## Have you ever wanted to work on an election?

Boulder County Elections has a variety of short-term, paid election positions available for the 2016 General Election:

- Some positions start as early as September
- Other positions may only require a 2-3 day commitment
- Hours and days vary for each position
- Like computers? Like driving or being outdoors? We have all sorts of positions.
- Pay is typically \$11/hour

**Interested?** Check our website [www.BoulderCountyVotes.org](http://www.BoulderCountyVotes.org) for details about applying or learning more.



# General Election – Voter Service Centers



## **Voter Service and Polling Centers open in two phases:**

**Phase 1:** Monday, October 24 and run through  
Tuesday, November 8 (no Sunday hours)

**Phase 2:** Additional locations open and operate  
Monday, November 7 & Tuesday, November 8

**There will be 16 Voter Service and Polling Centers open from  
7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day.**

# Voting Access: Homeless Residents



- For the purpose of voter registration residence, an elector who has no fixed permanent home must identify a specific location within a precinct that the applicant considers his or her home base. This may include:
  - Homeless shelter
  - Business address
  - Intersection or park, etc.
- But, they must also have mailing address, which can include:
  - PO Box, friend or relative's address
  - Business address if the voter can receive mail there on a consistent basis
- ID Requirements are the same as for other voters – though voters 65+ do not have to provide ID

# Voting Access: ID Requirements



- You do not need an ID to register, but you do need to provide an ID prior to the first time you vote (thus providing ID at registration is still best)
- First-time voters who registered to vote in CO by mail (or another method that did not require showing ID, such as at a voter registration drive), must enclose a photocopy of an acceptable form of their identification in their Official Return Envelope.
- All IDs must be current and valid. If your ID shows your address, it must be a Colorado address.
- Most common IDs accepted:
  - A Colorado driver's license
  - A Colorado State ID (issued by Dept. of Revenue)
  - A U.S. passport
  - A U.S. military ID card with your photograph on it
  - A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows your name and address of the elector. For examples, please visit: [www.govotecolorado.com](http://www.govotecolorado.com)
  - A Medicare or Medicaid card issued by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
  - A certified copy of your U.S. birth certificate issued in the U.S.
  - A veteran ID card with your photograph issued by the U.S. Department of Veterans

# Action Step: Registration



- 1) Pull out your phone
- 2) Go to [www.BoulderCountyVotes.org](http://www.BoulderCountyVotes.org)
- 3) Click on the “Look up your registration”
- 4) Put in your information and check your registration



## Is your registration correct?

**Yes** – No action needed!!!!

**No** – Keep going or send yourself a reminder right now to update your voter registration; Don't forget to include your email so you can receive important updates (we promise to email only a few times each election – not daily!)

Tip: Keep your registration current to ensure you receive your ballot in a timely fashion. This helps save cost, reduces phone calls, and saves you time!

# Action Step: Ballot Track



- 1) Pull out your phone
- 2) Go to [www.BoulderCountyVotes.org](http://www.BoulderCountyVotes.org)
- 3) Click on the "Sign up for Ballot Track"
- 4) Put in your information
- 5) Select up to 3 ways you want to be contacted about the status of your ballot:
  - 1) Email
  - 2) Text (don't forget to opt-in when you get the first text)
  - 3) Voice phone call



Tip: Signing up for Ballot Track provides peace of mind. Ballot Track will notify you when we mail your ballot, and when we have received your ballot back. It will also notify you if we encounter any difficulty in verifying your signature or if you forgot to sign your envelope.

# Looking Ahead: New Voting System Needed



- Boulder County's voting system technology is over a decade old and needs to be replaced.
- As the system ages, it becomes harder to maintain.
- In 2015, Colorado's Secretary of State piloted 4 different voting systems in 8 different counties, ultimately selecting Dominion as the uniform voting system for the state.
- Having participated in the process, we are pleased with this selection. Dominion has proven to be an excellent system.
- For cost-savings, efficiency, and for emergency situations, there is tremendous value to moving all counties to the same system.



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