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2016 GENERAL ELECTION REPORT

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Overview

- On a national level, this was the most contentious election in recent memory
- The bipartisan Canvass Board has certified the election results
- The Post-Election audit has been completed
- Both processes were completed on Friday, November 18
- Completed seven days early

Overview

- ◎ The Clerk's Office employed around 400 temporary election judges
- ◎ Employees from other departments
 - 30 employees from Recording, Operations, Administration, and Clerk to the Board
 - 57 employees from Motor Vehicle
 - Helped close drop boxes, at VSPCs, ballot pick-up, scan/verify, and curbside pickup



Overview: Results

Issue	Yes %	No %
Amendment T: Involuntary Servitude as Punishment	45.0%	54.9%
Amendment U: Property Tax Exemption	46.1%	53.9%
Amendment 69: Tax Increase for Universal Healthcare	15.5%	84.5%
Amendment 70: Increase Minimum Wage	46.2%	53.8%
Amendment 71: Increase Sig. Threshold to Amend Con.	65.0%	34.9%
Amendment 72: Increase Tobacco Taxes	41.8%	58.2%
Proposition 106: Assisted Suicide	55.4%	44.6%
Proposition 107: Presidential Primary	64.7%	35.3%
Proposition 108: Open Primaries	52.9%	47.1%
Question 1A: County Opt-out of Broadband Ban	65.9%	34.1%

2016 Preparations

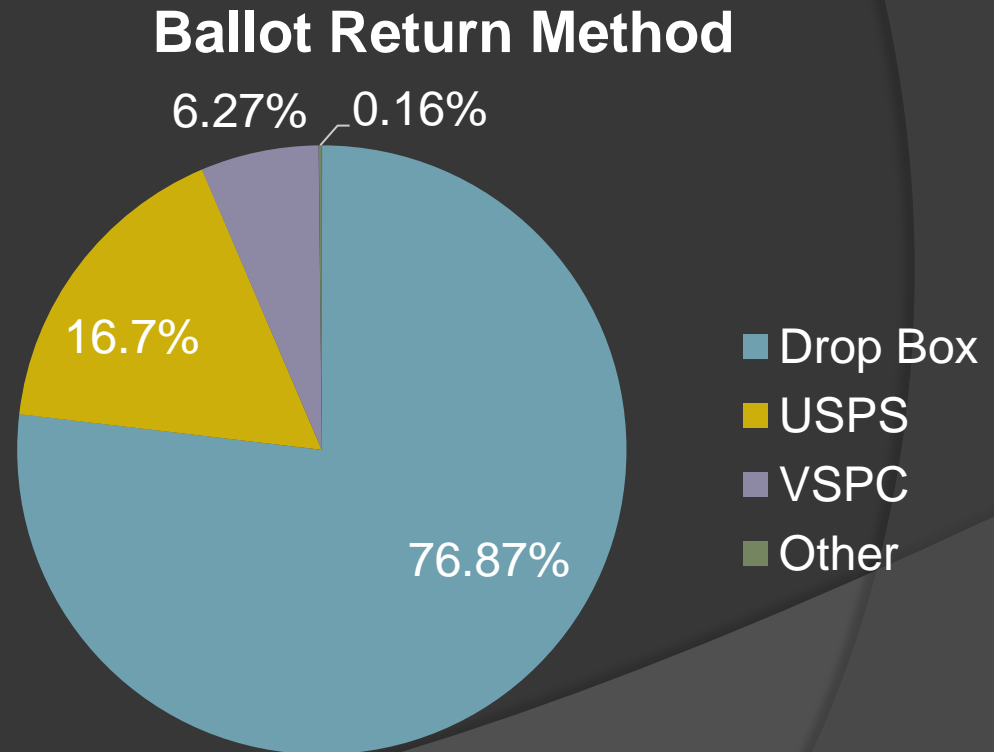
- ⦿ Preparations started early
- ⦿ Purchased or otherwise acquired additional ballot on demand (BOD) printers
 - Two free BOD printers from other counties
 - Purchased five refurbished printers
 - Purchased five new printers
 - \$65,000 in savings
- ⦿ Purchased or borrowed additional laptops

Turnout

⦿ A record 327,755 votes were cast

⦿ 83.87% turnout

- Rep: 90%
- Dem: 85%
- UAF: 75%



Turnout

- El Paso County had a great turnout compared to the Front Range
- El Paso County was #3 for raw votes cast and #7 for turnout percentage

County	% Turnout
Adams	82.77%
Arapahoe	84.85%
Boulder	90.00%
Broomfield	89.70%
Denver	84.14%
Douglas	90.29%
El Paso	83.87%
Jefferson	79.40%
Larimer	78.89%
Pueblo	71.10%
Weld	76.44%

VSPCs

- 25 VSPCs were operating by Election Day
- Exceeded legal requirements
 - Two more than required in statute
 - Six were opened two days early
 - Six were opened one day early
- Additional processing stations were added

VSPCs

- VSPCs still busy with all the extra locations and capacity
- Projections were correct, but usage wasn't linear
- All sites were busy, others were extremely busy



VSPCs

- ◎ Many factors contributed to long lines
 - People not utilizing locations open for weeks before Election Day
 - Election Day volume
 - Length of ballot
 - Same day voter registration
 - Voters focused on some VSPCs and not others
 - SCORE outage

Successes

- ⦿ The reforms put in place in 2015 worked
 - Ballot pre-processing took less time compared to other general elections
 - Room and flow improvements increased efficiency
- ⦿ Handled record turnout with ease because of smart planning

Successes

- ⦿ Election staff was responsive to electorate's needs
 - Shifted staff to meet needs of ballot duplication/replication
- ⦿ Leveraged questions about process into educational opportunities
 - Increased phone bank capacity
 - Tours

Successes

- ⦿ Equipment and processes worked well
 - Equipment passed both L&A Testing and Post-Election Audit with 100% accuracy
 - Ballot drop box and post office pick-ups went smoothly
- ⦿ Smooth Post-Election Audit reflects integrity of the election and processes used

In short, the increased scrutiny of this election highlights that we have THE BEST Elections staff

Lessons Learned

- ⦿ Full Motor Vehicle Office closure?
 - Frees up more staff
 - Frees up more intake stations
- ⦿ Need larger VSPCs
 - Need locations that can accommodate 10-12 intake stations
 - May need to look at renting larger spaces
- ⦿ Douglas County model?

Lessons Learned

- Still widespread questions about Colorado's new election model
- Questions about voting process and tabulation equipment

Thank You!

- To our community for voting
- To those that offered space for VSPCs
- To our Elections staff that is committed to making our democracy work
- To the political parties for checking the accuracy and integrity of our work
- To the Board of County Commissioners for your support

Questions?