

Elections in El Paso County



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2016 Election



- Election will be conducted as a mail-ballot election with Voter Service and Polling Centers (VSPCs)
 - Each registered voter will receive a ballot in the mail
 - Voters must return their voted ballot by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day
- Election preparations have already begun
- Anticipating a record turnout year with hotly contested races at every level of government

Key Election Dates



Primary Election	
05/06/2016	Voter file sent to vendor
05/13/2016	UOCAVA mailing
05/27/2016	Last day to change parties*
06/06/2016	Ballots mailed and 24/7 boxes open, CSC opens as VSPC
06/20/2016	Three more VSPCs open, last day to register to vote and receive a mailed ballot
06/27/2016	One additional VSPC opens
06/28/2016	Primary Election Day

Key Election Dates



General Election	
09/16/2016	Voter file sent to vendor
09/23/2016	UOCAVA mailing
10/17/2016	Ballots mailed and 24/7 boxes open, CSC opens as VSPC
10/24/2016	Phase I VSPCs open
10/31/2016	Last day to register to vote and receive a ballot in the mail
11/07/2016	Phase II VSPCs open
11/08/2016	Election Day

Registering to Vote



- Because mail ballots are central to elections, being registered to vote **well before** an election is important
- People can register to vote in many ways
 - Online at www.GoVoteColorado.com
 - At any county Motor Vehicle Office
 - Most government buildings

Registering to Vote



- To register to vote in Colorado, a person must...
 - Be a citizen of the United States
 - Be at least 16 years old (but won't receive a ballot until they are 18)
 - Be a resident of Colorado for 22 days preceding the election in which they intend to vote
 - Complete the required fields on the voter registration form

Voter Registration Drives



- People also can register through a Voter Registration Drive
- The work you may do to help register people to vote can be important to making the process work better
- There are two different ways you can help people register to vote with a VRD
 - **Traditional Method**
 - **Technology-Centered Method**



Traditional VRD Method



- The Traditional Method is the most familiar
 - Complete the Secretary of State's VRD training program
 - Get assigned a VRD number which tracks your submissions
- Pluses
 - Easier to track work for accountability to donors
 - Technology free
- Minuses
 - VRD is accountable for mistakes or errors by circulators
 - Training can be time-consuming
 - Must use specific Voter Registration forms

Technology-Centered Method



- As an alternative, you can leverage technology to help register people without going through traditional training
 - Can have iPads or forms available for people
 - Let them complete their registration online or by mail
- **Pluses**
 - Training not required
 - Online registration is most convenient
 - More accurate information is gathered
- **Minuses**
 - Only those with ID or Driver's License can register online
 - Relying on voter to return form
 - Harder to track work for donors

Which Works for You?



Ask Yourself...

“What kind of accountability do I need to donors?”

“What kind of resources do I have?”



“What is best for those I am serving?”

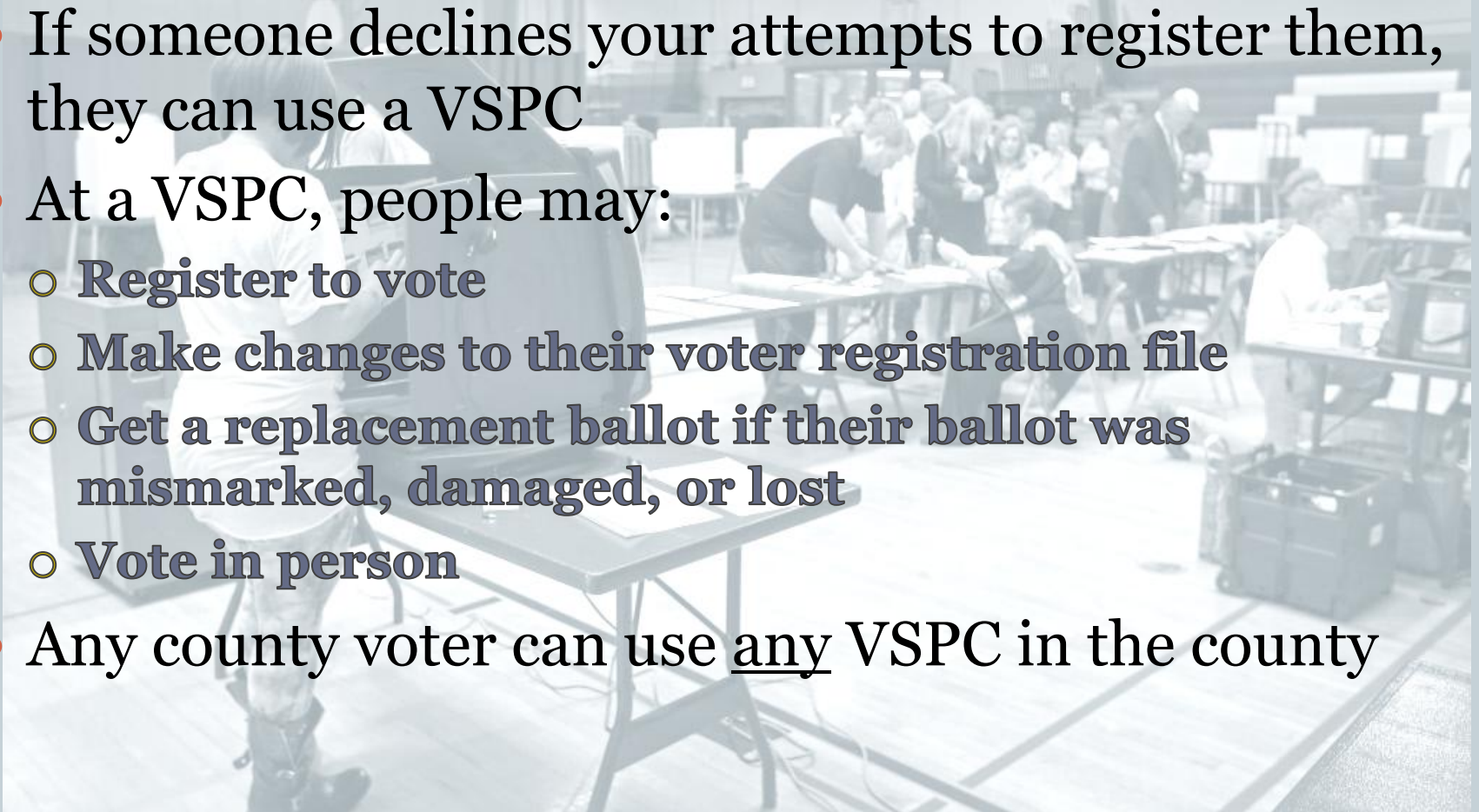
“What kind of time can I commit to this process?”

Either way, the voter likely won't notice a difference!

Voter Service and Polling Centers



- If someone declines your attempts to register them, they can use a VSPC
- At a VSPC, people may:
 - Register to vote
 - Make changes to their voter registration file
 - Get a replacement ballot if their ballot was mismarked, damaged, or lost
 - Vote in person
- Any county voter can use any VSPC in the county

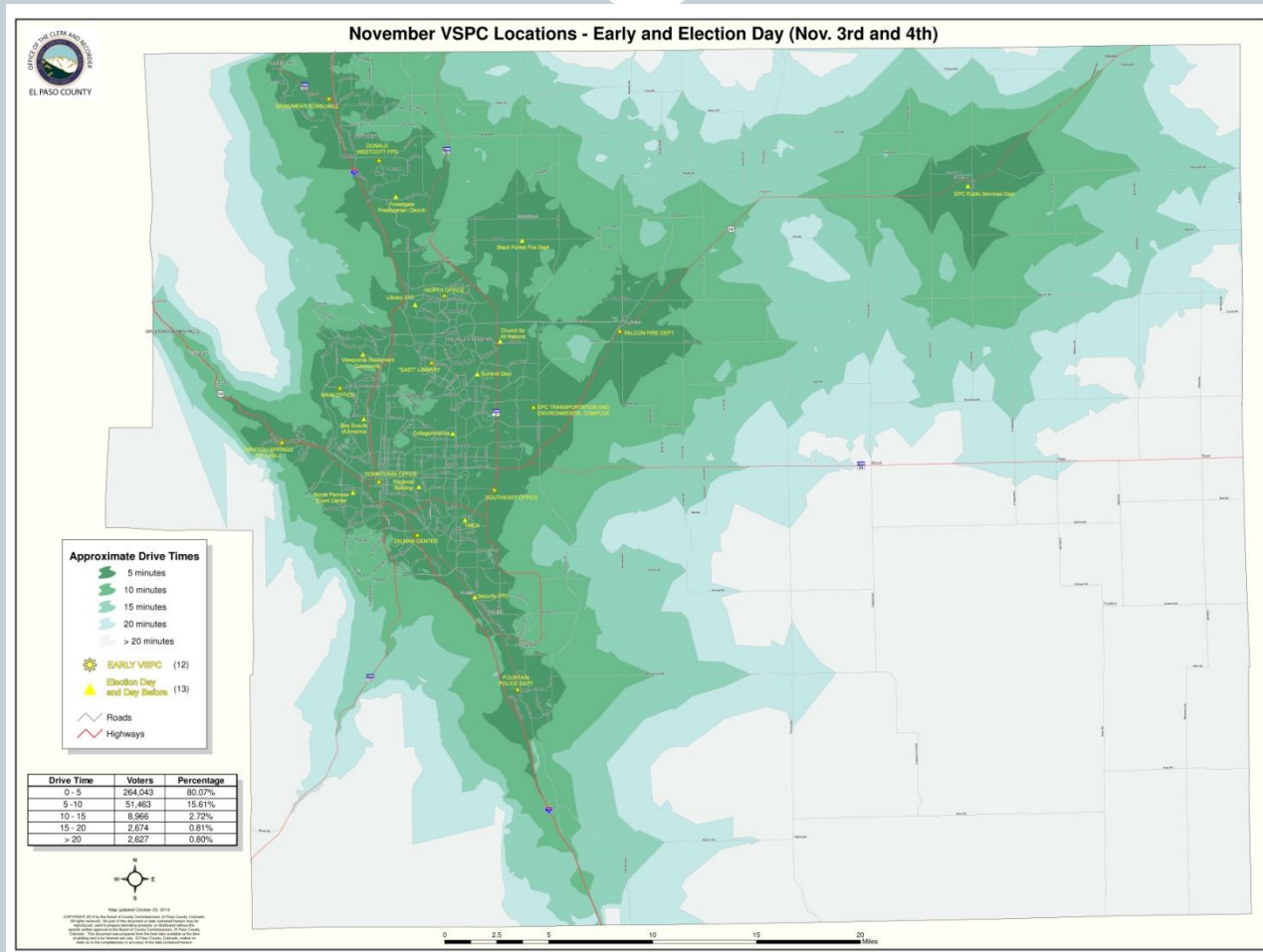


Voter Service and Polling Centers



- The law requires 23 VSPCs in El Paso County
- We will open 25 VSPCs for the 2016 Presidential Election
- VSPCs are interspersed throughout the county to ensure equal coverage among voters
- VSPCs open in two phases
 - One phase usually opens about two weeks before Election Day
 - The second phase usually opens the Monday before Election Day

2014 Voter Service and Polling Centers



Voter Service and Polling Centers

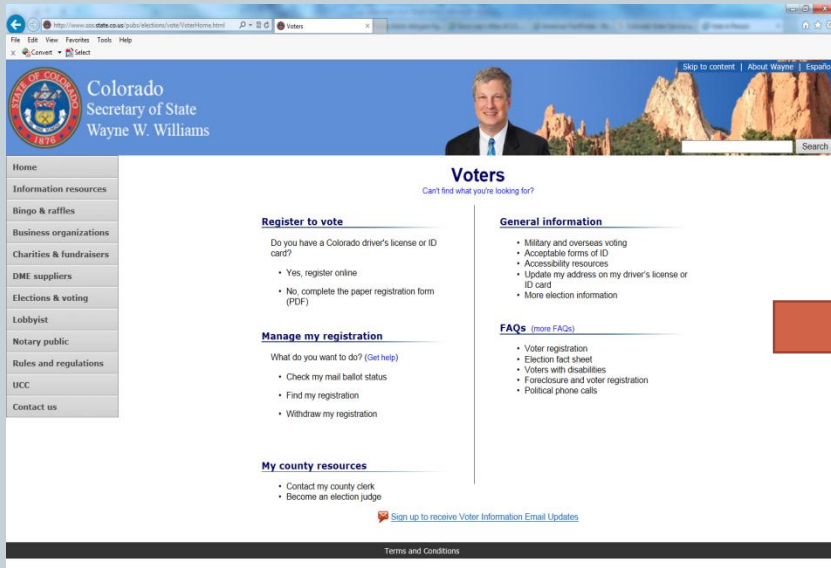


- A VSPC location must meet the following criteria to be considered:
 - Available for 9-25 days
 - Secure computer and internet access
 - Minimum 800 sq. ft.
 - Accessible for those with disabilities
 - Sufficient parking spaces and close proximity to public transportation
 - A location that maximizes coverage throughout the county

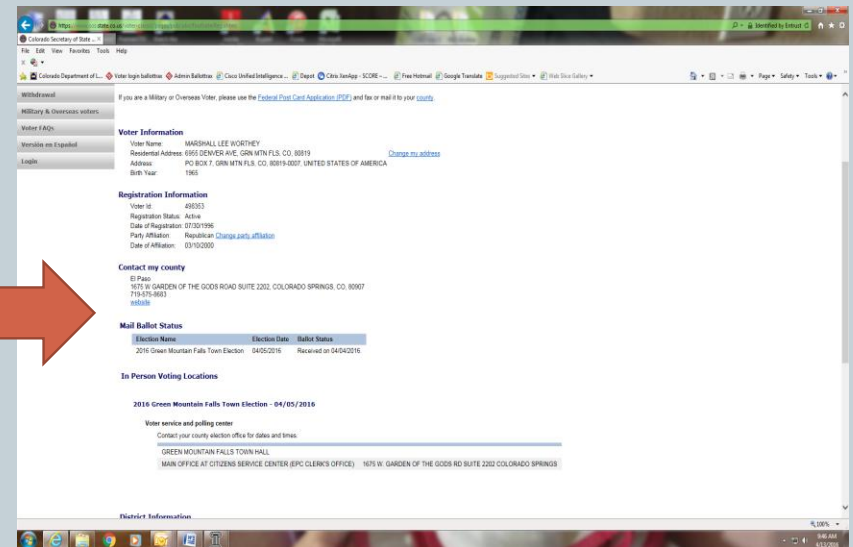
Other Voter Resources



- GoVoteColorado.com
 - Register to vote
 - Change your registration
 - Track if your ballot has been received



The screenshot shows the GoVoteColorado.com homepage. At the top, there's a header with the Colorado Secretary of State logo and a photo of Wayne W. Williams. Below this is a navigation bar with links like 'Skip to content', 'About Wayne', and 'English'. The main content area is titled 'Voters' and includes a search bar. There are three main sections: 'Register to vote' with links for driver's license, online registration, and paper forms; 'Manage my registration' with links for mail ballot status, finding registration, and withdrawing; and 'My county resources' with links for county clerk and election judge. A sidebar on the left contains links for Home, Information resources, Bingo & raffles, Business organizations, Charities & fundraisers, DME suppliers, Elections & voting, Lobbyist, Notary public, Rules and regulations, UCC, and Contact us. At the bottom, there's a 'Terms and Conditions' link.



The screenshot shows the 'Voter Information' page on GoVoteColorado.com. It displays personal information for a voter named MARSHALL LEE WORTHLEY, including their residential address (6901 DENVER AVE, GLEN MTN FLS, CO 80815), address (PO BOX 17, GLEN MTN FLS, CO 80819-0017, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA), and birth year (1965). The page also shows registration information: Voter ID 480353, Registration Status Active, Date of Registration 07/30/1996, Party Affiliation Republican, and Date of Affiliation 07/30/1996. There's a 'Contact my county' section with the address 1675 W GARDEN OF THE GODS ROAD SUITE 2202, COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80907. A 'Mail Ballot Status' table shows the 2016 Green Mountain Falls Town Election on 04/05/2016, with a ballot status of 'Received on 04/04/2016'. The 'In Person Voting Locations' section lists the 2016 Green Mountain Falls Town Election on 04/05/2016, with voting service and polling center at Green Mountain Falls Town Hall, Main Office at Citizens Service Center (EPC Client's Office), 1675 W GARDEN OF THE GODS RD SUITE 2202 COLORADO SPRINGS. At the bottom, there's a 'District Information' section.

Other Voter Resources

● Ballot Envelope and Instructions

From

Use a 247 secure ballot box (locations on reverse) to drop off your ballot or if mailing, one 1st class stamp is adequate postage.

IMPORTANT! FAILURE TO INCLUDE YOUR SIGNATURE ON THE BACK OF THIS ENVELOPE WILL INVALIDATE YOUR BALLOT.

TO VERIFY THAT YOUR BALLOT HAS BEEN RECEIVED VISIT WWW.GOVOTECOLORADO.COM.

OFFICIAL ELECTION MAIL
Approved by the U.S. Postal Service

OFFICIAL BALLOT ENCLOSED

BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 7:00 P.M. ELECTION DAY.

CHUCK BROERMAN
EL PASO COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER
ELECTION DEPARTMENT
PO BOX 35035
COLORADO SPRINGS CO 80935-3505

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:
1. This voted ballot MUST be received by the Clerk & Recorder's Office no later than 7:00 PM on Election Day to be counted. Postmarks DO NOT count as delivery or receipt.
2. It is a violation of law to receive more than ten ballots for mailing or delivery in any election.

Please sign your return envelope. Verify your name and address listed below before signing.

AFFIDAVIT OF VOTER
I state under penalty of perjury that I am an eligible elector; that my signature (to the right) and name are as shown on this envelope; that I have not and will not cast any vote in this election except by the enclosed ballot; and that my ballot is enclosed in accord with the provisions of the "Uniform Election Code of 1992."

X
Voter's Signature Required - Power of Attorney will not be accepted. _____ Signing Date _____

Witness's Legal Name - If the voter is unable to sign, he or she must make a mark and have the mark witnessed by another person. _____

Ballot drop-off locations open 24/7

Colorado Springs
1675 W. Garden of the Gods Rd., 80907 (drive-up) EPC Clerk's Office
200 S. Cascade Ave., 80903 EPC Clerk's Office
5650 Industrial Pl., 80916 EPC Clerk's Office
8630 N. Union Blvd., 80920 EPC Clerk's Office
5550 N. Union Blvd., 80918 (drive-up) East Library
1175 Chapel Hills Dr., 80920 (drive-up) Library 21c
3275 Akers Dr., 80922, Chuck Brown Transit & Envir. Complex
30 S. Nevada, 80903, City Administration Building
7503 Black Forest Rd., 80908, Black Forest Park-N-Ride

Calhan - 1010 Golden St., 80808 (corner of 10th St. and Golden St.)
Ellicott - 322 S. Ellicott Hwy., 80808 (drive-up)
Falcon - 7030 Old Meridian Rd., 80831 (drive-up)
Fountain - 222 N. Santa Fe Ave., 80817 (north side of building)
Manitou Springs - 606 Manitou Ave., 80829 City Hall building
Monument - 645 Beacon Lite Rd., 80132 Town Hall building

POSTMASTER - DO NOT DELIVER TO THIS ADDRESS

Secrecy Sleeve with Voter Instructions
El Paso County, Colorado
June 28, 2016 - Primary Election

1	What is in my ballot packet?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Your Official BallotThis Secrecy Sleeve with Voter InstructionsAn Official Return Envelope
2	How do I vote my ballot?	<p>Follow all of the voting instructions on your ballot.</p> <p>After you vote:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Refold your ballot.Place your ballot inside of this Secrecy Sleeve.Place the Secrecy Sleeve and ballot in the Official Return Envelope.Sign and date the Self-Affirmation located on your own Official Return Envelope. See the example below. <p>X Your Signature Voter's Signature</p>
3	Reminders	<p>The Official Return Envelope may only contain your ballot. If you include another voter's ballot in the same envelope, none of the ballots will count.</p> <p>You must sign the Self-Affirmation for your ballot to count.</p>
4	How do I return my ballot?	<p>Mail it back,</p> <p>Drop it off at a county-controlled drop box, or</p> <p>Deliver it to a Voter Service and Polling Center (VSPC)</p>
5	Important information	<p>The County Clerk's Office must receive your ballot by 7:00 PM on Election Day. Postmarks do not count.</p> <p>The US Postal Service (USPS) needs time to process and deliver your ballot. Therefore, we recommend personally delivering your ballot to any of the locations listed below. It is a violation of law to collect more than ten ballots for mailing or delivery in any election.</p> <p>If you do return your ballot through the USPS, you must affix one 1st class stamp in postage to your envelope.</p>

Instructions continue on the reverse side

24 hour secure outdoor ballot drop-off locations:

Colorado Springs:

- 1675 Garden of the Gods Rd., 80907, EPC Clerk's Office
- 200 S. Cascade Ave., 80903, EPC Clerk's Office
- 5650 Industrial Pl., 80916, EPC Clerk's Office
- 8630 N. Union Blvd., 80920, EPC Clerk's Office
- 5550 N. Union Blvd., 80918, East Library
- 1175 Chapel Hills Dr., 80920, Library 21c
- 30 S. Nevada, 80903, City Administration Building
- 3275 Akers Dr., 80922, Chuck Brown Transportation & Envir. Complex
- 7503 Black Forest Rd., 80908, Black Forest/Woodmen Park-N-Ride

Fountain: 222 N. Santa Fe Ave., 80817, North side of building

Calhan: 1010 Golden St., 80808, Corner of 10th and Golden

Ellicott: 322 S. Ellicott Hwy., 80808, School Admin. building

Falcon: 7030 Old Meridian Rd., 80831

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Voter Service and Polling Center (VSPC) locations
VSPC locations are represented by symbols (♦ ● □)
Refer below for days and hours of operation.
All locations closed Sundays:

♦ Open: June 6, 2016 Hours: Mon - Fri, 8-5
● Open: June 20, 2016 Sat. June 25, 8-1
□ Open: June 27, 2016 Mon. June 27, 8-5
Election Day, Tue. June 28, 7-7

Visit www.GOVotes.com for additional information.

ADA accessible voting machines are available at any VSPC listed above.

If you need a replacement ballot

Call (719) 575-VOTE (8683) or visit any VSPC. The last day for the County Clerk's Office to mail you a replacement ballot is June 20, 2016.

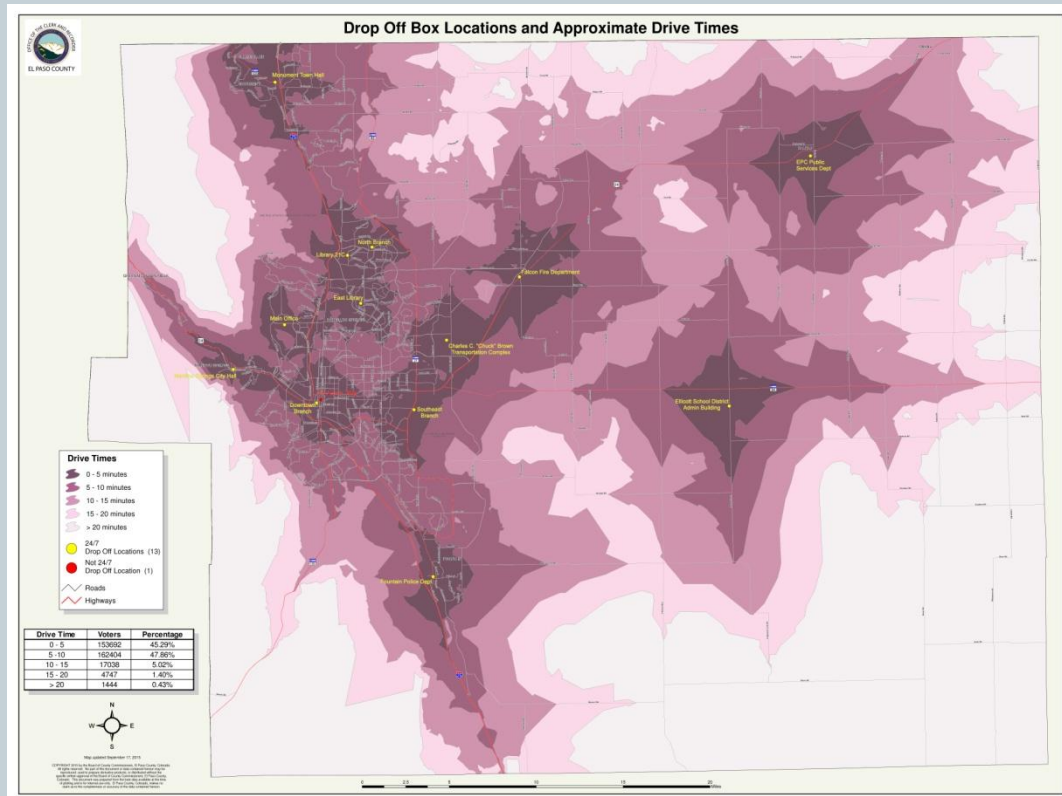
All valid ballots are counted in the same manner, regardless of the closeness or outcome of any race.



Visit www.govotecolorado.com or call us at (719) 575-VOTE (8683) to confirm that we received your voted ballot.

Other Voter Resources

- 24/7 ballot drop-boxes are the most popular way voters use to return their ballot



Other Voter Resources

- EPCVotes.com
 - Streamlined information for county voters



Questions?



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