



# Welcome

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## League of Women Voters



# 2018 Primary Election Update

Chuck Broerman  
El Paso County Clerk and Recorder

May 22, 2018

# Election Team

- Mary Bartelson
  - Chief Deputy and Operations Manager
- Angie Leath
  - Election Director
- Brandi Bantz
  - Mail Ballot Processing Supervisor
- Brian McLellan
  - Voter Registration and Customer Service Supervisor
- Rebecca Roberson
  - Voter Outreach and VSPC Coordinator
- Election Staff
  - Stacey Peacock, Michelle Stroup, Greg Chandler, Cynthia Fuller, Naung Moreland, Kaelen McCormack and Casey Partington-Billings
- State Certified
  - 9 out of 11 Election Staff Members
- CERA Certified
  - 8 Staff Members

# Award Winning Team

- 2012 National Association of Secretaries of State Medallion Award
- 2013 Seven Seals Award
- 2015 El Paso County Innovation Award
- 2016 Achievement Award – NACO
- 2017 Independence Award
- 2017 US Election Assistance Commission “Clearie” Award

# Military & Overseas Voters

We work to ensure that military and overseas voters are able to vote as efficiently as possible from far away locations. These voters are called "UOCAVA" voters, termed by the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA). This special class of voters includes men and women serving in the armed forces, their dependents, and others whose circumstances take them out of the country.

- UOCAVA Ballots sent on May 11, 2018
- UOCAVA Ballots mailed to 1445 voters, emailed to 2568 voters



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# Primary Election Timeline

- Ballot Layout Completion:
  - Design to printers
    - May 4, completed
  - UOCAVA Ballots Sent
    - May 11, completed
  - Unaffiliated voters ballot preference
    - May 29, 2018
  - Ballots printed and inserted into packets
    - May 18 -25, 2018
  - Public Logic and Accuracy Testing
    - May 29- May 31, 2018



# Primary Election Timeline

- May 29, 2018
  - Last day for affiliated voters to change or withdraw affiliation and vote in the Primary
  - Last day for Unaffiliated voters to select a ballot preference
- Ballots Mailed
  - June 4, 2018
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  - Citizens Service Center VSPC (Voter Service and Polling Center) opens

# Primary Election Timeline

- June 18, 2018
  - VSPCs at Union Town Center (North) , Southeast (Powers and Airport), Centennial Hall (Downtown) and Fort Carson open
  - Last day County Clerk can receive a voter registration application and be mailed a ballot. Starting June 19 an applicant must visit a VSPC to receive a ballot.
- June 20, 2018
  - Recommended last day to return ballots by USPS
- June 25, 2018
  - Two additional VSPCs open (The Independence Center and Monument Town Hall)



# Primary Election Timeline

- Primary Election Day
  - June 26, 2018
- Canvass date
  - July 18, 2018, pending Secretary of State
- Risk limiting audit date
  - July 17, 2018, pending Secretary of State

# Voter Service and Polling Centers (VSPC)

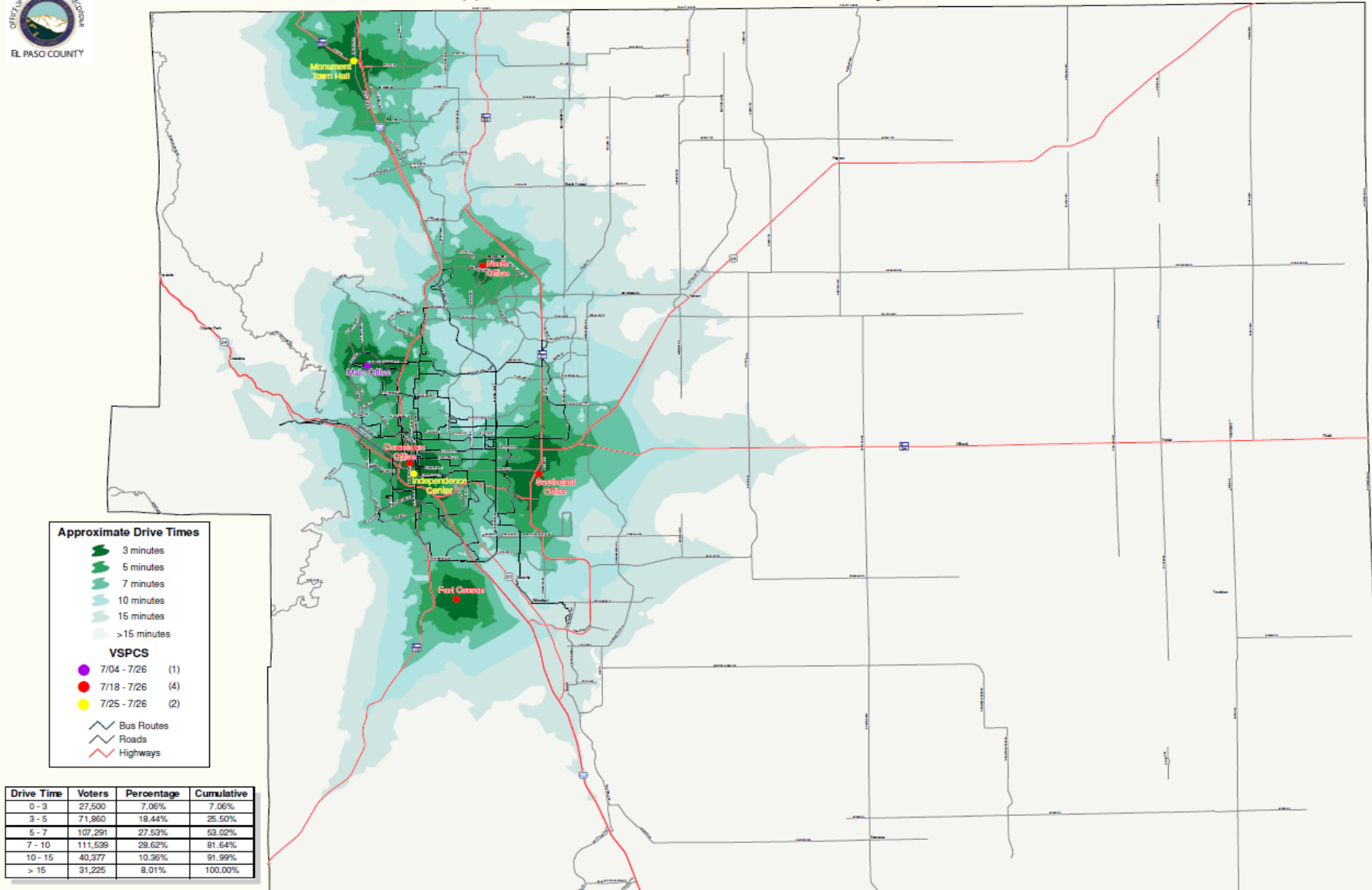


- June 4 - June 26
  - Citizens Service Center
- June 18 - June 26
  - Four Additional VSPCs Open - Union Town Center, Southeast (Powers and Airport), Centennial Hall and Fort Carson.
- June 25 & June 26
  - Monument Town Hall, The Independence Center
- Five VSPCs locations are open on Saturday, June 23, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup> and Election Day, June 26<sup>th</sup>
  - Register to vote
  - Update your registration
  - Request a replacement ballot
  - Vote on an ADA accessible voting machine
  - Drop off your ballot

# VSPC locations



Approximate Drive Times for the 2018 Primary VSPC Locations

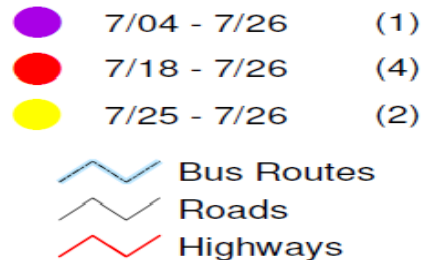


# VSPC Location Drive Times

## Approximate Drive Times



## VSPCS



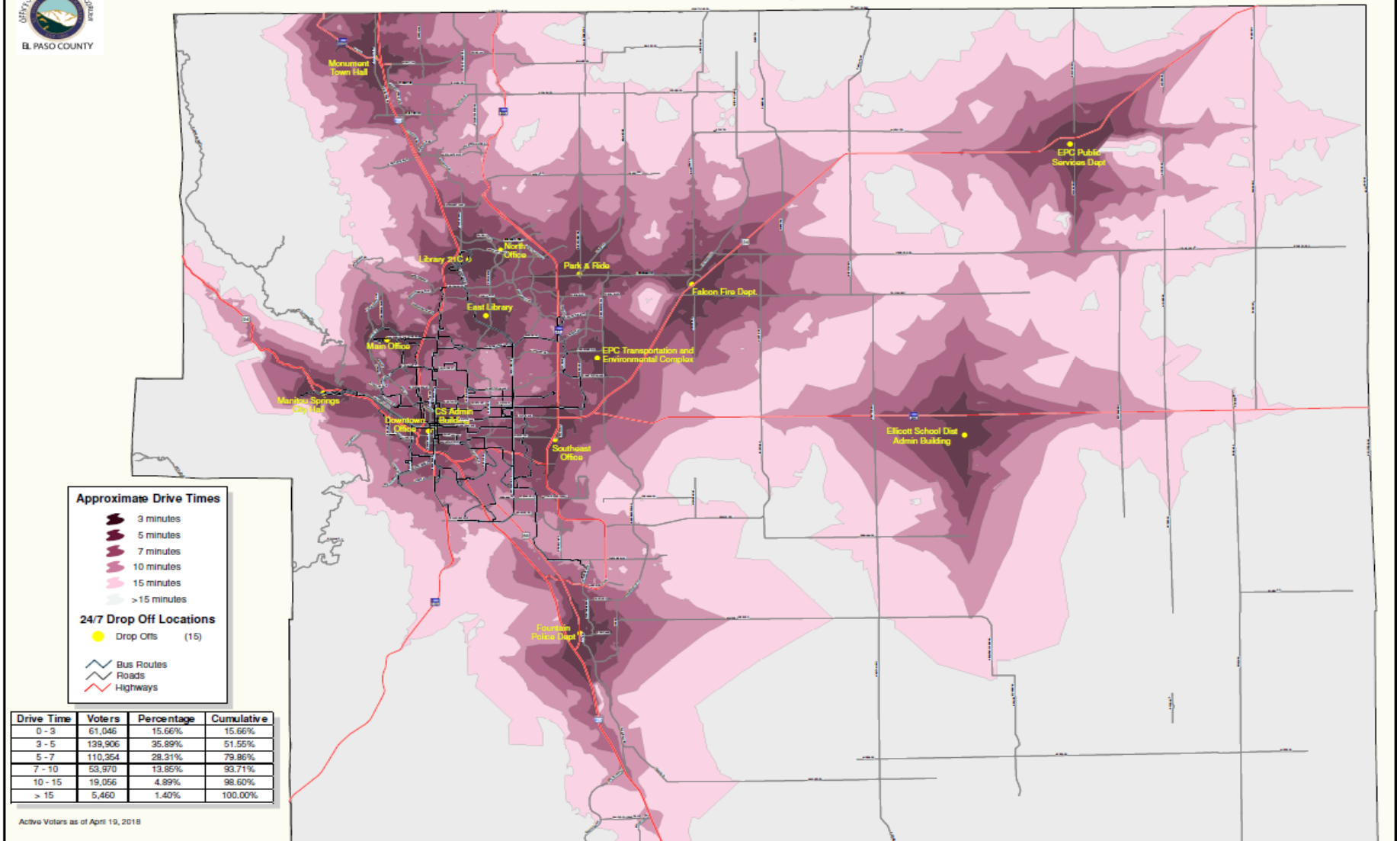
Drive Time	Voters	Percentage	Cumulative
0 - 3	27,500	7.06%	7.06%
3 - 5	71,860	18.44%	25.50%
5 - 7	107,291	27.53%	53.02%
7 - 10	111,539	28.62%	81.64%
10 - 15	40,377	10.36%	91.99%
> 15	31,225	8.01%	100.00%

Active Voters as of April 19, 2018

# Mail Ballots Drop box locations

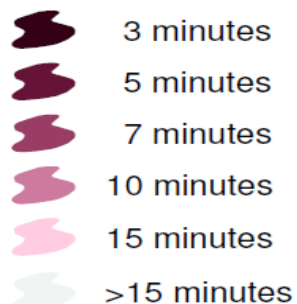


Approximate Drive Times for the 2018 Primary Election Drop Off Locations

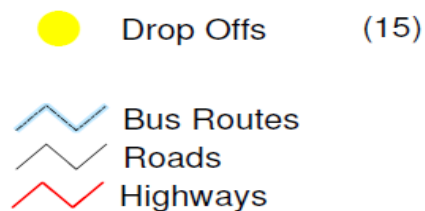


# Mail Ballot Drop Box Drive Times

## Approximate Drive Times



## 24/7 Drop Off Locations



Drive Time	Voters	Percentage	Cumulative
0 - 3	61,046	15.66%	15.66%
3 - 5	139,906	35.89%	51.55%
5 - 7	110,354	28.31%	79.86%
7 - 10	53,970	13.85%	93.71%
10 - 15	19,056	4.89%	98.60%
> 15	5,460	1.40%	100.00%

# Ballot Update

- 378,871 active registered voters ( as of 5/21/18)
  - 81,818 Democratic voters
  - 156,573 Republican Voters
  - 140,480 Unaffiliated Voters

# Primary Stats

- Past primary return %
  - 2016 – 19.85%
  - 2014 – 19.21%
  - 2012 – 19.15%
- Modeling forecast
  - Total Projected – 161,144
  - Projected Mail Ballots – 159,516
  - Projected VSPC Turnout- 1,628



# UChooseCO Update

Unaffiliated Voters in El Paso County (5/21/18)

• 140,455

Total who picked a preference 3,876

- Republican preference  
• 2230 voters
- Democratic preference  
• 1646 voters



OR



Our Elections team members took the “U” on the road! The UChooseCO Campaign, developed by the Colorado Secretary of State’s Office, provided the opportunity for education and outreach to voters. Numerous outlets were utilized to inform unaffiliated voters about the voting process for the Primary Election.

# Ballot Security

- Conduct L&A (logic and accuracy test), of all ballot counting equipment that will be used for the Primary Election.
  - Central Count Optical Scanners
  - Voter Service and Polling Center electronic voting machines.
- Equipment is certified by Election Assistance Center and the Secretary of State
- Access control-Cipher locks, 24/7 camera surveillance
- Air-gap Network
- Password control-Two factor encryption
- Chain of Custody
- Bipartisan teams
- Canvass
- Risk limiting audit-Gold Standard

# Primary Cybersecurity

- Members of MS-ISAC and EI-ISAC (Election Infrastructure Information Sharing and Analysis Center)-Role is to monitor and mitigate cyber threats for government around the clock.
- Partnering with Secretary of State office and Homeland Security-assessments, penetration tests, phishing attacks
- Network over-view
- Standing up Internal Cyber-security team-County IT and Our IS department

# In The News -Washington Post

PowerPost • Analysis

## The Cybersecurity 202: How Colorado became the safest state to cast a vote

By **Derek Hawkins** May 10 [Email the author](#)

### THE KEY



- Switch to paper ballots or voting machines that produce a paper trail. This creates a physical record of the vote and, unlike electronic voting machines or machines connected to the Internet, hand-marked ballots can't be hacked.

- Check the results using a “risk limiting audit,” which counts a sample of ballots by hand and compares them to machine tallies and is especially effective in close races. While a majority of states require post-election audits, experts widely agree that only risk-limiting audits are comprehensive enough to detect a cyberattack.

- Conduct frequent and rigorous risk assessments — and make sure election workers are well trained to identify it when something goes wrong.

# In The News - The Gazette

## Ⓖ EDITORIAL: Wayne Williams leads country's fairest election system

By: The Gazette editorial board • May 12, 2018 • Updated: Today at 6:44 am



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Serious warnings and conspiracy theories abound, telling of election fraud involving illegal immigrants, Russians, the homeless and the dead. Thankfully, Colorado voters can rest easy. Their elections are the most accurate and fair in the country, with a system of checks and balances that does not tolerate fraud or mistakes.

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# In The News

As local officials across the country scramble to hack-proof their voting systems ahead of the midterm elections, there's one state that is paving the way as a leader in election security.

Colorado has done virtually everything election experts recommend states do to stave off a repeat of 2016, when Russian hackers targeted 21 states as part of the Russian government's massive election interference campaign.

## Russians will hack again in 2018 midterm elections. Here's how local officials are preparing

Jordan Graham

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# Process improvements-Ballot Sorting and signature verification

- Runbeck Agilis - The Elections Division purchased a new high-tech sorting machine to increase the efficiency and timeliness of mail-ballot sorting.
  - Increase Voter registrations and ballot processing requirements
  - Proposition 107 and 108-Increase in number of Elections and participation
  - Very short election turnaround in 2020
  - Automation of a manual process-reduces labor costs
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- Scans and extracts signature images for verification processes that require original voter signatures.
  - Processes up to 10,000 pieces per hour and can sort to any supplied routing information (e.g. precinct number).
  - Each mail ballot runs through the system twice, once for signature verification and later for an audit function. This double run statistically increases the accuracy of signature verification.

# 2018 Primary Questions

- Call 575-VOTE or 575-8683
- [EPCVOTES.COM](http://EPCVOTES.COM)