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Vote Centers Help America Vote

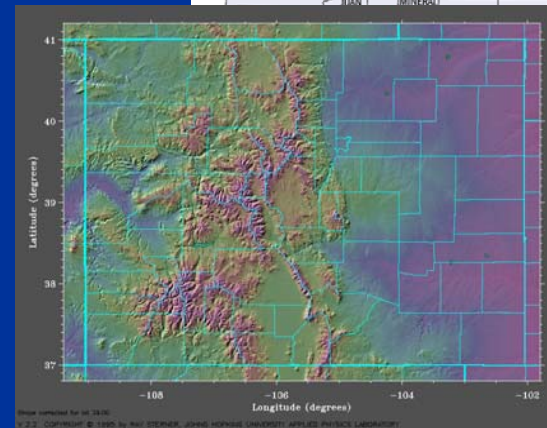
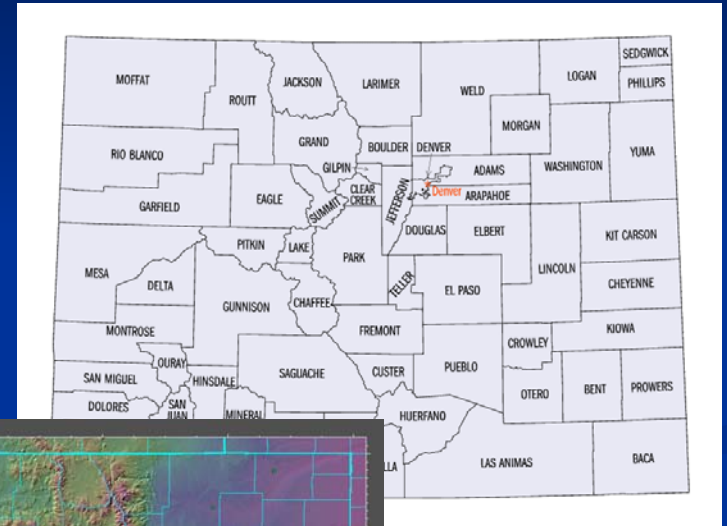
What we will cover today...

- About El Paso County
- What/Why of Vote Centers
- The Larimer County Experience
- Vote Center Processes
- Legislation (CRS 1-5-102.7)
- Topics for Future Task Force Meetings
- Maps

About El Paso County

El Paso County, Colorado

- Location: 70 miles south of Denver
- State Ranking
 - Population: 2nd



El Paso & Larimer County Comparison

El Paso County

- Size: 2,129 square miles
- Type: Urban/Rural
 - Cities/Plains/Mountains
- Population: 547,566
- Registered Voters: 328,487
- Active Registered Voters: 250,407
- Average No. of Ballot Styles: 57
- Precincts: 378
- Voter Registration: Votec
- Voting: Diebold Accu-Vote & TouchScreens
- No Excuse Absentee
- Early Voting Available at 3 Locations
 - 10 days before a Primary
 - 15 days before a General

Larimer County

- Size: 2,600 square miles
- Type: Urban/Rural
 - Cities/Ranches/Mountains
- Population: 275,000
- Registered Voters: 200,000
- Active Registered Voters: 155,000
- Average No. of Ballot Styles: 30
- Precincts: 143
- Voter Registration: Votec
- Voting: Diebold Accu-Vote
- No Excuse Absentee
- Early Voting (2 weeks out)

What/Why of Vote Centers

What is a Vote Center?

C.R.S. 1-1-104 (49.8)

“Vote center” means a polling place at which any registered elector in the political subdivision holding the election may vote, regardless of the precinct in which the elector resides.

Why Vote Centers?

- Cost savings under HAVA
- ADA compliant facilities
- Fewer judges needed/easier to manage
- Paper ballots/electronic voting ideal
- Connects pollbook/registration data electronically

Why Vote Centers?

- May increase turnout
- Voters love the convenience
- Poll watching easier
- Offers options (absentee/early/Election Day)
- Best Management Practice

Necessary Technology

Larimer County

- CITRIX Farm
 - Multiple servers
 - Point to voter registration data
 - Telecommute
- Vote Center Stations
 - Replacement computers

El Paso County

- Windows VPN
 - Existing Servers
 - Point to voter registration data – 128 Bit Encryption
 - Proven Technology
- Vote Center Stations
 - 10 Workstations / vote center
 - Replacement computers

Necessary Technology

Larimer County

- Parallel to Internet
 - SSL security
 - Same as banking
- Grid Monitoring
 - Enhance management tool

El Paso County

- Similar to Internet
 - SSL security – 128Bit
 - Point to Point connectivity
 - VPN/PPTP Model
- Connection Monitoring
 - Existing management tool

Technology Cost

Larimer County

- Connectivity
 - \$165,000
 - Routers/Switches
 - T1

El Paso County

- Overall Picture
 - \$11,000 per Vote Center
 - Initial Cost Only
 - Workstations
 - Laptops
 - Routers
 - Cell Phones
 - DSL/Cable connection
 - Digi Boards
 - Port Servers
 - AccuVotes

The Larimer County Experience

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2003 & 2004 Elections

- What they did
- How they did it

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↑↑↑ Bring this card with you to a Vote Center to expedite your voting process. ↑↑↑										
Important Changes										
<p>Where do I vote on Election Day?</p> <p>You will not be voting at your regular precinct polling place this year. Instead, you may vote at any one of the Vote Center locations listed on the back of this form. Voting hours are from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. You will need to bring the pre-printed Name Signature Card, above, and your ID with you to the Vote Center. If you forget your ID, you will be required to vote a provisional ballot. Provisional ballot return can take up to 15 minutes to complete.</p>										
<p>What is required to vote?</p> <p>During the 2013 legislative session, the General Assembly of Colorado passed House Bill 1356 and Senate Bill 112 which require that identification be presented at your polling place in order to vote.</p>										
<p>What qualifies as acceptable forms of ID?</p> <p>Any person will present their current and valid Colorado Driver's License or their identification at the Vote Center. However, if you do not have a current and valid Colorado Driver's License, you may also present current and valid forms of documentation: a Colorado Department of Revenue ID card, a United States Passport, a government-issued ID card with photo, an ID issued by a state or federal agency, a United States Military ID card with photo, or a copy of your utility bill or government issued document that shows the voter's name and address.</p>										
<p>What if I applied for an absentee ballot?</p> <p>If you requested that a ballot be mailed to you this year, you MUST VOTE THAT BALLOT. You will NOT be permitted to vote at a Vote Center. If your mail ballot is lost or damaged, you will need to request a replacement ballot at one of the Early Voting locations listed on the back. !!! There may be lines at some Vote Centers, especially during peak voting hours from 7:00 – 8:00 a.m., the noon hour and after 6 p.m. To expedite your voting experience, bring your pre-printed Name Signature Card, above, and your ID with you to vote. This will expedite you to the "express lane" for voting.</p>										
<p>May I vote early?</p> <p>Yes, you may go to any of the four Early Voting locations listed on the back of this form between October 20, 2013 and October 31, 2013 to cast your ballot. Voting hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 8 p.m. Remember to bring your ID and your pre-printed Name Signature Card with you.</p>										
<p>If you prefer, you may also request that an absentee ballot be mailed to you. You must receive your requested ballot on October 20, 2013. To print and mail you will need to include: your printed name, residence address, date of birth, signature and the address where you want the ballot to be sent.</p>										
For more information, please visit our website at: www.larimercountycolorado.gov										
If you have any further questions, please contact the										

Education

- Public Appearances
- Communication Campaign
 - One spokesperson
 - Media meetings
 - Personal editorial
 - Advertising

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Loveland Reporter-Herald
10/15/04

Vote Centers make it more convenient

Convenience, convenience, convenience — for real estate, it is location, for voters it is convenience. If you have not voted in a while, you are in for a surprise. If you have, you have given a glimpse of the future direction of voting.

Responding to changing real estate markets and new legislative mandates, including the Help America Vote Act of 2002, we here in the Clerk and Recorder's office developed the Vote Center concept and made it easier for Larimer County residents to vote. We were the first in the nation last November to pilot the Vote Center concept, and I am pleased to say with great success that it is drawing state and national attention. We followed up that "successful" pilot by working very hard with our legislators for the passage of legislation allowing us to utilize this voting method in a General (Presidential) Election.

So here we are, Larimer County is at the forefront of this concept again, so we move forward to utilize Vote Centers in the Nov. 2 election this year. Voting options in our newly installed absentee voting (mail) ballot: early voting and Vote Centers on Election Day.

While many residents are familiar with absentee and early voting, they may be less familiar with Vote Centers, so here is the rundown:

Vote Centers

• Vote Centers allow voters to assist where they want to vote, can accommodate larger numbers of voters, guarantee hand-carry accessibility, and comply with the new legislative changes in a cost-effective manner. As is required, qualified election judges staff each Vote Center to match the same manner as they did in

precincts.

• Vote Centers expand the concept of early voting. Election Day Vote Centers are geographically located throughout the county. They are predominantly located in areas with heavy traffic areas, larger residential areas and major employers. Unlike precinct voting, which requires a person to vote at the precinct nearest their home, one voter can vote at any of the Vote Centers in the county. For example, if you live in Loveland and work in Fort Collins you can vote at any Fort Collins or Loveland Vote Center location.

What to expect:

• Each voter — except those requesting absentee ballots — will receive a preprinted signature card in the mail prior to Election Day. This preprinted signature card helps to speed the voter through the voting process and should be brought to the Vote Center along with a valid Colorado ID. Examples of a valid ID are a Colorado driver's license or a United States passport bearing a Colorado address.

• If you forget to bring the preprinted signature card when you come to vote, it will not stop you from voting. Election judges are available at each Vote Center to help with any problems. Let us know what you think — voter input is always valued here in the clerk's office. Remember, the final day to register to vote is Oct. 1, Nov. 2 is Election Day. Please vote, it's your privilege.

Scott Doyle is the clerk and recorder for Larimer County.

Larimer County
2003 Coordinated Election

November 4, 2003
7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

There are three important changes in the voting process this year. First, rather than your usual precinct polling place, you will have a choice of voting at one of 22 Vote Centers throughout Larimer County.

22 Vote Centers - You can vote at any one.

Active registered voters will receive a preprinted signature card in the mail along with the locations of the 22 Vote Centers. Bring this signature card with you when you go to vote. It will make your voting experience much faster.

Bring your Signature Card.

State law now requires that valid identification be presented by the voter at the polling place, so remember to bring your CO Driver's License or other valid ID with you when you go to vote.

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VOTE CENTER LOCATIONS

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Education

■ Communication Campaign (continued)

- TV/Radio PSAs
- Fact sheet/flier
- Newsletter
- Press release timeline

– Website — www.larimer.org/elections

- All press releases directed to web pages

– Bumper Stickers

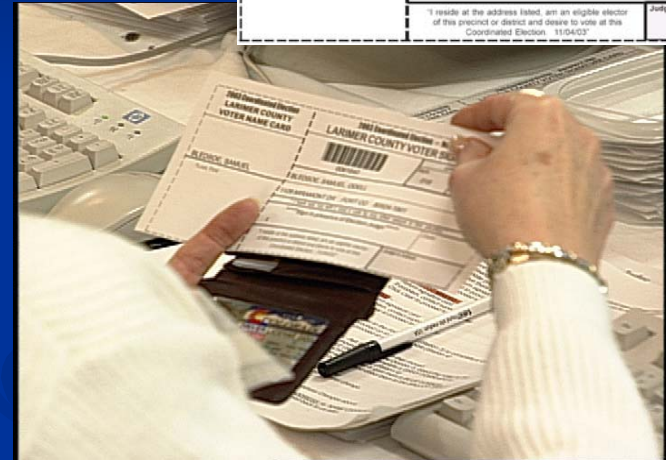
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Education

- Results of Voter Education
 - Early Voting Doubled
 - Voters brought ID's and Signature Cards as requested
 - Voter turnout increased
 - Overwhelming Voter acceptance of Vote Centers

2003 Coordinated Election LARIMER COUNTY VOTER NAME CARD		2003 Coordinated Election – November 4, 2003 LARIMER COUNTY VOTER SIGNATURE CARD	
PRINT Your name below:		OFFICIAL USE ONLY	
		voter ID	Ballot No.
		Style	Ballot No.
PRINT Your Name: Last, First, Middle		Date of Birth	
Last, First		Date of Birth	
Street Address		City	Zip Code
I have not, nor will I, cast a vote by any other means in this election.			
XXXXX Sign in presence of Election JudgeXXXXX		Date:	
I reside at the address listed, am an eligible elector of this precinct or district and desire to vote at this Coordinated Election. 11/04/03		Judge's Initials	



Vote Center Location Information

- Sites

- 1,500 to 2,500 square feet
 - El Paso County projects required space will be somewhere between 5,000 – 10,000 square feet depending on geographical location
- Adequate parking (80 spaces)
- ADA compliant
- Connectivity
- Geographical location

- Delivery and Pickup
 - Moving company
- Road Runners
 - Election Day
- Contingency measures
 - Extra judges, equipment, supplies

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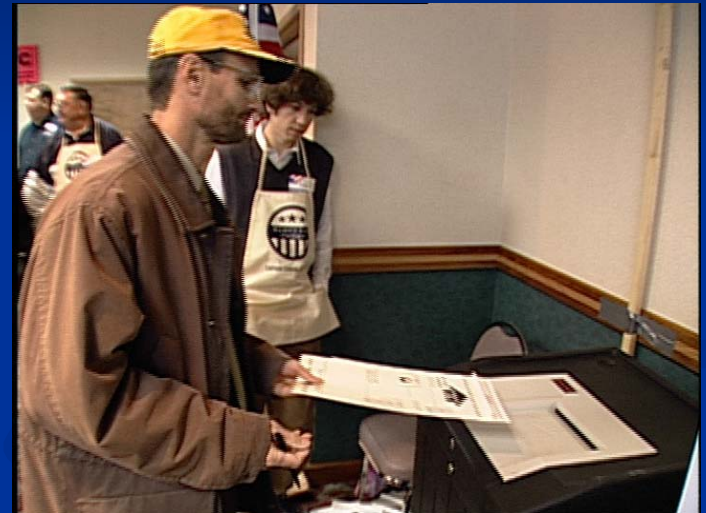
Election Judges

■ Recruitment

- Political Parties
- Student Judges
- Motor Vehicle Staff
- County Employees (election workers)
- Local Area Clubs

■ Training

- Specific job function
- Supervisor assigned

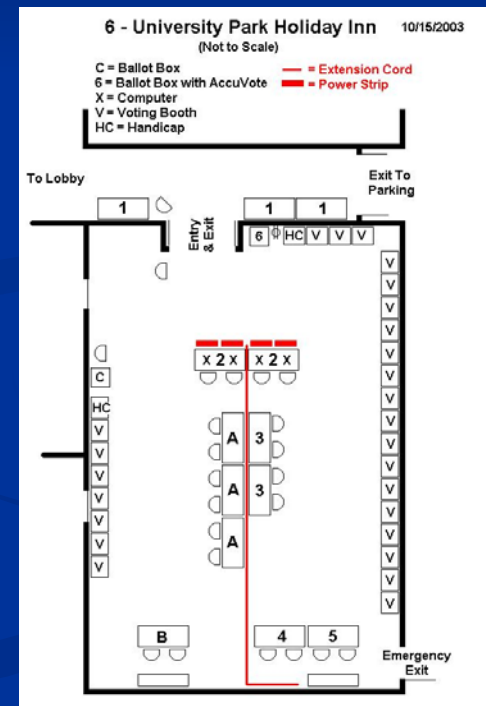


(12 to 15 per site)

Vote Center Processes

Internal Processes

- Stations
 - Greeter
 - Electronic Pollbook/Computer
 - Change Station
 - Provisional Station
 - Ballots
 - Voting Booths
 - Ballot Deposit



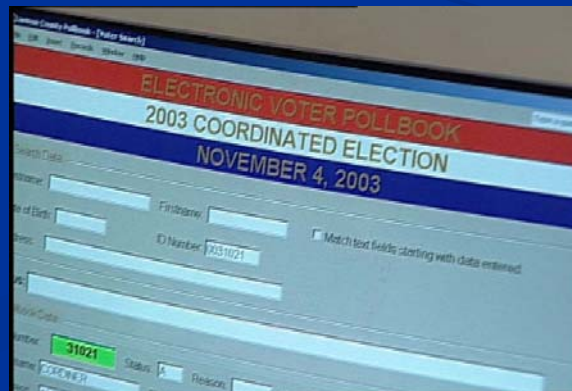
Greeter Station

- Check for ID
- Check for Signature Card
- Direct to appropriate area



Electronic Pollbook Station

- 90 Seconds
- Check ID against pollbook
- Mark pollbook
- Send voter to next station



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Change Station

- Voter fills out change form
- Locate on Street Index
- Correct ballot style

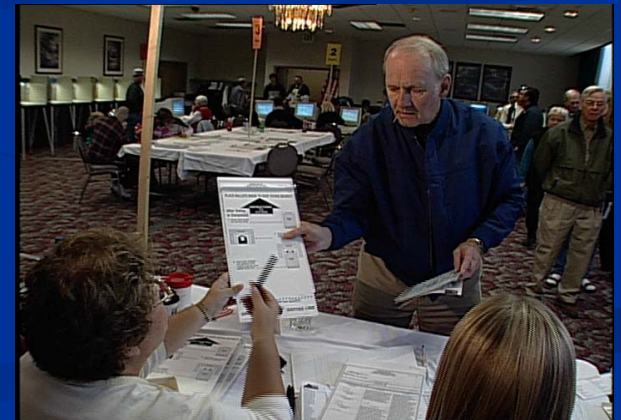
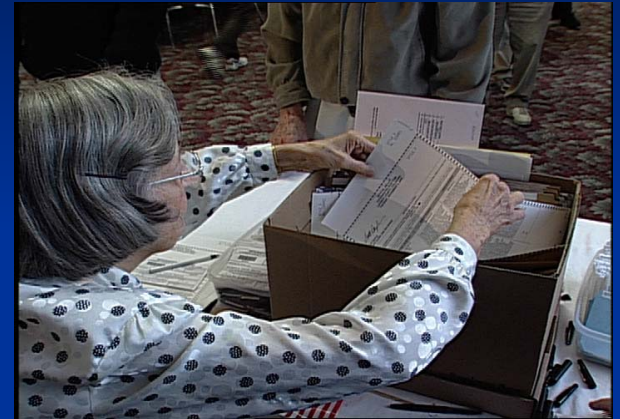


Provisional Station

- No ID
- Not in pollbook
- No wrong place to vote

Ballot Station

- Sign Signature Card
- Get ballot and secrecy sleeve
- Number of ballot styles in November 04
 - El Paso 77
 - Larimer 42



Voting Booths



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Deposit Ballots



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Observations/Results from Larimer County

- “It’s all about convenience for the voter”
- Fewer judges and easier to manage
- Improved efficiency
- Election Day Observations
 - Fewer problems
 - Less stress
 - Improved coordination
- Improved sense of community

Observations/Results

El Paso County

■ 2003 Coordinated

- Turnout – 27.69%
- 377 Precincts

■ 2004 Primary

- Turnout – 21%
- 377 Precincts

■ 2004 General

- Turnout – 68.60%
- 377 Precincts

Larimer County

■ 2003 Pilot

- Turnout – 42%
- 20 Vote Centers vs 143 Precincts

■ 2004 Primary

- Turnout – 30%
- 21 Vote Centers vs 143 Precincts

■ 2004 General

- Turnout – 93%
- 31 Vote Centers vs 143 Precincts

Observations/Results

Media response to Vote Center experience



Larimer County has pioneered what could become a watershed innovation in elections: vote centers. Instead of having 190 precinct polling places with all their inherent problems, officials created 31 vote centers throughout the county. Voters could vote at any center.

Many other Colorado counties – and, indeed, many other states that were watching Larimer this November – are eager to switch to this cheaper, more efficient, more secure, more professional and more controlled model. The day may even be approaching in the not-so-distant future that Colorado could have statewide voting centers.

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Legislation

Legislation 1-5-102.7. Combining precincts and polling places - vote centers.

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- (1) Notwithstanding any provision of section 1-5-101, 1-5-102, or 1-5-102.5, a designated election official may combine polling places or precincts or establish one or more vote centers for any election, subject to approval by the board of county commissioners. A designated election official who combines polling places or precincts or establishes a vote center shall publish the location of polling places pursuant to section 1-5-205.
- (2) If vote centers are used in an election in a political subdivision, precinct polling places shall not also be used in the election in that political subdivision, unless each precinct polling place has a secure electronic connection to provide voting information to and receive voting information from the computerized registration book maintained by the county clerk and recorder.
- (3) If vote centers are used in a general election in a county with a population of twenty-five thousand or more active registered electors, there shall be at least one vote center for every ten thousand active registered electors; except that the secretary of state may waive this requirement for a county before the election at the request of the county clerk and recorder.
- (4) Each vote center used in a county shall have a secure electronic connection to the computerized registration book maintained by the county clerk and recorder permitting all voting information processed by any computer at a vote center to be immediately accessible to all other computers at all vote centers in the county. A county may not use vote centers in an election unless the secretary of state has certified that the secure electronic connection is sufficient to prevent any elector from voting more than once and to prevent unauthorized access to the computerized registration book.

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Legislation Cont. 1-5-102.7. Combining precincts and polling places - vote centers.

- (5) The number, location, and manner of operation and location of vote centers, including providing for poll watching activities, shall be determined by the designated election official in consultation with the chairpersons of the county central committees of the major political parties and a representative of the county organization of any minor political party.
- (6) Each vote center shall meet all the requirements of federal and state law applicable to polling places, except as such requirements of state law are modified by this section.
- (7) The designated election official of a political subdivision shall not establish vote centers for a general election unless vote centers were used in a previous election held by the political subdivision in an odd-numbered year or in a primary election held on or after January 1, 2006.
- (8) (a) In elections held before January 1, 2006, the election judges shall make one certificate for each vote center in the form required by section 1-7-601.
- (b) In elections held on and after January 1, 2006, the use of vote centers in an election shall not affect the duty of the election judges to make a certificate for each precinct in accordance with section 1-7-601.
- Source: L. 2004: Entire section added, p. 1105, § 4, effective May 27.

Topics of Discussion for Future Task Force Meetings

- Locations/Site Selection
- Technology/Connectivity
- Budget/Cost
- Election Judges
- Education
- Preparing the Vote Center for Election Day

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Questions

