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Arapahoe County voters to receive ballots by mail for November 2009 election

Ballots should begin arriving in mailboxes by Oct. 14

Littleton, Colo.- Arapahoe County voters will soon receive their ballots in the mail for the Nov. 3, 2009 coordinated Election.

“The Arapahoe County Clerk and Recorder’s Office will mail ballots to all active voters in Arapahoe on Oct. 13 and all voters will begin seeing ballots in their mailboxes by Oct. 14,” said Clerk and Recorder Nancy A. Doty.

Voters will receive a set of instructions with their ballot. The instructions will let voters know they have the option to mail their ballots to the County by placing 61 cents in postage on the envelope, or they can drop off their ballot at any of the County’s 13 drop-off locations. A list of drop off locations is available at www.arapahoevotes.com. Voters also can check www.arapahoevotes.com to determine when their ballot was mailed and when Arapahoe County Elections received their ballot.

Arapahoe County opted to conduct the November 2009 election entirely by mail so no precinct polling locations will be available. However, one voting machine for voters with disabilities is available in the Clerk and Recorder’s Office at the Arapahoe County Administration Building, 5334 S. Prince St., Littleton.

“Mail ballot elections save the taxpayers in Arapahoe County approximately \$250,000 when compared to polling place elections,” said Doty. “But, mail ballot elections also are very convenient as they allow voters the opportunity to take time to study the candidates and issues before casting their ballot.”

In odd numbered years, municipalities and school districts coordinate with the County to conduct the election. There are no statewide or countywide issues on the ballot so voters will vote only on candidates and issues specific to their city, school district and/or special district.

Because there are no statewide or countywide races or issues on the ballot this year, many voters in Arapahoe County who live in unincorporated areas or areas where elections have been canceled will not receive a ballot.

For more information, contact the Elections Division at 303-795-4511 or visit www.arapahoevotes.com.

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