Arapahoe County finalizes Primary Election with canvass

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LITTLETON, CO – The Arapahoe County Clerk and Recorder’s Office completed the 2014 Primary Election, with the results certified by the County Board of Canvassers July 7. The election decided which candidates of major political parties would appear on the Nov. 4 General Election ballot to vie for local, state and federal seats. View the final election results at www.arapahoevotes.com.

Voter turnout in the Arapahoe County Primary Election was 30 percent of active registered voters who were affiliated with the Democratic, Republican or American Constitution Parties. Unaffiliated voters and those registered with minority parties were not eligible to vote in this election.

The Board of Canvassers was required to canvass the results within 13 days of the Primary Election. Board members include Clerk and Recorder Matt Crane as the Primary Election Official, Arapahoe County Democratic Party Chair John Buckley and Arapahoe County Republican Party Chair Joy Hoffman. The Board’s duties included reviewing:

- The name of each candidate receiving votes, the office and the total number of votes received;
- The number of mail-in ballots cast, including the number accepted and rejected; and
- The number of ballots cast on electronic voting machines.

The 2014 Primary Election was the first primary election conducted in Colorado under the provisions of House Bill 13-1303, which mandated that mail ballots be sent to all eligible, active voters, while still providing in-person voting options.

Arapahoe County issued ballots to 212,052 active voters who were affiliated with one of the major political parties. The County also offered voter services at four Voter Service and Polling Centers in Aurora, Byers, Centennial and Littleton open June 2 – 24.

In total, 63,611 ballots were cast for the 2014 Primary Election, of which 99.8 percent were mail-in ballots, while 132 voters chose to vote on a machine or cast a flat ballot at a Voter Service and Polling Center.

The voter turnout was 62.6 percent Republican voters, 37.3 percent Democratic voters, and one-tenth of one percent American Constitution voters. Approximately 39 percent of mail ballots were returned to a ballot drop-off location, while approximately 61 percent were returned via the U.S. Postal Service. No provisional ballots were cast.

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