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## **FIVE CANDIDATES VIE TO REPLACE BAKER IF CLERK & RECORDER IS RECALLED IN FEBRUARY ELECTION**

### **– Three Submit Petitions to Get Names on Ballot –**

**LITTLETON, CO (Dec. 31, 2003)** – Arapahoe County Assessor Ed Bosier announced today that citizens entering voting booths on Feb. 24 to decide the fate of County Clerk and Recorder Tracy Baker will have as many as five replacement candidates to choose from should Baker be recalled. As was done with the recent gubernatorial election in California, the selection of a replacement clerk and recorder will occur simultaneously with the recall vote.

Three candidates – Democrat Kathleen J. Conway of Aurora, Republican Nancy A. Doty of Centennial and Libertarian Travis Nicks of Centennial – today submitted to Bosier petitions to place their names on the ballot. Bosier now has 10 business days to verify that the three have collected the required number of signatures on their respective petitions; by statute, Conway needs 8,038 valid names, while Doty needs 4,439 and Nicks needs 750. A process akin to the one used to verify signatures on the recall petitions will be used by Bosier to review the validity of signatures on the candidate petitions.

As a security measure, Conway, Doty and Nicks also filed affidavits that verify their qualifications as write-in candidates should they fail to get their names on the ballot through the petition process. Two additional candidates, Republican Chris Upton and Libertarian Bennett Rutledge of Centennial, also submitted write-in affidavits to Bosier.

On Dec. 16, Bosier certified to the Arapahoe County Commissioners that recall petitions contained 37,261 valid signatures, a sufficient count to trigger a recall election. The commissioners then set Feb. 24, 2004, as the election date. Though Baker has been expected to challenge Bosier's ruling in court, as of today's date no legal action has been taken, and the election is expected to go forward as scheduled.

### **About the Arapahoe County Assessor's Office**

The Assessor's Office discovers, lists, classifies and values all real and personal property in Arapahoe County. The Office is also responsible for maintaining public records, including ownership and parcel maps; submitting the Abstract of Assessment to the Colorado Division of Property Taxation; certifying values to taxing entities; and producing the warrant roll. The Arapahoe County Assessor, Ed Bosier, began working for the Office in 1987 as a certified appraiser/supervisor in Land Development. Voters first elected him to the Office of the Assessor in 1995. He is currently serving his third term, which expires January of 2007.

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