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DOTY, NICKS CANDIDATE PETITIONS DEEMED SUFFICIENT

– Republican and Libertarian Will Be Only Names on Ballot to Replace Tracy Baker, as Democrat Conway Fails to Collect Enough Signatures –

LITTLETON, CO (Jan. 9, 2004) – Arapahoe County Assessor Ed Bosier announced today that Republican Nancy Doty and Libertarian Travis Nicks have gathered enough signatures to secure their spots on the ballot to replace Arapahoe County Clerk & Recorder Tracy Baker should Baker be recalled in an upcoming election. A third candidate aspiring to be on the ballot, Democrat Kathleen Conway, failed to collect the requisite number of signatures but will be a write-in candidate for the Feb. 24 election.

According to Bosier, who is overseeing the recall election, Doty needed 4,439 signatures from registered Arapahoe County Republican voters to get her name on the ballot. Of the 5,862 she accumulated, 4,652 were deemed valid in a review process that mirrored the procedure used to verify the signatures on the Baker recall petitions. Nicks needed 750 signatures from registered voters of any party affiliation, and Bosier's review process validated 1,229 of the 1,559 he and his supporters gathered.

As a Democrat, Conway had the tallest order for getting on the ballot, needing the signatures of 8,038 registered Arapahoe County Democrats. She gathered 2,109, only 1,549 of which were validated. Still, Conway will join Libertarian Bennett Rutledge as potential write-in candidates since both filed affidavits with Bosier that verify their qualifications.

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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