

OFFICE OF THE CLERK AND RECORDER
ELECTIONS DIVISION

Michael J. Scarpello, Director



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Clerk and Recorder
Public Trustee

City and County of Denver
Office of the Clerk and Recorder
City Council Committee Room 391
City and County Building
1437 Bannock Street, 3rd Floor
Public Forum
Tuesday, August 19, 2008
5:30 p.m.

ATTENDEES: Stephanie Y. O'Malley, Clerk & Recorder
Michael Scarpello, Director of Elections
Stella Madrid, ACCESO
Carol Tone, League of Women Voters
Sandra Shreve, League of Women Voters
Andrea Skeen, League of Women Voters
Jean Grattet, League of Women Voters
Marcia Verba, League of Women Voters
Faith Gross, The Legal Center
Barbara Blum-Barnett, citizen

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Helen Gonzales, Deputy Clerk & Recorder
Amber McReynolds, Deputy Director of Elections
Nancy Reubert, Communications Director
Alton Dillard, Media and Public Relations Specialist
Jim Williams, Operations Manager
Darla Sergeant, Administration Manager
Lisa Stubbs, Administrative Services Coordinator

I. CALL TO ORDER

Stephanie O'Malley called the meeting to order at 5:30pm and reminded everyone that the purpose of the Public Forum is to provide monthly updates on the ongoing functions of the Office of the Clerk & Recorder (CR).

- A. Approval of Minutes – With no need for modifications, O’Malley affixed her signature to the Public Forum Meeting Minutes of July 22, 2008.
- B. Clerk’s Office, Public Trustee, Recording Reports – Reviewed by O’Malley.
 - 1. Report on the numbers for the Office of the Clerk and Recorder for the month of July:
 - City Clerk – issued 563 marriage licenses
 - Public Trustee – processes 470 foreclosures
 - Recording Division – recorded 226 documents
 - Records Division – 213 records were requested

II. ELECTIONS DIVISION DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES- Reviewed by Michael Scarpello.

- The model used for training poll workers was very successful.
- There were no problems counting the ballots Election Day.
- Election results will be finalized and posted on the website when the canvass is finished.
- Low voter turnout for the Primary Election. Only 60,000 voters.
- 82,000 mail-in ballots were mailed and 46,000 were returned.
- Considering using the same 13 Early Voting Sites for the General Election.
- On Election Day a total of 11,000 people voted at the polls.
- Analyzing the polling sites for ADA compliance.
- Currently reviewing the logistics of returning the ballots to the central voting location.

III. COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION UPDATE – Reviewed by Nancy Reubert.

- The Elections Division worked with “311” to answer calls.
- Election results webpage is up and working.
- 1,400 poll workers were fed on Election Day.
- ACCESO- Reviewed by Stella Madrid, chair of the board: The board has been re-established and it serves as a liaison between the Spanish language community of Denver and the Elections Division. Positive feedback was received from the Spanish language community regarding the Primary Election especially in regards to the translation of the ballots. Currently, ACCESO is continuing to work on their foundation documents.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS BY CLERK AND RECORDER, STAFF, AND GUESTS

- Question for Sandra Shreve, League of Women Voters- Why did the election results for Denver county take so long to come back relative to other counties?

- Answer from O'Malley- Every county has their own election model which means that the county of Denver cannot be compared to another county when the models they use are completely different.
- Comment from Scarpello- What takes the most time is getting the ballots to our central counting location.
- Question from Jean Grattet, League of Women Voters- What is the final day for the Elections Division to mail out ballots for the General Election?
- Answer from Amber McReynolds- Tuesday, October 28th; however, you can still request a mail-in ballot in person up until October 31st.
- Comment from Carol Tone, League of Women Voters- The numbers underneath the poll book barcode were difficult to read for many of the poll workers.

V. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT AND/OR EXECUTIVE SESSION – O'Malley
adjourned the meeting at 6:11pm.

The Public Forum was televised by Denver 8 TV. To view the August 19, 2008 Forum in its entirety, visit: www.DenverGov.org/Denver8Online.

Stephanie Y. O'Malley, Clerk & Recorder

Attest

Date