

OFFICE OF THE CLERK AND RECORDER
ELECTIONS DIVISION

Michael J. Scarpello, Director



Stephanie Y. O'Malley
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, November 18, 2008
5:30 p.m.

ATTENDEES: Stephanie Y. O'Malley, Clerk & Recorder
Michael Scarpello, Director of Elections
Dave Lewis, Citizen Advocate
Carol Tone, League of Women Voters
Paul Houston, citizen
Barbara Blum-Barnett, citizen
Marcia Verba, League of Women Voters
Faith Gross, the Legal Center

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
Paul Casper, Logistics 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 September 23, 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 October:

- City Clerk – issued 409 marriage licenses.
- Public Trustee – processed 559 foreclosures, YTD foreclosures 5,318. Total withdrawals 178, YTD withdrawals 1,688. Releases of Deeds of Trust 2,439, YTD 26,390.
- Recording Division – recorded 210 documents and scanned 663.
- Records Division – 203 records were requested and 2,463 pages were copied for customers.
- Total Revenue 458,483, YTD revenue 4,418,683. \$6,991,000 million budget revenue. 63% towards budgeted revenue.

II. ELECTIONS DIVISION DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES-

- Administration Department Update- Reviewed by Darla Sergeant
 - There were 390,743 registered voters for the Primary Election, 255,296 active and 135,448 inactive.
 - A total of 242,006 voter registration applications were received. 84,500 applications received since the Primary Election and 37,850 received between October 1st and October 15th.
 - Data entry of all voter information was completed 5 days ahead of schedule.
 - Checked box issue went from 4,200 to 1,300 on Election Day.
 - 415,720 registered voters on Election Day, 312,558 active, 103,161 inactive, 201,848 democrats, 71,818 republicans and 138,538 unaffiliated.
 - 630 people were hired for the election.
 - 1,828 poll workers placed and 150 reserve poll workers.
 - 165 training classes.
 - Mail-in voting- Reviewed by Amber McReynolds
 - 85,000 requests for mail-in ballots prior to the Primary Election. Between the Primary and the General Election the number of requests increased to 100,000.
 - 22,000 mail-in packets prepared at the Elections Division. 172,000 packets prepared by the election vendor.
 - 18,000 ballots were sent late due to a problem that was encountered by election vendor.
 - 174,000 mail-in ballots returned with a return rate of 89.4%. 8.1% were not returned and a 2.5% replacement rate.
 - 85,000 ballots mailed through USPS, 88,500 delivered in person, 48,000 dropped off at early voting sites, 17,000 dropped

off at the Elections Division office and 23,500 dropped off on Election Day.

- Early Voting and Election Day Voting- Reviewed by Michael Scarpello
 - 13 early voting sites.
 - 11 days of early voting.
 - SCORE database used as the electronic poll book with paper poll books as back up.
 - 50,000 early voters.
 - 185 polling sites on Election Day with 426 precincts.
 - 27,000 voting booths.
- Logistics Department Update- Reviewed by Paul Casper
 - 153 employees were hired for the Logistics department.
 - 271 DRE touch screen voting machines.
 - All sites opened on time.
 - Altered pick up procedure by trading out ballot boxes instead of transferring ballots.
 - 3 pick ups during the day.
 - Buehler delivered all of the supplies to each polling location.
- Operations Department Update- Reviewed by Jim Williams
 - Counting of ballots went smoothly on Election Day.
 - An additional high speed scanner was brought in to count ballots bringing the total to 9.
 - 450 people helped with the counting process.
 - 26,000 mail-in ballots processed on Election Day.
 - Duplication rate 3.5%
 - Reports were delivered in a timely manner.
 - Scarpello- Results are not official until 17 days after the election. Canvass still needs to be finalized.

III. COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION UPDATE – Reviewed by Nancy Reubert.

- Responded to all media requests.
- Timely news releases were created.
- Attended approximately 130 community meetings.
- “Non Profit Challenge” went well with the recruitment of poll workers.
- Tours of facility were conducted for various community and campaign groups.
- Arranged lunch for 1,850 poll workers.
- Election website was updated continuously.
- Posted daily early voting statistics.
- Issued 6,000 poll watcher certificates.
- Tabor notice was a great tool for voters.

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

- Question from Citizen Dave Lewis- Are you going to continue using the 2008 election model?
- Answer from O'Malley- This is a voting model that we can go forward with making adjustments and changes as needed.
- Question from Citizen Dave Lewis- Is there any way to recover tax payer money from the initiatives that were taken off the ballot?
- Answer from O'Malley- The statute does not allow for the recovery of funds after an initiative is taken off the ballot.

V. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT AND/OR EXECUTIVE SESSION – O'Malley
adjourned the meeting at 6:54pm.

The Public Forum was televised by Denver 8 TV. To view the November 18, 2008 Forum in its entirety, visit: www.DenverGov.org/Denver8Online.

Stephanie Y. O'Malley, Clerk & Recorder

Attest

Date