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2008 Denver Election Model

On September 11, 2007 Clerk and Recorder Stephanie O'Malley and Director of Elections Michael Scarpello convened the 2008 Elections Model Advisory Committee to study and make recommendations on the election model to be used for the August 2008 primary election and the November 2008 general election.

The advisory committee consisted of 26 members including representatives from the Mayor's Office, City Council, city and state government, the disability community, business, labor, the non-profit sector and other interests connected to the elections process. After meeting weekly for a total of six sessions, the committee made a series of recommendations.

Denver's voting model will consist of the following elements, based upon the committee recommendations:

- Where will people vote?
 - At combined precinct polling places
 - Denver has 426 precincts that would be combined into approximately 175 polling locations
 - At early voting sites
 - Sites would be open for 10 days prior to the August 12, 2008 primary election
 - Sites would be open for 15 days prior to the November 4, 2008 general election
 - Through mail-in ballots
 - Ballots will begin to be mailed 32 days prior to election day
 - Mail-in voters may opt to be put on a permanent or election-specific mail ballot list

- How will people vote?
 - Paper ballots
 - Direct Recording Electronic (DRE) touch screen voting machines will be available at each voting location for use by the disabled community, to be in compliance with the federal Help America Vote Act

- How will votes be counted?
 - Ballots will be counted at a central location on Sequoia 400c central count ballot scanners OR
 - Ballots will be counted at the polling place on Sequoia Insight precinct scanners

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