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Fact Sheet

Denver Voting Chronology

- November 2, 2004: 66,190 mail ballots were cast out of 240,897 total votes. 27% of Denver voters vote by mail, while 73% percent prefer the option of casting their ballot in person during early voting or at a polling place on Election Day.
- November 7, 2006: Long lines at Denver vote centers, caused by failure of electronic pollbook.
- January 30, 2007: Denver voters eliminate the Election Commission and place administration of elections in the hands of an elected Clerk and Recorder.
- January 9, 2007: Mayor John Hickenlooper appoints Stephanie O'Malley as Clerk and Recorder.
- May 1, 2007: Denver municipal elections: Stephanie O'Malley elected as Denver's first elected Clerk and Recorder.
- July 13 2007: Stephanie O'Malley formally sworn in as Denver Clerk and Recorder.
- August 6, 2007: Michael Scarpello hired as Director of the newly reconstituted Elections Division.
- September 11, 2007: Clerk and Recorder forms Elections Model Advisory Committee with citizens and community representatives to receive input on what Denver's 2008 voting model should look like; committee begins weekly meetings.

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- October 16, 2007: Elections Model Advisory Committee formally concludes work, and offers formal recommendation to the Clerk and Recorder regarding a new election model for the 2008 elections.
- November 6, 2007: Denver holds first general election under the new Clerk and Recorder.
- December 17, 2007: The Colorado Secretary of State issued findings of year-long voting machine testing. Decertification or conditional certification of a majority of the state's voting equipment causes major uncertainty for the 2008 elections.
- January 16, 2008: Denver filed appeal with Secretary of State on the decertification of the Sequoia Edge II voting machines and on the conditional certification of the Optical Scan 400c ballot counters.

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