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Denver Clerk and Recorder Stephanie O'Malley Statement on Senate Bill 189 defeat in the Senate Appropriations Committee

“The outcome of Senate Bill 189 does not affect Denver’s election. We had announced our intentions to conduct a paper ballot election back on January 23 and have been working full steam ahead planning for the August and November elections based on that. Our election model doesn’t require any change in current law.

“As we have planned, Denver voters will have the option of voting by mail, voting in an early voting location or voting on a paper ballot in a combined precinct polling place on Election Day. We will have at least one electronic voting machine in each voting location to keep the city in compliance with the federal Help America Vote Act.

“Public mistrust of the current generation of voting machines has not abated, and I do remain concerned about the potential for renewed litigation since this legislation is indeed dead.”

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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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