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All-Mail Election For Denver This November *City fiscal constraints spur decision to switch to mail*

(Denver) – Denver Clerk and Recorder Stephanie O'Malley announced today that the November 3, 2009 Coordinated Election will be conducted by mail.

“With every city agency seeking ways to save money during these tough economic times I’ve decided that an all-mail ballot election makes the most sense,” O'Malley said. “I also solicited feedback from our Elections Model Advisory Committee and members concur that given Denver’s current economic condition, this would be the best solution for 2009.”

Conducting a mail ballot election will cost less than a polling place election. The November 3 election ballot will contain school board races and, potentially, initiated ordinances.

Denver voters can assist the Denver Elections Division’s preparation for this mail ballot election by making sure that the address information on their voter record is correct. To check their record, voters can go the Colorado Secretary of State elections website at www.sos.state.co.us, and click on “Verify Your Voter/Ballot Status” or call 311.

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Under a recent change in state law, ballots will be mailed to voters starting 22 days prior to the election instead of 30 days prior to the election as in past years.

In 2008, 174,600 Denver voters voted by mail out of 278,224 ballots cast.

Clerk and Recorder O'Malley will be available to the media after the Elections Division's presentation to the Denver City Council General Government Committee, at approximately 11:45 a.m. in the City and County Building's third floor hallway outside the City Council meeting room.

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