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Statement from Denver Clerk and Recorder Stephanie O'Malley Regarding Specific Denver Mail Ballot Shipment

“After an investigation by the Denver Elections Division into the whereabouts of the balance of the October 16 mail-in ballot shipment from our printing vendor Sequoia, it has been concluded that the ballots in question were never prepared by the vendor due to a technical problem with the data file on the vendor’s end. Denver processed mail ballot applications in a timely manner and did not incur any problems transmitting its data file to Sequoia. Sequoia did not report any problems with the file to the Elections Division nor did they inform the Elections Division that they delivered only approximately half the requested ballots.

The ballots in question are being prepared over the weekend and will arrive at the United States Postal Service’s General Mail Facility on October 27. In addition to the large batches of mail ballots prepared by Sequoia, the Elections Division has been sending small batches of ballots out daily immediately after receiving applications. The deadline for mail ballot applications is Tuesday and the last ballots sent from the Elections Division will go out that night.

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We take this matter very seriously and want Denver voters to know that no one will be disenfranchised by this vendor error. The USPS has advised voters to mail their ballots by Friday, October 31. If voters have any concerns about the remaining time frame in which to return their mail-in ballot, they can drop them off at any of our early voting sites or the Elections Division when these locations are open. Voters may additionally return their voted ballots to any one of the 185 polling locations on Election Day.”

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