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Jack Arrowsmith, Clerk and Recorder

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The Honorable Bernie Buescher Colorado Secretary of State 1700 Broadway Denver CO 80290

Dear Secretary Buescher,

Please accept my apology for not attending the press conference to announce the next Director of Elections for Colorado - prior commitments prohibit my attendance.

I was honored to serve on the six member selection committee that interviewed the final three individuals and our job was difficult. We had three outstanding individuals each with special skills competing for the position.

Please add my congratulations to Mr. Judd Choate, our successful candidate. I was very impressed with Mr. Choate's experience in the legal arena and appreciated his enthusiasm for the election process.

Douglas County looks forward to working with Mr. Choate on future elections and I personally hope that he experiences a long and successful career as Colorado's Director of Elections for the Office of Secretary of State.

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