

Honorable Scott Gessler  
Secretary of State  
State of Colorado

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The expected consequence of unexpected consequences

The undersigned feels strongly that no changes should be made to the rules at this time.
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I ask the secretary to note that canvas board members are to be selected two weeks prior to the election: Less than 84 days away.

Rule changes are being made very close to the election. As Boulder County Clerk, Hillary Hall, states , “New rule 41.1.2 appears to circumvent the legislative intent and adds appointments that appear to be in conflict with statute.” Many speakers noted that much of what is being proposed is in conflict with statute.

There is simply not enough time for all the stakeholders in the coming election to digest the implications of the rule changes. As one speaker said, “If it ain’t broke, don’t fix it.”

But if a rule change causes havoc, or a enables one political party to gain a major advantage in the coming contentious election in a swing state, this will reflect badly on the Secretary’s office as well as on the state of Colorado.

Please leave things alone. We can muddle through using the current rules without the expected consequence of people saying “They changed the rules in the middle of the game.”

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