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Subject: Revised Proposed Election Rules, 8 CCR 1505-1
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Re: Revised Proposed Election Rules, 8 CCR 1505-1, to be considered at the July 11, 2017 rulemaking hearing.

The revised proposed rules, dated July 6, 2017, if implemented, could result in the weakening of protections against acts of voter suppression and thus endanger the democratic election process in the State of Colorado. This Colorado voter believes that election rules must give equal weight to avoiding potential undue manipulation of election results by means of voter suppression, inaccurate counting, or fraudulent voting. Specific comments follow.

New Rule 2.5.4 concerning affiliation in primary elections. This rule requires clarification specifying that in election years involving both presidential and state primaries, the party affiliation of the voter only applies to a single primary in the election cycle, not all the primaries in the cycle.

Amendments to Rule 2.13 concerning voter registration at VSPCs and repeal of Rule 2.13.2. The repeal of current Rule 2.13.2 must be rejected. This would eliminate the requirement to maintain a log at VSPCs of newly registered voters or of any changes made by registered electors, and would jeopardize accountability and the ability to maintain and confirm the integrity of fair and honest elections.

Amendments to Rule 8 concerning watchers. Amended Rule 8.15.8 must be rejected. Prohibiting a watcher to have possession of a mobile phone or other electronic device would eliminate the means for a watcher to report voting irregularities in real time.

Amendments to Rules 7.5.9, 7.5.10, 7.5.11 and New Rules 7.5.12, 7.5.13, and 7.5.14 concerning receipt and processing of ballots. New rule 7.5.13 requires clarification and revision, specifying steps to ensure voter anonymity. Unaffiliated voters should receive all major party ballots and the return envelope should provide a method for the county to determine which party's ballot has been cast.

New Rule 7.16 concerning cross-jurisdictional voter service and polling center pilot program. This proposed rule requires clarification and revision to prevent potential voter suppression efforts to discourage voter turnout by creating confusion regarding voting locations and/or reducing voter access to accessible voting locations within a voter's home county.

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