

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver
Proclamation CP13-0

Recognizing the Denver Elections Division and ACCESO's efforts to fulfill the Federal Voting Rights Language Assistance Act

WHEREAS, the U.S. Voting Rights Act of 1982 was amended and the Voting Rights Language Assistance Act of 1992 Public Law 102-344 was enacted requiring the Denver to conduct elections in the language of certain "language minority groups" in addition to English; and

WHEREAS, the objective of the Act is to enable members of language minority groups to participate effectively in electoral processes by providing appropriate materials and assistance that is language specific and informs them of how to effectively participate in voting-connected activities; and

WHEREAS, the Denver ACCESO Spanish Language Voter Advisory Board was established in 2008 to provide: outreach, access and voting advice, guidance, recommendations, direction, strategic planning, budget recommendations and assistance to the Elections Division to ensure that all Division voter outreach activities promote the involvement of Spanish language citizens; and

WHEREAS, ACCESO's success in promoting Spanish language voter inclusion has helped to promote record voter turnouts in elections since 2008; and

WHEREAS, Clerk & Recorder Debra Johnson and ACCESO worked together to pass House Bill 1303 which positions Denver in the forefront of creating accessible, fair, accurate, secure, transparent, efficient, and reliable elections; and

WHEREAS, the new state law allows eligible voters to register through election day; removes the "inactive fail to vote status" from Colorado election law and provides voters with maximum options for voting their mail ballots via voter service and polling centers during early voting and on election day.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

Section 1. That the Council hereby recognizes the Clerk and Recorder of Denver, Debra Johnson and the ACCESO Spanish Language Voter Advisory Board for keeping Denver compliant with Section 203 of the National Voting Rights Act through extensive community outreach and education to Spanish language voters to implement the U.S. Voting Rights Act of 1982 as amended and the Voting Rights Language Assistance Act of 1992 Public Law 102-344 as enacted.

Section 2. That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall attest and affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to the Denver Elections Division and the ACCESO Board.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL July 24, 2013

_____ PRESIDENT