

Office of the Clerk & Recorder Hon. Paul D. López

Elections Update

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Vision

A Denver where everyone can fully participate in the democratic process and civic life, marry whom they love, easily record and access county and municipal records, and rely on transparent and fair foreclosure processes.

Mission

To serve the people of the City and County of Denver by working to ensure that participation in elections, marriages, recording of real estate, death certificates and public notices and finding documents, and navigating the foreclosure process is easily and equitably accessible, reliable, and secure for all.



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Denver Voters

- More than 560,000 registered voters; 458,000+ active
- Voter turnout is typically ~30% in local elections. We expect 85–90% turnout for the Presidential Election.
- We processed 30,000+ voter registration updates monthly in 2024
- 95%+ of our voters use drop boxes and mail; less than 5% vote in person





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Three Ways to Vote



VOTE BY MAIL



USE A SECURE,
24-HOUR DROP BOX



VOTE IN-PERSON AT
A LOCAL VOTE CENTER

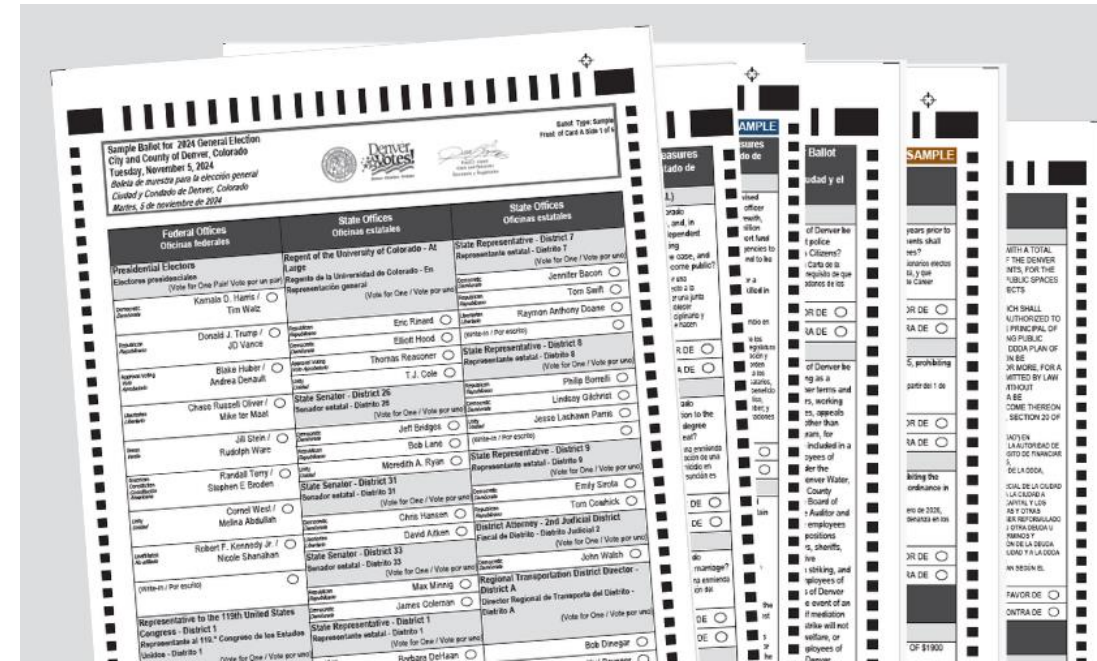




This Year's Ballot

- Three double-sided 11x17 pages
- Required larger envelopes
- 25 ballot questions on every ballot
- Printed and mailed in English and Spanish; available on request in 6 languages

Voters can track their ballot at [Denver.BallotTrax.net](https://denver.ballottrax.net)





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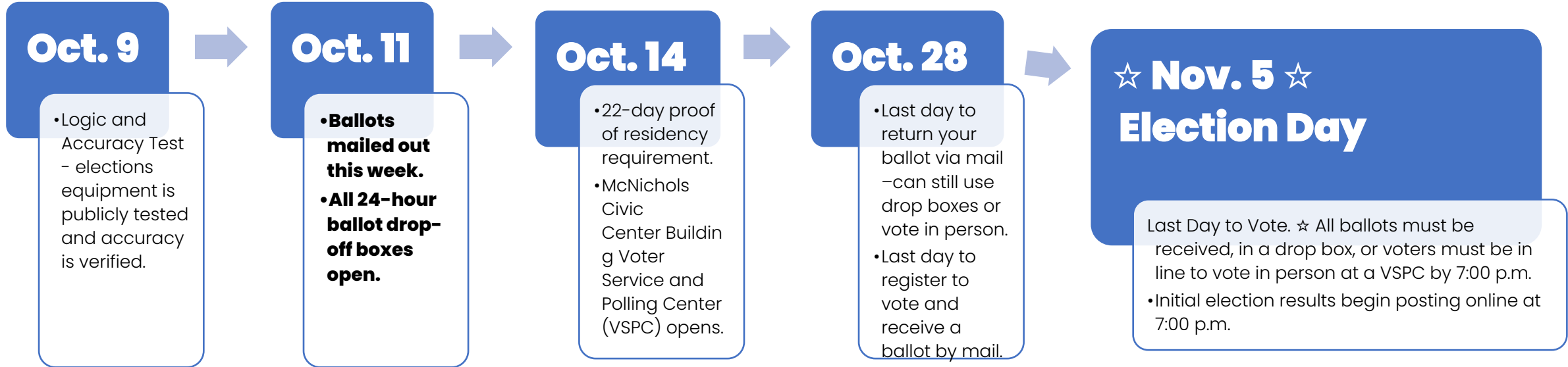
Election Plan

- 45 secure ballot drop boxes open when ballots go out
- 39 Voter Service and Polling Centers open in phases
- McNichols Central VSPC expansion
- 1,200+ paid election judges; everything bipartisan teams

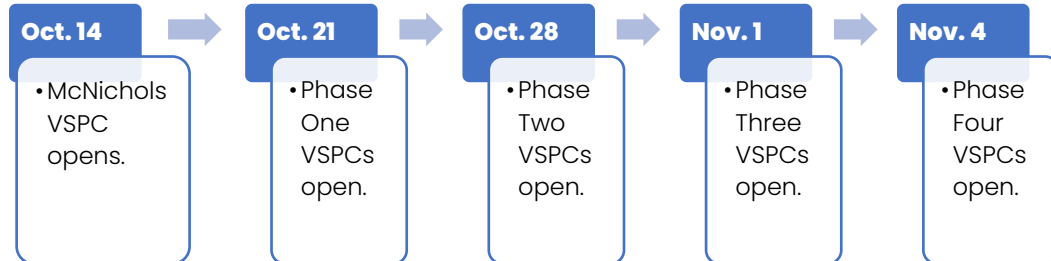




Key General Election Dates

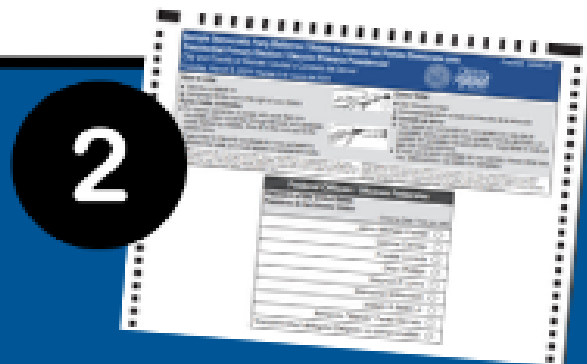


Voter Service and Polling Center (VSPCs) Schedule





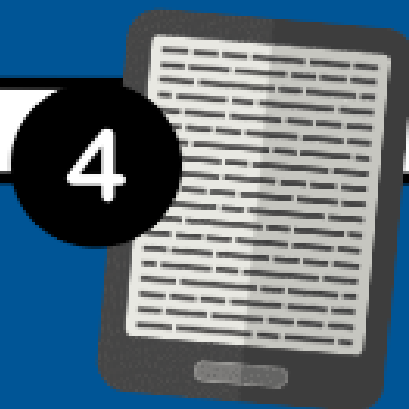
Ballot content is certified and finalized



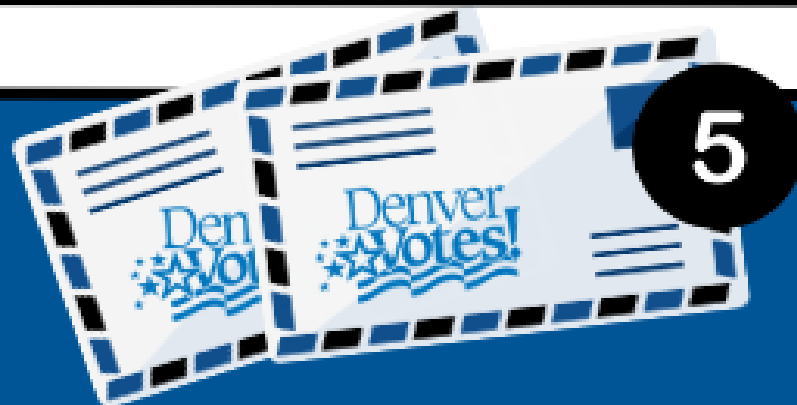
The ballot is designed, translated, and proofed for accuracy



Ballot design is sent to print



The Denver Elections Division conducts a Public Logic & Accuracy Test to ensure our equipment is functioning properly



Ballots are mailed out 22 days before Election Day



Drop boxes checked daily by bipartisan teams. Ballots are returned to Denver Elections Division for processing



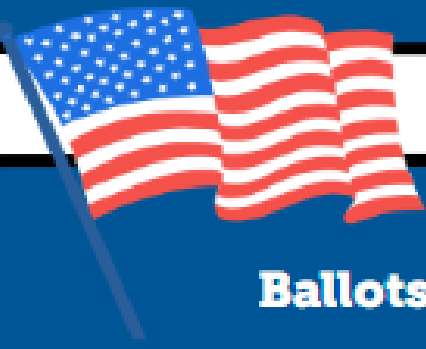
Ballot envelopes are date- and-time stamped at this point



Bipartisan teams verify signature discrepancies



Ballots are scanned and imprinted with a number later used in auditing



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Ballots are counted and reported

First unofficial results are posted at 7 p.m. on Election Day

Official results are not posted until ALL BALLOTS ARE COUNTED and then sent to the Secretary of State for public posting. In the weeks following, a risk-limiting audit is performed to ensure accuracy, and a bipartisan canvass board then certify the results

Life Cycle Of A Ballot

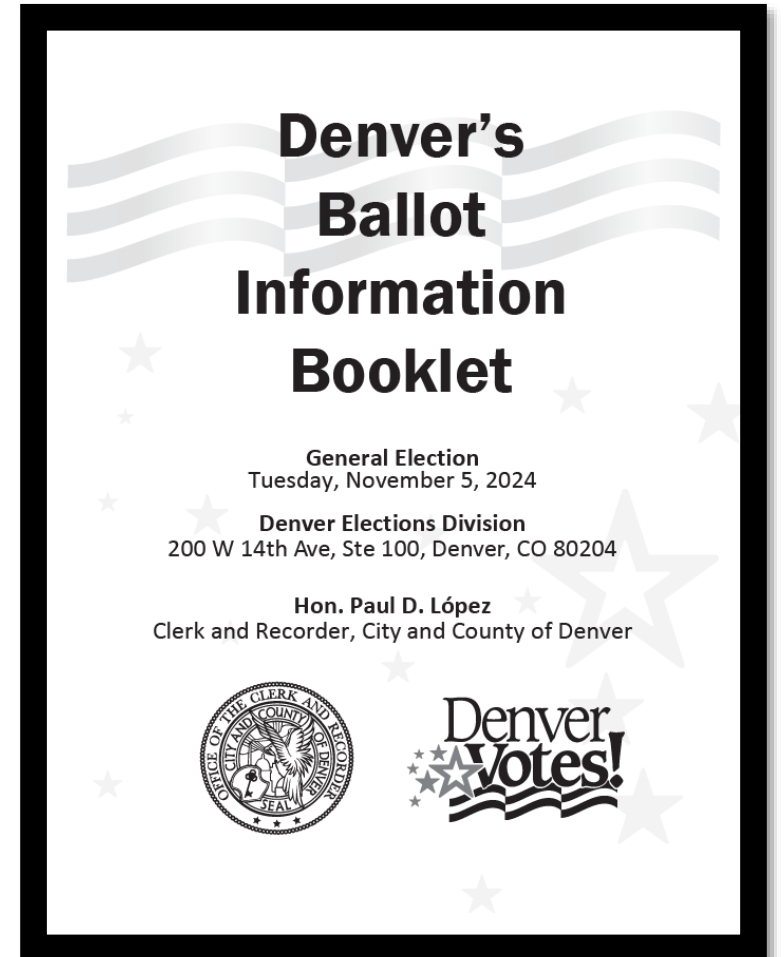


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Ballot Information Book

- We are required by State law to publish and mail all TABOR measures with public comments to all registered voters
- This year, Denver measures will not be printed and mailed but appear online
- Voters can request hard copies by mail, or pick one up at our office or libraries
- Saves taxpayer funds on printing and mailing, and reduces environmental impact





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Ballot Processing

- 9 MILLION+ ballot touch points in 15 days
- About 40% of ballots come in on Election Day; 75% of those after polls close
- With a 3-card ballot, that means ~480,000 cards to count after polls close
- Expect results throughout the night and 8 days post election – we prioritize ACCURACY over speed.



Please help us encourage people to VOTE EARLY!



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Elections Security

- Threats to elections officials are real, and we take them seriously. We are prepared.
- We work with Homeland Security, Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Secretary of State, Denver Department of Safety and Office of Emergency Operations
- Bipartisan teams in everything we do
- Thorough, regular testing and training
- Multi-agency tabletop exercises
- 2024 Budget allowed us to make necessary and important physical improvements





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How You Can Get Involved

- Encourage people to register and vote
- Vote early!
- Sign up to become an election judge – we pay!
- Get the facts from trusted sources and help combat misinformation
- Wear a “vote” button/sticker, yard sign, etc.
- Share information with your networks



On [DenverVotes.org](https://denvervotes.org):

- Sign up for our **newsletter** and share info with your networks
- See **sample ballots**, including in multiple languages
- Get the facts and help **combat misinformation**
- **Locate** ballot boxes and Voter Service Polling Centers
- **Learn** about issues and candidates
- **Request the Clerk to present** at an event

Questions?



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