

August 12, 2014

TO: Colorado Department of State

RE: Proposed rules 8 CCR 1505-1 August 7, 2014

The attached report, Colorado Canvass Board Defects and Requirements, describes some of the many problems with Colorado's election system. It has been submitted to the Department as a formal election complaint.

The current rules draft, 8 CCR 1505-1 August 7, 2014, makes changes to many of the areas addressed in the report. However, the proposed rules fail to correct most of the defects identified in the report. The rules must make these corrections before they are adopted.

The report also provides an outline of canvass board requirements that are generally unmet. It is vital that these requirements be understood and formalized by the Colorado Department of State. With the trend to mail ballot elections and same day registration, the existing rules no longer work.

It would be a mistake for Colorado Department of State and County election officials to dismiss this report, or to exclude experienced canvass board members from collaborative analysis of the problems and the selection of remedies.

Ignoring, minimizing, or dismissing these issues will not make them go away.

When and how will CDOS launch a fair and honest, professional opportunity to fully discuss and debate these problems and their solutions?

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