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To: The Honorable Scott Gessler, Colorado Secretary of State

From: Uniform Voting System Advisory Committee
Debra Johnson, Chair

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Public Trustee

Date: February 7, 2014

Re: Recommendation for Proceeding on the Uniform Voting System Process

After reviewing the UVS proposals submitted by each vendor the Uniform Voting System Advisory Committee offers the following recommendations:

1. The Department of State coordinate a Pilot Election in the November 2015 Coordinated Election that includes each of the vendors proposing voting systems, and perhaps a combination of offered products from multiple vendors in a small, medium and large county. We recommend that the Pilot Election be open to all vendors who submitted proposals, whose voting systems are certified by June 30, 2015.

We come to this recommendation based on our determination that no single vendor fully meets the needs of Colorado elections with the product package they proposed. We feel the suggested Pilot Election will give us an opportunity to determine how well each vendor meets the needs, and what components of each system offer the best approach for Colorado. In addition, a funding formula and/or proposals can be further investigated.

2. We recommend that the State not designate a single provider of ballot envelope processing as there are multiple vendors already successfully providing these services in Colorado; however, we do recommend that the State approve any software programs used in conjunction with ballot envelope processing which provide Automated Signature Verification (ASV). It is our understanding that the State specifies procedures for using ASV and it seems appropriate to us that the State should approve any software being used for this purpose.

3. We offer no recommendation on selection of one or more vendors for Ballot Tracking or Alternative Ballot Format services. These are decisions for the State to make based on budgeting and other considerations. If such services are selected, they should be paid for from State funds.

We have appreciated the opportunity to serve the citizens of Colorado in working through the process for selection of a UVS, to this stage and we thank you for creating the Committee. We consider our work as a Committee to be complete with the submission of these recommendations.