

PRESS RELEASE
Designation of Voter Service and Polling Center
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Washington County Clerk and Recorder

According to Colorado Revised Statute 1-5-102.9 (1)(c)(II), Washington County Clerk and Recorder Annie Kuntz is seeking written comments from residents of Washington County regarding the designation of a voter service and polling center (VSPC) for the 2024 General Election. Colorado Revised Statute 1-5-102.9(1)(c)(II) requires the county clerk and recorder to solicit public comment concerning the location of voter service and polling centers for General Elections.

In designating voter service and polling center locations, each county clerk and recorder shall consider the following factors to address the needs of the county:

1. Proximity of public transportation lines and availability of parking
2. Geographic features like mountain passes affect access and convenience.
3. Equitable distribution across the county to afford maximally convenient options for electors.
4. The existence and location of population centers
5. Access for persons with disabilities
6. Use of existing voting locations that typically serve a significant number of electors.
7. Use of public buildings known to electors in the county, especially to the extent that using such buildings results in cost savings compared to other potential locations.
8. When private locations are considered or designated as voter service and polling centers in accordance with Colorado Revised Statute 1-5-105 (3), methods and standards to ensure the security of voting conducted at such locations.

Counties with fewer than thirty-seven thousand five hundred (37,500) active electors, as that term is described in Colorado Revised Statute 1-5-102.9 (1)(a) for General Elections, each county clerk and recorder shall designate a minimum number of voter service and polling centers, as follows:

- Colorado Revised Statute 1-5-102.9(A) **During the period designated for early voting**, at least one voter service and polling center which be:
- Washington County Clerk and Recorder's Office 150 Ash Ave, Akron, Colorado 80720
- Colorado Revised Statute 1-5-102.9(B) **On Election Day**, at least one voter service and polling center will be:
- Washington County Clerk and Recorder's Office 150 Ash Ave, Akron, Colorado 80720

Clerk Kuntz has designated the Washington County courthouse as the Early Voter Service and Polling Center for Washington County for the following reasons:

1. It is the most centrally located area, benefitting all registered voters.
2. Accessibility for persons with disabilities is available.
3. It is currently used as the voting location for early voting and several precincts, which typically serve a significant number of electors.
4. The fact that it is a public building is known and utilized by most electors in the county.
5. It provides the most cost savings compared to other potential locations.

Clerk Kuntz has designated the Washington County Courthouse for Election Day Voter Service and Polling Centers for the following reasons:

1. It is a centrally located area benefitting the most significant number of registered electors in the county.
2. Accessibility for persons with disabilities is available.
3. The fact that the building is a public building is known and utilized by most electors in the county.
4. They provide the most cost savings compared to other potential locations.

Residents may submit written comments to Annie Kuntz, Washington County Clerk and Recorder, 150 Ash Ave, PO Box L, Akron, Colorado 80720, between February 29, 2024, and April 29, 2024, at 4:30 p.m.

Comments can also be made at akuntz@co.washington.co.us