

To the Editor,

Since the ballot this year is quite lengthy, likely resulting in long lines at the polling places, our County Clerk and Recorder, Linda Daley, is encouraging those voters who have not yet done so to apply for a mail-in ballot for the November 4 general election or for a permanent mail-in ballot.

This can be done up to October 28 if the application is mailed in (to the County Clerk at 1060 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Durango, 81301), and up to October 31 if submitted in person at the courthouse. Application forms are available at the courthouse or can be printed directly from the website [www.lwvlaplata.org](http://www.lwvlaplata.org).

Voters need to be aware that the completed ballots must arrive at the County Clerk and Recorder's Office on or before Tuesday, November 4 at 7:00 pm. They may be dropped off in person or mailed (same address as above). Ballots arriving at the Clerk's Office after 7:00 pm Tuesday, November 4, will not be counted. Postmark dates will **not** be considered. Completed mail-in ballots may **not** be dropped off at polling locations. If you appear at your polling place on Election Day after you have requested a mail-in ballot, you will be required to vote a Provisional Ballot.

If you are a first-time voter and registered by mail, you will be required to submit a **copy** of some form of identification with your completed ballot. For allowable identifications, call the County Clerk and Recorder's Office at 970-382-6296.

If you are a registered voter and did not apply for a mail-in ballot, you are eligible to vote at the polls.

It is **not** necessary to complete all items on the ballot. Your vote will still be counted on the items you did complete.

In-person early voting at the County Clerk and Recorder's Office ends on October 31.

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