

LWV La Plata Mail-In, Early and Provisional Ballot Project
Interview Questions

Mail-in Ballot Process – County*, City and School Board Elections

1. What are the Statutes that form the basis for your mail-in ballot process
2. Do you have a written process for mail-in ballots including from the time they are mailed out to when and how they are tabulated, and may we have a copy
3. How do you determine who will receive mail-in ballots What circumstances determine how voters are dropped or purged from your voter lists
4. Do you have an agreement with the Post Office regarding insufficient or no postage on mailed ballots
5. What happens to ballots that are returned to you by the Post Office due to incorrect address, and what happens if you can't contact the voter whose ballot has been returned
6. When do you start verifying and tabulating mail- in ballots
7. Who does the verification and tabulation of mail-in ballots: do you use judges, paid staff or both and do they represents at least the 2 major parties
8. How do you select judges
9. How do you decide that a ballot is invalid and what happens to ballots that are considered invalid
10. What is the process for verifying voter signatures on the ballot envelope, and for validating IDs submitted with a ballot
11. Do you have watchers from each party to oversee the processing

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12. Where can voters bring their mail-in ballots on election day if they have not been mailed
13. How do you process mail-in ballots that are brought in by the voter on election day
14. Can a person other than the voter bring a mail-in ballot to you on election day
15. Are mail-in ballot results available for viewing at the end of the election just like precinct results
16. Do you contact registered, active voters who did not vote in an election, and if so how, and what action is taken based on their response? Do you do this for all general and county elections ?

Early Voting Process – County* only

1. What Statutes govern early voting
2. How do you decide where early voting station will be and how long a period will be allowed
3. How do you select judges and watchers for early voting tabulation and how are they trained
4. When do you start tabulating early voting results
5. Are early voting results available for viewing at the end of the election

Provisional Ballots – County* only

1. What Statutes govern provisional ballot processing

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2. When do you verify and tabulate provisional ballots
3. Who verifies and tabulates provisional ballots
4. Are watchers included in the verification and tabulation process
5. What happens to provisional ballots that are considered invalid
6. When are the results of provisional ballots included in the overall results of the election
7. How can the public see the results of the tabulation of provisionals
8. Are Voters notified whether or not their ballots were counted

General Questions for all interviewees

- 1. Do you see any problems with the processes that are currently used**
- 2. What changes would you recommend**
- 3. What percentage difference in candidate votes triggers an automatic recount**

Additional questions for county: Do you help with all 3 school board elections, and if so what is your role? Do the 3 differ in any way?

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