



MEMORANDUM

July 18, 2013

The Honorable Scott Gessler,
Colorado Secretary of State
1700 Broadway, Suite 200
Denver, Colorado

Dear Secretary Gessler,

Thank you for taking the time to meet with the UVS Advisory Committee at our July 11, 2013 meeting. We found the discussion most interesting and informative. This letter follows up on that conversation.

At our July 18, 2013 meeting the Committee voted unanimously to request a short delay in issuing the RFP; and, we voted, with only one dissenting vote, to request you to reschedule the issuing of the RFP until October 1, 2013 with a due back date for proposals of December 2, 2013.

We understand others have advocated an indefinite delay, however; we believe this short delay does not negatively impact the project and allows time to fully set the stage for a successful implementation of the Uniform Voting System for several reasons:

1. The delay of a few months does not have a major impact since the county with the most immediate need has found a method to allow it to properly conduct elections through 2014.
2. We can gather experience and needs information based on the new election model in the November 2013 election that will be instructive in evaluating responses to the RFP;
3. We will be able to craft and introduce legislation that will enhance the UVS implementation and perhaps create a source of funding that allows for a timely conversion to a uniform system;
4. It allows sufficient time for the Public Participation Panel to fully gather public input and contribute to the RFP development;
5. It allows us the ability to consider the recommendations of the Colorado Voter Access and Modernized Elections Commission study due September 2.

We encourage you to agree to this short delay in the process so that the Committee can stand with you in encouraging the implementation of the Uniform Voting System.

We hope for a rapid response to this request as the current August 1, 2013 deadline is very near.

Respectfully,

Debra Johnson, Chair, Uniform Voting System Advisory Committee