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**Subject:** comments for the CO SOS Pilot Election Review Committee  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 01, 2015 10:07:21 PM  
**Attachments:** [BranscombDraftVotingQuestionnaire\\_to\\_PERC.pdf](#)

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To CO SOS Pilot Election Review Committee:

I planned to make my own unsolicited proposal for contents of surveys that would help evaluate the success of the pilot elections in 2015.

Dwight Shellman had suggested that I wait for the proposals to be posted by COB Monday, but as far as I can tell they have not been posted. However I did send him a complete suggested survey form for use by voters. It is attached. I hope this form of survey (open ended questions about best and worst with some examples included) will be considered.

Survey questions for election judges, officials (and voters) should all go beyond the scope of what is precisely defined as the voting system in order to understand the side effects and interrelations with other components as well as all reasons for satisfaction or dissatisfaction of the voters and officials. Watchers can be helpful in evaluating the success of the system at providing opportunities for verification.

Last year I proposed an enhancement to the EAC EAVS survey to both the CO SOS UVS PPP and to the COVAME commission. Elements of these proposals are I believe appropriate for use during these pilots too.

Since my last year proposal isn't quite in the form desirable for use with the pilots I will provide that material for the next PERC meeting.

Please do if at all possible post proposed documents to be discussed at each meeting at least 24 hours prior so that the public such as myself can make timely comments.

I still intend to prepare a final version of my report on the Denver Municipal Pilot Election once my extended review is done.

Thanks very much.

Harvie Branscomb

----- Forwarded Message -----

**Subject:**suggestion for voter survey for 2015 election (at least pilot counties but also maybe some control counties)

**Date:**Tue, 23 Jun 2015 21:00:20 -0600

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Dwight  
Thanks.

I am sending you my suggested format for a voter survey form now because I think a different format than what you originally proposed is better... this one has fewer questions and covers many angles and only those of real interest to the respondent. And this form makes suggestions that could help the respondent think of responses and understand the scope of the question.

One area not covered by my questionnaire would be to ask about possible abuse of the privacy of the mail ballot outside of VSPCs. I don't know how to cover that but it is surely an interesting topic to inquire about.

Another area I have not adequately covered is which voting method is recommended by election judges... this is definitely a parameter that affects voter selection of voting method. It is a valuable question to ask, but it wouldn't fit on one page. Perhaps an extra question or two is appropriate.

I included both pdf and source versions of this questionnaire. It should work for all versions of in person voting as well as drop-off of mail ballots.

Harvie

On 6/23/2015 4:00 PM, Dwight Shellman wrote:

Hi Harvie. That communication has not gone out yet – I will send you a copy as soon as it does. It is not a package, but an email discussing numerous matters.

We are going to update the evaluation forms for the next meeting. The updated forms will be posted to the PERC page by COB Monday, at the latest. You may want to hold your comments until you review the draft forms that the committee will actually review at the next meeting.

I am aware of the reports issue. Still working on how to deal with it. Obviously, you will be able to comment on whatever solution I or the committee recommends.

**From:** [harvie@electionquality.com](mailto:harvie@electionquality.com) [<mailto:harvie@electionquality.com>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 23, 2015 2:37 PM

**To:** Dwight Shellman

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**Subject:** CORA request for pre-pilot briefing materials for vendors

Dwight.

During the recent Thursday PERC meeting you stated that on Friday a package of information would go to the 5 vendors of potential pilots. Among other things this info talks about risk limiting audit.

Please provide an electronic copy of the package of material recently sent to the vendors.

Also this week I plan to make suggestions for the surveys related to the pilots.

One thing that is clearly needed is a list of reports and logs that quantify and record the operation of each voting system so we in the public know what to ask for and how to ask for it... and PERC should of course ask for all and publish all upon receipt. These logs are not only generated by the voting system but those kept by the DEO and election judges as well.

Thanks very much.

Harvie Branscomb

Sent from my android device.

## Your Optional Anonymous Comments on the Voting System

[ 2 ] Example - this is my second choice so I entered a "2" in the brackets

### Three best things about this voting experience are (mark 1 for best, 2 for second, 3 for third)

- knowing my vote will count.
- seeing others are voting.
- many days for voting.
- long hours available for voting.
- many places available to vote.
- ballot is clearly understandable.
- helpful election judges.
- privacy of my vote – no intimidation.
- can correct a mistake.

Extra Comments

(write yours here)

(write yours here)

(write yours here)

### Three worst things about this voting experience are (mark 1 for worst, 2 for second, 3 for third):

- finding the polling place.
- getting to the polling place.
- waiting lines.
- voting days or hours.
- access to info about contests.
- confusing instructions.
- complexity of ballot.
- time it takes to vote.
- election judges don't communicate well.
- difficulty with written language.
- accessibility – disability concerns.
- confusion or mistrust of technology.
- advertising near polling place.

Extra Comments

(write yours here)

(write yours here)

(write yours here)

### I voted in-person because (mark 1 for most important reason, 2 for second, 3 for third)

- I know my vote will count.
- I have privacy while voting.
- I have always done this.
- I forgot to mail my ballot.
- I may need to correct a mistake.
- I ensure my vote is anonymous.
- I think it is as easy as dropping off a ballot.

Extra Comments

(write yours here)

### I marked votes on (circle one):

→ a tablet computer → a machine (no paper ballot to cast) → a machine that marked a paper ballot for me  
→ a paper ballot cast directly into a scanner or ballot box → a paper ballot I sealed in my signed envelope

### I checked my votes (circle one):

→ on a printout seen through a window → on a machine-marked paper ballot I cast myself  
→ on a paper ballot I hand marked and cast → no, I didn't check

Thank you for helping us evaluate our system! Your Secretary of State, \_\_\_\_\_ County Clerk & Recorder, & staff.