

Risk Limiting Audit  
Participation Group  
Submission from February 17, 2017 Meeting  
Larimer County, Colorado  
February 24, 2017



## **Roles of the Secretary of State**

- Promulgate rules, provide guidelines, best practices and county support for Risk Limiting Audit.
- Notify counties of the races selected for auditing purposes and the quantities of ballots to be audited by each county.
- Serve as a repository for individual county audit outcomes.

## **Roles of the County**

- Select batches applicable to the races designated by the Secretary of State's Office.
- Determine the ballot batch size which works best for the county's business process.
- Conduct the audit with canvass board observers.
- Develop and implement county specific procedures.

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## **Overview of Batch Creation Steps**

1. Ballots are received at the Central Count Facility.
2. Batches are created with a numeric batch number in sequential order.
3. Ballots are placed in sealed retention boxes and labeled with the appropriate batch number.
4. Labeled retention boxes proceed to appropriate subsequent processes.

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## **Topics for Clarification**

- Concerning the summary document, and the discussion that took place on February 17, 2017 there is no clear definition of what can and cannot be clarified in rule.
- Consensus on each of the broad topics mentioned in the comment summary document from the discussion on February 17, 2017. There was much discussion but no consensus.
- As is now the case, it is Larimer's perspective that the audit should take place as soon after Election Day as possible, with SOS notification of audit parameters being received 2 days after Election Day.

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