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### Comments from Boulder County

Thank you for all the work that went into this round of rulemaking. Our comments have been incorporated into the ESRC response. The majority of our concerns were addressed in the revisions from the public version reviewed before rulemaking and the latest edition.

I would also like to thank you for the additional definitions and clarification added to the rules on ballots cast and votes cast. We would have been seeking clarity on these definition had you not already provided them. The clarification continues the process of updating rule and statue as we have moved to a voting model where the vast majority of the ballots are cast by mail. The original canvass provisions in statute were written when almost all ballots were cast in person. Ballots cast is a key definition in the canvassing process. By clarifying defining ballots cast and using the term votes cast in rules, it adds clarity that will eliminate misinterpretations. When previous rules were discussing outcomes of contests, the often rule used ballots cast when in fact it was more accurate to use votes casts as we were talking about the outcome of a particular contest and not the results from the entire ballot.

Thank you again for your efforts with the new rules. These changes allow us to take advantage of technology advancements and ensure compliance with the intended outcomes of statutes and election administration.

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