The Model

CO Turnout as a percentage of CVAP:
(Civilian Voting Age Population)
76.89%
(Highest in the Nation)
VOTER REGISTRATION MODERNIZATION

Eliminate 30-day Precinct Residency

22-day State Residency

Registration up to and on Election Day

Provisional Ballots

Same Day Registration
Provisional Ballots
Same Day Registration

34% of voters who voted in-person on Election Day registered for the first time or updated their address.
PROACTIVE LIST MAINTENANCE

National Change of Address

Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC)

Colorado Agencies – DMV, Corrections, Vital Records

Help America Vote Verification (HAVV)
BALLOT DELIVERY & RETURN

Ballot Delivery

Ballot Tracking

Ballot Return
Ballot Delivery

Mailed to all active registered voters
(9 out of 10 voters cast a mail ballot)
Ballot Tracking

Utilize USPS Intelligent Mail Barcode

Provide Status Reports to Election Officials

Voter Notifications – Email/Text/Phone/Website
Ballot Return

Return Postage Not Paid

Secure, 24 hour Ballot Drop Box
(3 out of 4 voters return using a 24 hour drop box)

Signature Verification
VOTER SERVICE & POLLING CENTERS

Accessible In-person Voting Options

Voter Registration Services

Mail Ballot Drop-off

Replacement Ballots

Emergency Ballots

Provisional Ballots

Voter Information
RISK LIMITING AUDITS

Paper Ballots

(Nearly) Uniform Voting System with CVR

Comparison Audits & Ballot Polling Audits
COLLABORATION

Colorado County Clerk’s Association
   Election Statute Review Committee
   Data-Subcommittee
   Working Groups
   Statewide & Regional Conferences

Vendors

Election/Voting Organizations

Secretary of State
History of the Colorado Model
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Facts

Counties needed to replace equipment in 1-5 years

New model would save millions of dollars

45-90% of voters cast mail ballot in 2012 Presidential Election

34 counties were using polling places w/ some mini version of VSPC

30 counties were using vote centers

All counties had early voting

Thousands of provisional ballots- 90% were counted
People and Politics

Politics in Passing CO Voter Access and Modernization of Elections Act

Democratic State House, Senate and Governor

Same Day Voter Registration was a top policy for the Democrats

Republican Secretary of State opposed a mail ballot delivery system

State didn’t have money to invest in new voting systems

Counties needed to upgrade voting systems in 1-5 years and comply with RLA

We were already doing the model minus same day voter registration

Had to make model work for all counties
People and Politics

Counties and the Colorado Clerks' Association

Strong Leaders in our Association

Clerks are locally elected- majority were republican

Collaboration

• Data compiling
• Writing law for all counties
• Leveraging our resources

Experienced Election Administrators in the counties

Strong presence at the Capitol for years
People and Politics

Biggest Objections to the New Election Model:

We didn't have the technology in rural Colorado

Voter Fraud

Would favor Dems with same day voter registration
People and Politics

What Actually Occurred

Unaffiliated voters used the VSPC services and the same day voter registration

D's and R's registered in similar proportions to regular registration

Vast majority of SDR were actually VR updates

97% Reduction in provisional ballots

Colorado had 4th highest in voter turnout in the nation in 2014

Counties have and will save millions: purchase equipment, maintain equipment, staffing
Keys to Passage and Implementation

Key Factors:
- Same Day Voter Registration was coming
- Needed to upgrade voting systems- Counties were paying
- Experienced with elements of the model over time
- Model was scaled to meet needs of all counties

Contributing Factors:
- Counties were engaged in the legislative process
- Strong Clerks' Association with commitment to collaboration
- Created an oversite committee for implementation
Technology Considerations

SCORE & WebSCORE
Real-time Statewide Database
Technology Considerations

Customer Service

173,345 Subscribers in Denver
Technology Considerations

Customer Service

SMS to Case

- From Voter: 16,013
- Auto Responded: 15,369
Technology Considerations

Vote Center Configuration
WebSCORE
Connectivity
Contingency Planning
Ballot Marking Devices
Space Layout
Technology Considerations

Security

Election Night Monitoring

- Denver Web Elections Operations Center (WebEOC)
- Denver Security Operations Center (SOC)
- Denver Emergency Operations Center (EOC) & Denver Police Department (DPD)
- Jefferson County
- Colorado Secretary of State
- Colorado Division of Homeland Security
- Colorado Office of Information Technology (OIT)
- Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI)
- Federal Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
- Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC)
Technology Considerations

Transparency
Open Data:
Collection
Reporting
Social Media Platforms:
Periscope
Facebook Live
Technology Considerations

Post-Election Activities
- Colorado Risk Limiting Audits
- Continuous Improvement
- Data Review
- Legal and Policy Changes
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