

News Release

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Las Animas County Clerk and Recorder Sending Replacement Ballots to Some City of Trinidad Voters

Trinidad, Colorado - Ballots originally mailed to some Las Animas County voters in the City of Trinidad did not contain the City of Trinidad's TABOR issue, Ballot Issue 2A. Voters affected by the error mainly reside in portions of precinct 6 of the western side of Trinidad. The Las Animas County Clerk and Recorder immediately reported the error to the Secretary of State's Office and obtained guidance on the best way to fix the problem. The Clerk and Recorder is making the necessary corrections and is mailing correct replacement ballots to all affected voters. The replacement ballots contain the omitted ballot measure and all other races and measures these voters are eligible to vote. Here's what affected voters need to do:

- **If you have not returned your original ballot:** Destroy the original mail ballot packet that does not contain City of Trinidad Ballot Issue 2A. Then, mark and return the corrected replacement ballot in the return envelope enclosed with the replacement ballot packet and return it to the Las Animas County Clerk and Recorder or a ballot drop box no later than 7pm on Election Day, November 5th.
- **If you already returned your original ballot:** Please also mark and return the corrected replacement ballot in the return envelope enclosed with the replacement ballot packet. Be sure to sign and date the return envelope and return it to the Las Animas County Clerk and Recorder's Office by mail or to a drop box by 7pm on Election Day. If we receive your marked corrected ballot by 7pm on Election Day, November 5th, we will count only the corrected ballot. We will only process and count your original ballot if we do not receive your marked corrected ballot by 7pm on Election Day.
- **We will process and count only one ballot for each voter.** No voter will be permitted to vote more than once in the election.

We apologize for the error and inconvenience. If you have any questions, please contact the Las Animas County Clerk and Recorder's office at Karrie.Apple@lasanimascounty.org or 719-845-2575, or stop by our office in the Las Animas County Courthouse at 200 E First Street, Room 205, Trinidad, CO 81082.