

Colorado Voter Group
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December 29, 2011

RE: Request to attend the next Colorado County Clerks Association Meeting
REF: Previous correspondence, attached

Dear Mr. Doyle and Mr. Ortiz:

We have heard that the Colorado County Clerks Association will meet in January. We believe that topics of public interest including citizen involvement in elections and potential legislation may be discussed.

We would appreciate an invitation for approximately five (5) of our Election Quality Advocates to attend to observe, and within reasonable limits to participate, in any discussions related to:

1. Anonymity of ballots/votes – requirements and implementation
2. Watcher access to election processes and records
3. CORA including redaction, blackout periods, access and copy costs, and electronic file inspection
4. Formal list of and standards for required election records and publication requirements
5. Election transparency before, during, and after Election Day
6. Elector verification and Voter eligibility
7. SCORE
8. Election integrity including end-to-end security, competency-verification, and quality control
9. Election quality including certification, system test, LAT, AUDIT, Canvass
10. Election systems in including potential replacement systems
11. Treatment of known and potential flaws and threats

The representatives we plan to send are qualified Colorado electors and each would bring substantial election and professional knowledge and experience to your discussions. I hope that you will accept our request to participate in your important meetings. We would like in particular to suggest a session during which we citizens who have met with Clerks Anderson, Johnson, Reiner and Hall under the guidance of Senator Heath would continue our discussions with county clerks regarding anonymity, transparency, voter privacy, and any side effects on election cost or quality.

We look forward to your invitation and the opportunity to bring to these discussions the perspectives of voters, contestants, watchers, canvass boards, systems and database analysts, and election quality advocates.

Yours,

Harvie Branscomb, Trustee
Eagle County, Democrat

Al Kolwicz, Trustee
Boulder County, Republican

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From: coloradovoter@googlegroups.com [<mailto:coloradovoter@googlegroups.com>] **On Behalf Of** Al Kolwicz

Sent: Monday, May 16, 2011 4:44 PM

To: doylesw@co.larimer.co.us

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Subject: [Colorado Voter].3545 RE: Request to observe the next Colorado County Clerks Association Meeting

Mr. Doyle,

Thank you for your response, but, as you would expect, your denial of our request to observe the upcoming meeting of public officials is not acceptable to us.

1. The Colorado County Clerks Association has asserted to the Court that CCCA is the representative of Colorado County Clerks.
2. CCCA representatives have also made this assertion during CCCA testimony before the Colorado Legislature's Committees.
3. CCCA representatives, including County clerks and CCCA paid lobbyists, often meet behind closed doors with Colorado Legislators to lobby against the interests of transparent and publicly verifiable elections.
4. CCCA uses public resources to support the organization's goals and objectives.

In our opinion, CCCA would be violating the intention of Colorado's Sunshine Laws – a fight that was long ago settled in law – if it were to stand by its denial of our request.

Since CCCA is operating as a de facto branch of government, we believe that CCCA must abide by the law. We believe that election integrity experts, such as our members, should be able to observe all CCCA meetings. (If the meetings are private, then how is public support of the organization explained?)

Also, since we are not requesting an opportunity to debate or even speak at your meetings, we wonder what harm might occur as a result of our attendance? (At this point we only wish to gather detailed data about what is said and what happens during the meetings.)

We ask that you reconsider your denial of our request.

Yours,

Al Kolwicz
For: Colorado Voter Group

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From: Scott Doyle doylesw@co.larimer.co.us
Sent by: myersag@co.larimer.co.us
To: Al Kolwicz <alkolwicz@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, May 16, 2011 at 3:19 PM
Subject: Re: Request to observe the next Colorado County Clerks Association Meeting
3:19 PM (33 minutes ago)

Mr. Kolwicz--

I received your email requesting attendance at the Colorado County Clerks Association (CCCA) Summer Conference in June and appreciate your interest in attending. As President of the Association, I am bound by Association Bylaws. One of the Standing Rules therein reads as follows:

In order to continue the mission of the Colorado County Clerks Association; to promote educational opportunities; and provide an atmosphere of mutual respect and confidentiality for members, attendance at the Semi-annual Conferences shall be limited to members, staff members, and invited guests and vendors as approved by the CCCA Board of Directors.
Given this rule I am not able to honor your request.

The next full Board Meeting will be held at conference. This topic will be a point of discussion at that meeting.

Please keep in mind that the CCCA always welcomes press/media attendance at these conferences, as the eyes and ears of the public.

Best regards,

Scott

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From: Al Kolwicz [mailto:AlKolwicz@qwest.net]

Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2011 4:21 PM

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Dear Mr. Doyle,

It is our understanding that you are currently serving as President of the Colorado County Clerks Association (CCCA) and that CCCA is the representative of Colorado's county clerks.

Will you please authorize one or more of our Colorado Voter Group Trustees to observe the upcoming meetings of the Colorado County Clerks Association?

Thank you for your prompt response.

Al Kolwicz

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