

January 11, 2012

**RE: CORA 120105 Boulder County Ballot Batches 50-51**

Dear Ms. Bailey,

We received your January 10<sup>th</sup> email regarding our January 5<sup>th</sup> request to inspect records. We accept your very welcome suggestion that we work together on an approach that will enable us to achieve our research objectives.

Your email says, "Unfortunately, we cannot release the documents you have requested as doing so would potentially violate voter anonymity as secured by the Colorado Constitution."

We need to understand the actual occurrence(s) of voter anonymity violation as it applies to the two batches of ballots we have asked to inspect. The phrase "would potentially violate voter anonymity" can have several meanings.

1. It could mean that the County doesn't know if release would violate voter anonymity.
2. It could mean that all Boulder County batches are infected by a known threat.
3. It could mean that one of the requested batches is infected by a known threat, so both will be withheld.
4. It could mean that only specific ballots in these two batches are infected by a known threat.
5. It could mean that when combined with specific public information the ballots in these two batches can be used to violate voter anonymity.

Please help us to understand your intended meaning as it relates to the ballots in Batch\_050 and Batch\_051.

Further, we cannot discern from your email the specific legal authority under which access is being denied. Please provide us the citation.

Also, we need to understand more generally all of the specific voter anonymity violation threats that have been identified. What is each threat called? For each threat, by what process can one determine a specific voter's vote(s) and/or the voter of a specific vote?

Answers to the above will greatly help us to understand your concerns, and enable us to effectively discuss ways to meet our objectives while satisfying your concerns.

We look forward to a successful collaboration.

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