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FOR THE RECORD
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There's a new face in the Driver's License office! Tim Hilferty started with the clerk's office on July 1, and will take over as the driver examiner when Pete Holmstedt retires at the end of the year. If you stop in, please welcome Tim to his new career!

You may also have seen that the Colorado Secretary of State's office received a written request for voter registration data from the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity (PACEI). Secretary Wayne Williams publicly stated that Colorado will comply with the request to the extent the information is public under Colorado law.

But what information is public and what is private?

Colorado County Clerks and the State of Colorado are required by law to maintain certain information about registered voters. Voter registration records are PUBLIC records, but some information contained in the voter registration records are PRIVATE.

PUBLIC Information:

- full name
- residential address
- party affiliation
- date of affiliation
- phone number (if provided by the voter)
- gender
- birth year
- information on whether the voter has voted in prior elections

PRIVATE Information:

- driver's license number
- full date of birth
- email address (if provided by the voter)
- social security number

How to request confidentiality:

According to 24-72-204(3.5) (b), C.R.S., a person can request to be a confidential voter. Confidential Voter information will not be released to the public. To become a confidential voter you must visit your county clerk's office **in person**, fill out a voter confidentiality form, and pay \$5.00 (cash or check) for the statutorily required processing fee (peace officers are exempt). You must also be able to sign under penalty of perjury that you have reason to believe that you, or a member of your immediate family who resides in your household, will be

exposed to criminal harassment, or otherwise be in danger of bodily harm, if your address is not kept confidential.

How to keep your phone number private:

You can remove your phone number from your voter record by visiting www.govotecolorado.com. Another option is to contact the county clerk's office and request a voter registration form, which you will need to complete and return: leave the phone number blank on the new form. Once the returned form is processed, your phone number will be excluded from future voter lists.

This provides no guarantee that your phone number will not be obtained from other sources.

Please contact the Lincoln County Clerk's office at (719) 743-2444 for all questions pertaining to elections, motor vehicle, or recording. You can also reach our office by email:

clengel@lincolncountyco.us, or by U.S. mail at PO Box 67, Hugo, CO 80821. Visit the clerk's page on the county website at www.lincolncountyco.us for updates and current information.