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NEWS RELEASE

El Paso County Clerk Responds to YouTube Video

September 23, 2012—Colorado Springs, CO--Yesterday a YouTube video was posted in which an individual claimed to be registering voters on behalf of the El Paso County Clerk & Recorder's Office. In this video the young lady also stated she was working to register voters that were likely to vote for the candidate she supported. The young lady in this video is not an employee of the Clerk & Recorder's Office and her statements regarding working for the County Clerk's Office are inaccurate.

The El Paso County Clerk & Recorder's Office does not conduct partisan voter registration drives and it is not affiliated with any partisan voter registration drive. All registration forms obtained by such voter registration drives, however, must be submitted to the Clerk & Recorder, which may be why the young lady made the error.

"The statement made in this video is both unfortunate and inaccurate. My office does not and will not engage in partisan voter registration. It is the duty of the Clerk's office to ensure that elections are conducted in a fair and honest manner, this includes allowing any one to register to vote regardless of their political party affiliation," said Clerk & Recorder Wayne Williams.

Our office has reached out to the campaign involved and requested that they clarify this information with their volunteers. They have responded and have clarified the matter to their volunteers to avoid this happening again in the future. We also have asked the poster of the video to remove the inaccurate assertion that the individual is an El Paso County employee, but she has refused to do so.

"We want to remind everyone who is legally eligible to register to vote by the October 9th deadline. The best and easiest way to register is online at GoVoteColorado.com. Registering online ensures your registration is accurate and received by the deadline," said Williams.

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