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Department of State at a glance:

- 3,777,690 registered voters
- Nearly 660,000 business entities in good standing
- Over 14,700 registered charities
- Over 1,159 bingo-raffle licenses issued this year
- Over 85,700 commissioned notaries public
- 99.7% of our transactions occur online (average of 725,000 filings per year)
- Approximately 450 phone calls each day and 10 million website visits this year

Performance Plan (FY17-18)

- Elections Division

2017 Election Summary

-3,031,519 mail ballots sent

-1,196,252 ballots cast

-11,810 in-person voters

-507 same day new registrants at a VSPC;

-3,344 same day updated registrations at a VSPC;

-7,959 existing voters w/ no change to registration voting at a VSPC.

-2,882 UOCAVA votes

-10,170 new registrations via OLVR; 57,950 updated registrations via OLVR

-Voter turnout: 33.00%

- Colorado's voting system, which includes a verifiable paper ballot, is now in use by 54 of our 64 counties.
- Colorado became the first state in the country to successfully perform a risk-limiting audit. Every county that held elections in 2017 passed the audit.
- In August Colorado reached the highest number of registered voters on record. The Election Assistance Commission reports that Colorado continues to have the nation's highest percentage registration in the country among the voting eligible population.
- Business & Licensing Division
 - The Department slashed more fees to make doing business in Colorado cheaper.
 - The Department placed additional business filings online.
 - Colorado is the first state to offer business filing certification services online at no cost. Over 1,350,000 customers have taken advantage of this new service.
 - Over 6,000 notary applicants have taken the notary eLearning modules that allow them to train online prior to testing.
- IT Division
 - During the 2016 & 2017 elections, CDOS partnered with the Governor's Office, Governor's Office of Information Technology, the Department of Homeland Security, the state Department of Public Safety, the Multi-State Information Sharing & Analysis Center (MS-

ISAC), the FBI, the National Guard, City & County of Denver, Jefferson County, and others to rally around protection, monitoring, detection and response in the face of known and unknown threats. We stood up joint fusion centers on Election Day 2016 to share information quickly and securely across jurisdiction boundaries. We continued this partnership with an Elections Day Operations Center in 2017.

- There is sophisticated technology in place to detect and prevent attempts to access the SCORE system. Upgrades made to SCORE within the past twelve months include upgraded network security devices supporting SCORE, upgraded devices supporting our Security Incident & Event Monitoring (SIEM) systems, and upgraded perimeter firewalls.
- The Department continues to work with a statewide community to build a Colorado Threat Information Sharing network.
- The Department is participating in a pilot project with the MS-ISAC to define processes and explore capabilities available to states and local governments.
- The Department is also working with state and federal officials to include elections-related scenarios in the national Cyber Storm VI exercises to be held by the Department of Homeland Security in spring of 2018. Cyber Storm V in March 2016 involved more than 1,200 participants from nine Cabinet-level departments, many state and local offices, and nearly 70 private sector companies.

Regulatory Agenda

- This summer, the Department engaged in rulemaking to implement Propositions 107 & 108.
- The Department is currently working on rulemaking to implement the Revised Uniform Law on Notarial Acts, which will take effect on July 1, 2018.

Budget Request and Legislative Agenda

- In 2017, bills effecting the Department that became law included:
 - SB17-040: Public Access to Government Records (Kefalas, Pabon)
 - SB17-132: Uniform Law on Notarial Acts (Gardner, Wist/Melton)
 - SB17-232: Sunset Bingo Raffle Laws (Fenberg, Rosenthal)
 - HB17-1158: Charitable Solicitations (McKean, Martinez Humenik/Smallwood)
 - HB17-1088: Candidate Petition Signature Verification (Neville, Neville)
 - HB17-1155: Cure Campaign Finance Reporting Deficiencies (Thurlow, Gardner)
 - SB17-152: Amendment 71 Implementation (Court, Kennedy)
 - SB17-209: Access to the Ballot by Candidates (Priola, Weissman)
 - SB17-305: Primary Elections (Lundberg/Fenberg, Foote/Neville)
- In 2018 legislative agenda:
 - Election cleanup legislation
 - Campaign finance cleanup
 - Prohibit vote trading
 - Judicial retention language consolidation
- Budget Request:
 - The Department's budget submission includes a request for a \$25.2 million budget, funded from our cash fund. The Department does not foresee any fee increases in the next year.
 - For FY17-18, the Department was appropriated \$2.7 million (cash funds) for the local election reimbursement. Because there was no local election reimbursement in 2017, the Department requested an emergency supplemental from the JBC to reallocate those funds toward other Department priorities, including a Prop 108 public information campaign and funds to enhance database storage and security within the office, including the SCORE system.