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Legislative Council Staff is responsible for publishing and distributing a voter guide known as the "Blue Book" any time there is a statewide measure on the ballot. We work hard to provide an understandable and unbiased analysis of each measure to every household containing a registered voter in the state. In even-numbered years, regional booklets also include recommendations prepared by the state and district commissions on judicial performance on the retention of judges in each geographic area. This year, Legislative Council Staff mailed more than 2 million copies to seven geographic regions.

I regret that the distribution of booklets to households in many counties in western and eastern Colorado were delayed and that some booklets have been printed and mailed with missing pages. The delay in delivery to rural counties has been addressed. However, we need voters' help addressing any booklets mailed with missing pages. I am grateful for the media coverage concerning these issues, particularly coverage that informs voters about how they can obtain a booklet. Those who wish to receive a new booklet can send their mailing address to bluebook.ga@state.co.us or call our office at 303-866-3521. We also have booklets available in our office at Room 029 in the Capitol building, and the booklet is available online at Coloradobluebook.com. In addition, all county clerks have copies available for the public.

Missing pages. A contract printer assists us with the production and mailing of the booklets. The missing pages occurred because of an equipment malfunction at the printer, which was unfortunately not detected by the printer's quality assurance process. The particular measures affected by the malfunction were the result of the random application of the particular equipment malfunction and had nothing to do with the content of the measures.

Because the quality assurance process did not identify the error, we do not know how many booklets were affected or where they were mailed. However, we believe that the large majority of voters received complete booklets. Since yesterday's media coverage, we have received confirmation of fewer than five booklets mailed with missing pages. Pages in the booklet are numbered; voters can check whether they received a complete copy by looking for gaps in the page numbers.

Delayed delivery. Booklets to households in many counties in western and eastern Colorado were delayed. Unfortunately, the printer's data processing settings defaulted to a physical address instead of a mailing address, so those with PO Boxes in a number of counties in western Colorado did not receive the ballot information booklet when it was originally mailed. We

discovered the problem immediately with the first two versions of books that were sent and mailed in mid-September and were able to correct the error in the remaining five versions and regions. Therefore, every registered voter household should receive a booklet by today or tomorrow at the latest.

The USPS and our printer did a great job working together to get those books into the PO boxes of affected households. We resent approximately 90,000 books and everything was in the mail by Saturday. Additionally, all county clerks have been supplied with extra books.