

# GET OUT THE VOTE 2017

People with disabilities  
building community  
**THE INDEPENDENCE CENTER**

## DON'T FORGET!

Visit [www.EPCvotes.com](http://www.EPCvotes.com) to register, update your address or find information.  
(719) 575-VOTE (8683)

Ballots must be received by mail, drop-off, or in-person voting  
**7pm, Tuesday November 7**

### THE INDEPENDENCE CENTER POLLING PLACE November 6-7 Open 7am-7pm

The Independence Center is the only highly accessible polling place in El Paso County. Our facility is a model of accessibility and will have ASL interpretation as well as brand-new accessible voting machines which allow users to:

- Enlarge text
- Have the ballot read to you, with an option to change the speed of the speech
- Have an Audio-Visual mode in which voters listen to instructions and tap the appropriate option on the screen

### Hands-on Voter Training With Accessible Voting Machines

September 21st, 1-3pm  
The IC, 729 S. Tejon St.

Join El Paso County Elections Staff to learn about the process of voting, your rights and accommodations under the ADA, and go through a mock ballot using an accessible voting machine built to accommodate your needs! The County purchased new machines in 2017, so this is your opportunity to orient yourself before the day of the election – join us!

Please RSVP at  
719-471-8181 x197 or at  
[the-ic.org/vote](http://the-ic.org/vote)

### Up to Date Colorado Voting Information:

[www.epcvotes.com](http://www.epcvotes.com)  
(719) 575-VOTE (8683)

#### OCTOBER 16TH

Mail in ballots sent to voters

#### OCTOBER 30TH

Other Voter Service and Polling Centers open (*visit [epcvotes.com](http://epcvotes.com) for specific information*)

#### NOVEMBER 1ST

Final day to return ballot by mail; use drop boxes after this date

#### NOVEMBER 6TH - 7TH

The Independence Center polling place is open from 7am-7pm

#### NOVEMBER 7TH - ELECTION DAY:

Last day to register, vote in person or drop off your ballot: 7am-7pm

729 S. Tejon St.  
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

**719-471-8181**  
Video Phone for  
the Deaf 719-358-2513

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[the-ic.org](http://the-ic.org)

# WHAT TO EXPECT AT YOUR POLLING CENTER:

The law protects your right to vote and your ability to access the polling center.

*(via Rocky Mountain ADA and IT Center)*

## Parking and Drop-off Area

- If parking is provided, are there accessible parking spaces marked with verticle signs? (1in 25 spaces should be accessible, be 8 ft wide, and have an adjacent 5 ft aisle.)
- Is the accessible parking area paved?
- If provided, is the drop-off area 5' wide, 20' long, and relatively flat?

## Exterior and Interior Walkways

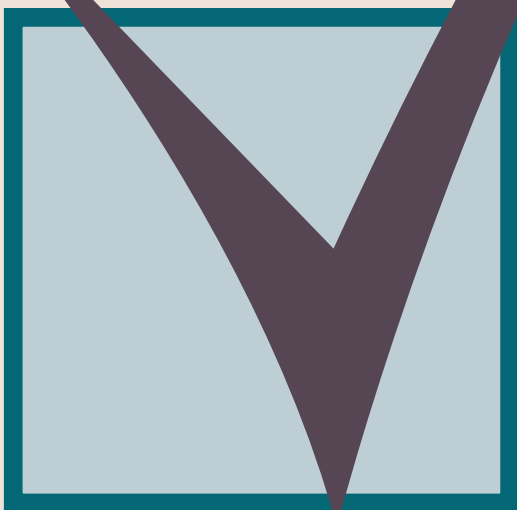
- Is the walkway to the accessible entrance paved and free of abrupt edges or breaks in the surface?
- Are all curbs along the walkway ramped?
- Are the stairs or steps along the walkway/corridor either ramped or an alternative means of access provided?
- Is the walkway/corridor a minimum of 36" wide and free of protrusions or overhanging obstacles?

## Entrance

- Does the entrance have a level landing, 32" wide door opening, easy-to-operate door hardware, and threshold no higher than ½"?

## Voting Area

- Are the hallways minimum of 36" wide, and is there sufficient unobstructed space in voting areas for voters who use wheelchairs or walkers?
- Is seating available for voters with disabilities waiting to vote?



## Polling center not accessible?

Contact The Independence Center  
Individual Advocacy Specialist, Pam Burgoa  
at 719-471-8181 ext. 161.

### Be prepared to explain:

Location of the polling center, and  
which area is not accessible according to the  
above checklist.