Voting Location Siting Tool

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Voting Location Siting Tool
A Resource for County Election Officials
What is the Voting Location Siting Tool?

Voting Location Siting Tool is a public resource to help inform the successful siting of voting locations in the November 2020 General Election

https://cid.usc.edu/sitingtool
How will the Siting Tool help you?

• User-friendly interactive web-based mapping system identifies areas within a half mile in diameter where vote centers and polling places would likely have the most success in serving voters

• Areas are identified through a facility allocation model, incorporating local demographic and voting data

• Specific locations for consideration within these half-mile diameter areas using local knowledge of their county’s needs
Who uses the Siting Tool?

Many registrars and voter advocacy groups use the Siting Tool in the siting and implementation of voting locations.

California and Colorado Secretaries of State recommend that their state election officials use the tool in their siting allocation process.
## Siting Tool Expansion

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**Announcement Next Week**

**7-13-20 Update:** The Voting Location Siting Tool will be expanded to serve all ten states!
Colorado VSPC Siting Tool

Demo – Colorado VSPC Siting Tool
Colorado Voter Service and Polling Center Siting Tool

Developed by the Center for Inclusive Democracy (CID), formerly the California Civic Engagement Project at the University of Southern California, this interactive web-based mapping tool is designed to assist Colorado elections offices in the state’s sixteen most populous counties. Encompassing all legislated siting criteria, the Voter Service and Polling Center Siting Tool will aid election officials in the VSFC siting process by producing suggested VSFC location areas of a half-mile diameter.

This new user-friendly web-based mapping tool identifies areas where VSFCs and drop boxes would likely have the most success serving voters. This tool will input all legislated criteria and demographic data to produce suggested locations within a half-mile diameter. Colorado county clerks using their local knowledge will then be able to find specific locations for consideration in these areas.

Currently Participating Counties

Adams  Arapahoe  Boulder  Broomfield  Denver  Douglas  Eagle  El Paso  Fremont  Garfield  Jefferson  La Plata  Larimer  Mesa  Pueblo  Weld
Denver County

Suggested Voter Service and Polling Center Areas

Suggested Areas are the minimum number of required locations per VSPC requirements.

- Suggested Areas for 1 Day Voter Service and Polling Centers (33)
- Suggested Areas for 15 Day Voter Service and Polling Centers (5)
- Suggested Areas for Ballot Drop Boxes (35)
- All Potential Areas

Addtl. Suggested Areas (Based on Model / Distance) are potential additional sites past the required minimum.

- Addtl. Suggested Areas for Voter Service and Polling Centers (Based on Model) (4)
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Site Scores

- Low
- Medium
- High
1 Day Voter Service and Polling Centers (Overview)
1 Day Voter Service and Polling Centers (Zoom)
1 Day Voter Service and Polling Centers (Site Detail)

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Characteristics of Suggested Area (0.5 mi. Diameter)

- High County Percentage of Voting Age Citizens
- High County Worker Percentage
- High Population Density
- High Percent of Population with Vehicle Access
- High Eligible Non-Registered Voter Rate
- High Percent Disabled Population
- Low Percent Latino Population
- Low Percent Limited English Proficient Population
- High Percent of the Population in Poverty
- High Percent of the Youth Population
- High Vote by Mail Rate (Total)
- Low Polling Place Voter Percentage

Methodology

Site Scores

Low  High
15 Day Voter Service and Polling Centers (Overview)

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The data are also available as individual layers

Examples on the next 5 slides
Transit Stops

Additional Data

- VSPC Siting Criteria
- Transit Stops
  - County Percentage of Voting Age Citizens
  - County Worker Percentage
  - Eligible Non-Registered Voter Rate
  - Percent Disabled Population
  - Percent Latino Population
  - Percent Limited English Proficient Population
  - Percent of Population with Vehicle Access
  - Percent of the Population in Poverty
  - Percent of the Youth Population
  - Polling Place Voter Percentage
  - Population Density
  - Vote by Mail Rate (Asian-American)
  - Vote by Mail Rate (Latino)
  - Vote by Mail Rate (Total)
  - Vote by Mail Rate (Youth)

Population Data
Eligible Non-Registered Voter Rate
Vote-by-Mail Rate (Total)
Thank you!

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View my Tedx Talk on the Power of the Youth Vote!