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With Ballots Still to Count, Close Races May Trigger Recounts

Adams County Clerk and Recorder Stan Martin today reported that city council races in Brighton, Commerce City and Thornton are close. At this point, two of the races (Commerce City and Thornton) are not within the margin that would trigger an automatic recount. The Brighton race, however, when combined with votes cast in Weld County, is close enough to require an automatic recount.

The recount threshold in Colorado is triggered when the difference between the highest number of votes cast (the winning candidate) and the next highest number of votes cast (the runner-up) is less than or equal to one-half of one percent of the highest votes cast.

In Brighton, only six votes separate the candidates in Ward 2, however when factoring in Weld County votes in this contest, the margin is two votes. In Commerce City - Ward 4, the margin is 10 votes while there is currently an eight-vote gap in Thornton - Ward 1.

As of this morning at 11 a.m., there were approximately 1,000 ballots that require signature verification, or curing, before being counted. Some of these ballots may have an impact on these particular city council contests.

Cured ballots will be counted with military and overseas ballots, which, per state law, are due by November 12. Final unofficial results will be posted on November 13.

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