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To All Ouray County Voters,

They say it takes a village to raise a child but every other November, I am reminded that it takes several villages, actually an entire county, to hold a successful election!

Everyone from my staff, to the generous help of staff from other county departments, to the software and printing vendors, judges (including the Logic and Accuracy Board and Canvass Board), local post offices and the local newspapers will help us get the job done in a remarkably short period of time. There will be some big challenges with such a contentious Presidential Election.

Certified ballot content from the Secretary of State will be here September 9th. That means this office is building the ballot pertinent to Ouray County. The next step requires that the content be submitted to our vendors for ballot creation and printing. By the first of October, approximately four thousand ballots will be printed for Ouray County electors to be mailed the week of October 17th. Ballots, by law, cannot be forwarded. Where will you be at that time? Are you a snowbird? Check your calendar!

It all boils down to this. There will be endless commercials, tons of political mail, hours and hours spent testing equipment, continuous telephone calls verifying voter registrations, constant requests for mail ballots, lines of people wanting to vote early, non-stop signature verification, continual checks and balances daily and what do we achieve? The privilege of voting!

Be responsible! Make certain your voice is heard! Do not wait until the last moment. Know how you are registered and how you will participate in this election. Receive your ballot by mail and either return your ballot by mail or local drop box. Go to www.govotecolorado.com to check, update, and confirm your voter registration. Know how you intend to vote! Be smart and make your vote count!

Included is a flyer with an abundance of election information. Review it now. You may contact this office at the number listed above or email me for further information. Here's to another successful election in beautiful Ouray County!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michelle Nauer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michelle Nauer, Ouray County Clerk