



# FACT SHEET

## Privacy of Voter Information

Chaffee County and the State of Colorado are required by law to maintain a variety of information about registered voters. Some of this information is considered public record and must be provided to people who ask for it.

Voter registration records are **public records**, although some personal information contained in voter registration records remains private.

Information that is **public** includes the voter's:

- Full name
- Residential address
- Party affiliation
- Date of affiliation
- Phone number (if provided by the voter)
- Gender
- Birth year
- Information about whether the voter has voted in prior elections

Information that is **private** includes the voter's:

- Drivers license number
- Full date of birth
- Email address
- Social security number

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## How to Keep Your Phone Number Private

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Even if you are listed on the National Do Not Call List, **political calls to voters are permitted under Colorado law**. This includes telephone solicitations that are:

- Made for the sole purpose of urging support for or opposition to a political candidate or ballot issue; or
- Made for the sole purpose of conducting political polls or soliciting the expression of opinions, ideas, or votes.

Unfortunately, there is no complaint or removal process established for these types of calls.

You can contact us at 719-530-5604 to request that your phone number be removed from your voter registration record, but this provides no guarantee that your phone number will not be obtained from other sources. For example, this will remove your phone number from future voter lists, but will not remove it from past lists released or from the phone directory.

To reduce the number of political calls, we urge you to return your ballot ***as early as possible before Election Day***. As soon as you return your voted ballot, campaigns and parties will see your name on our public turnout list, and can remove you from their campaign and ‘get out the vote’ lists.

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## How to Request Confidentiality

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If you believe that you or a member of your household will be exposed to criminal harassment or bodily harm because your voter information is publicly available, you may request to become a confidential voter (section 24-72-204(3.5)(b), C.R.S.). Confidential voters’ voting information will not be released to the public. To become a confidential voter, you must visit our Elections Office in Salida in-person, fill out a voter confidential form, and pay \$5 (cash or check) for the statutorily required processing fee. This will remove your information from future lists, but will not remove it from past editions already released.

Survivors of domestic violence, sexual offenses or stalking may also enroll in Colorado’s Address Confidentiality Program (sections 24-30-2101 to -2115, C.R.S.) Voters who are part of this program will not have any of their voter information released to the public.