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## **California Secretary of State Padilla in Colorado to Observe Municipal Elections**

**SACRAMENTO** – California Secretary of State Alex Padilla and a few key members of his staff are in Colorado for Monday May 4<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday May 5<sup>th</sup> to observe Colorado municipal elections first hand. Colorado is considered a national leader in elections administration. Despite historically low turnout across the nation in 2014, Colorado had the third highest voter turnout in the nation. Colorado innovations include early voting, vote centers in place of traditional polling locations, and mailing every registered voter in Colorado a ballot in advance of elections.

**WHAT:** Secretary Padilla in Colorado to view early voting and election day operations for municipal elections, meet with Colorado county and statewide election officials to discuss best practices, and observe the tabulation of votes. **Secretary Padilla will be available for phone interviews while visiting Colorado.**

**WHO:** Secretary of State Alex Padilla

**WHEN:** Monday, May 4, 2015 – Tuesday, May 5, 2015

**WHERE:** Denver, Colorado

“California should take a hard look at Colorado’s election practices as we seek to increase participation by making voting easier and more convenient. Colorado’s election innovations are already increasing voter turnout,” Secretary Padilla said.

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