

News Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 9, 2016

MEDIA CONTACT:

Lynn Bartels

lynn.bartels@sos.state.co.us

(303) 860-6903

Secretary Williams: Be careful about calls requesting voter information

DENVER, Sept. 9, 2016 -- State and county election officials have received numerous complaints this week from Colorado voters who are concerned about phone calls that appear to be an effort to obtain their personal and sensitive information.

During the automated calls, voters are advised their registration is incorrect and needs to be updated before they can receive a ballot for the November election. But both Democrats and Republicans who have received the calls told the Colorado Secretary of State's office or their county clerk that their registrations are current. At least one person reported being asked to provide a full date of birth after selecting the option for "more information."

The individuals also have reported that the calls are from an organization identifying itself as "Go Vote CO" or "Go Vote Colorado." Some voters believe the Secretary of State is somehow involved because that name is similar to the web address of the Secretary of State's online voter registration system (www.GoVoteColorado.com).

The Secretary of State's office does not contact individual voters regarding voter registration issues except to respond to inquiries initiated by voters themselves. Secretary of State Wayne Williams reminds Colorado residents not to disclose sensitive personal information, such as month and day of birth, driver's license or state-issued ID numbers, or Social Security numbers to any person or organization they do not know and trust, whether by telephone or otherwise.

Anyone with information concerning the individuals or organization responsible for conducting this telephone solicitation campaign identifying itself as "Go Vote Colorado" or "Go Vote CO" is asked to contact Elections Division legal analyst Chris Amero at 303-894-2200 ext. 6389 or chris.amero@sos.state.co.us at the Secretary of State's office.