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Nebraskans for Civic Reform commends Douglas County Election Commissioner Brian Kruse and his staff on the installment of four additional early ballot drop boxes.

As post offices close and consolidate, mail is taking longer to be delivered – that includes early ballots. “We commend Commissioner Kruse on proactively identifying this problem and adding four new early ballot drop locations across the city to increase accessibility to our elections,” states Bri McLarty, director of voting rights with Nebraskans for Civic Reform, a non-partisan, non-profit advocacy group. “Commissioner Kruse has done an excellent job identifying parts of the city currently underserved and placing drop boxes in those neighborhoods, on frequently traveled roads, providing a great convenience to voters in Douglas County”.

Voting by mail has increased in popularity since Nebraska switched to a “no-excuse” early voting state in 1999. In the last presidential election, approximately 32% of ballots cast were cast via mail – 73,371 votes.

McLarty continues, “While the addition of a drop box seems simple and unimportant, for the voter who finds themselves with a completed ballot and no time to mail it – that drop box is a guarantee their voice is heard.”

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