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Republican Candidates for COUNTY Offices

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Introduction to the Voter Guide

Church Voter Guides is an independent 508c1a faith-based nonprofit organization. We serve the public by providing objective research and education on matters specifically of interest to Christians, primarily through the production and distribution of 501c3-compliant, nonpartisan Voter Guides.

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We are based in Colorado Springs, and the April 2021 City Council election in our hometown was our inaugural project, followed by Voter Guides for the 2021 Pikes Peak Region School Board Elections. Our new Voter Guide for the 2022 El Paso County Assembly is being distributed electronically-only through our website via downloadable and printable PDF files. This Voter Guide is specifically to inform Delegates and Alternates at the County Assembly, with a separate Guides produced for the Republican and Democratic party candidates.

The purpose of our Voter Guides is to educate and inform voters of each candidate's positions on a variety of policy issues that they are likely to address if elected. As a Voter Guides designed to be promoted through Churches, we ask the candidates questions on topics that are of utmost interest to the Christian voter.

How to Get the Most Benefit from this Voter Guide

The core information in this Voter Guide comes directly from the candidates themselves. We asked them questions, they answered (with a 120 word limit), and we have published their responses here. In order to understand and utilize this information to the fullest, so that you may vote in the most informed way, we suggest the following:

1. Pray and ask the Almighty for discernment. The Kingdom of God is all about truth, while politics is a system fraught with compromise. Make sure you consider the candidates' answers with a Heavenly mindset.
2. Ask yourself, "Did the candidate actually answer the question, or rather side-step it, or give a fluff, wishy-washy, and/or 'political' type answer that leaves you not really knowing where he/she truly stands on the issue?"
3. Learn more about the candidates, including their positions on issues we did not cover in our Questionnaire, by visiting their official campaign websites. The website URL for each candidate is listed in the Voter Guide, if they have one.
4. Use search engines to find additional information about each candidate, including written articles and videos, other voter guides, and even voting records for those who have served in public office before. You may even want to watch online recordings of governmental meetings, as well as events held by candidates and organizations, to learn more about each candidate.
5. Reach out to the candidates themselves through the provided email addresses and other means, in order to ask them questions of personal importance to you. Please make sure to show great respect toward each candidate and his/her time, especially to those with whom you disagree. Running for office is hard, stressful, time-consuming work, and these are your fellow citizens who have lives, families, jobs...and feelings (just like you!)

What makes a Voter Guide 501c3 - compliant and Nonpartisan?

Federal tax law permits nonprofit 501c3 organizations to develop and distribute materials about political candidates' positions on issues, in order to educate voters impartially and on a nonpartisan basis; meaning that it is free from party affiliation, bias, or designation. The IRS states that 501c3 organizations may conduct any range of activities to promote voter participation and educate voters so long as it is nonpartisan. But, 501c3 organizations are explicitly prohibited from supporting or opposing candidates for public office.

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Second, all of our staff and volunteers are required to act in a nonpartisan manner when working for or representing the organization and the creation of the Voter Guide.

Third, we do not edit, revise, or editorialize candidate responses to our Questionnaire. We do not even correct typos. **Candidate answers are published verbatim**, ensuring that their responses accurately represent their positions and perspectives on these issues. We then simply share this information through the Voter Guide, and you decide whom you believe to be the best candidate.

To be fair and impartial, we reached out by email, text, and phone when determined necessary, to all registered candidates running for office throughout El Paso County for both County and State offices, inviting them to answer our Questionnaire. Candidate information is presented in alphabetical order by last name. If a Candidate did not respond at all, or did not choose to participate, or did not choose to respond to certain answers in the Questionnaire, then that is noted where applicable. We finalized our Candidate list from TRACER (<https://tracer.sos.colorado.gov>) on March 2, 2022. Candidates who declared their candidacy after that date were contacted "last minute", and some choose to participate while others did not. Those who did not are not mentioned in any way in this Voter Guide.

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Republican Candidate for

ASSESSOR



MARK FLUTCHER

Candidate Information

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Military Background:	Army and Air Force Veteran
Resident of the El Paso County:	Lifelong resident

Your Experience: What experience (personal, professional, other) would you bring to your role as Assessor that will benefit our county?

I hold the highest licensure in Colorado, Certified General, with 26 years of work in assessing property and mass appraisal for the El Paso County Assessor's Office. I have experience appraising vacant land, residential, and commercial properties with an emphasis on commercial land and single-family homes. In addition, I have expertise helping our community navigate the losses from massive fires, floods, and landslides by creating a system to prorate values (taxes) and ensure residential assessment rates are correctly applied for the years following the disaster.



Your Vision: What is your vision for being our county's Assessor?

My vision for being county assessor is the fair and equitable treatment of all property owners. This includes staff education and cross- training, objectivity in the determination of values, and unbiased decisions regarding appeals. This includes deference to property owners when there is any doubt about the accuracy of an assessed value. Last, but not least is I will continue to promote an attitude of good customer service advanced by the four assessors for whom I have worked. These are personal principles I have operated under; and I will ensure these principles are embraced by all who work in the Assessor's Office.

Assessor's Role: What are the roles, rights, and duties of the El Paso County Assessor?

The role of assessor is to discover, list, classify, and value property for the purpose of levying property taxes. The rights of the assessor are the ability to perform those duties as a representative of his or her county, without undue influence from special interests in other counties or unfunded mandates from the legislature. The duty of the assessor is to perform his or her role with objectivity and fairness to all constituents. This includes ensuring valuations comply with State Board of Equalization requirements, property records are accurate, and appeals are answered based on supportable data without any bias.

Senior Property Tax Exemption: To what extent (if any) do you support the senior property tax exemption, and if so, how would you amend it?

I voted for and whole-heartedly supported the senior homestead exemption. I support legislation to make the exemption portable, thus allowing seniors to move and take the exemption with them. This would allow homeowners to downsize, move from two-story to single level homes, and to transition to a property with no exterior maintenance depending upon one's individual needs. In addition, the exemption needs to be doubled to be consistent with two decades of market trends in housing prices. SB22-093 would have accomplished this; and I am at a loss to understand why three senators from the Denver area killed the bill in committee.



Property Reappraisal: What is your position on the current method for reappraisal of property in El Paso County, and would you like to see any changes?

The original Colorado Constitution created a system of property taxation based on equalization, which means a class of property is valued equally among all owners using the same methodology. I believe there is wisdom in the philosophy of Colorado's ad valorem method, which more closely follows professional appraisal practice. Imagine the disparity between two tax bills for the same home on the same street, where one owner pays ten times the property tax amount over the other, which has happened in California due to Prop. 13. The value cap system also harms new buyers by creating even more limitation on purchasing power than already exists, because one must factor in the new tax that will be charged after the sale.

Mill Levy: While the Assessor's Office does not establish the mill levy, can you explain how the mill levy is established?

Mill levies are established by taxing authorities such as the county, incorporated cities, school districts, and special districts. For tax entities that have not "de-tabored," each representative board of a tax authority must set the mill levy according to TABOR revenue limitations. The levy will change based on the values certified by the assessor. Growth and new construction or, in the case of schools, student enrollment, allow for a limited increase in revenue. However, the mill levy cannot be set at a rate that would cause the revenue cap to be exceeded without voter approval. Large increases in assessed value may lead to a reduction in the mill levy to satisfy the requirements of TABOR.

TABOR: What is your position on The Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR)?

I supported TABOR in 1992 and I continue to support it today. The ability of voters to have a say in the growth of government spending has strengthened the will of the people and restrained individual lawmaker's special interest in causes that benefit only a few people. I also support the ability of a community to make their own choice to increase funding for their fire district or pass a school bond issue under TABOR. TABOR accomplishes additional reforms such as prohibiting a local district from imposing an income tax and allowing for the local exemption of business personal property.

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Republican Candidates for

**CLERK &
RECORDER**



PETER LUPIA

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Military Background:	Air Force family
Resident of the El Paso County:	Personally 22 years, family is now in 5th generation of residency

Your Experience: What experience (personal, professional, other) would you bring to your role as Clerk and Recorder that will benefit our county?

I hold a Bachelor of Science degree with concentrations in Marketing, Finance, and Business Administration, with MBA coursework focused in International Business. I spent a decade within the public and non-profit sectors as a Subject Matter Expert for the development, implementation, operation, and oversight of multi-million dollar local, regional, and statewide programs. Since relocating to Colorado I successfully launched entrepreneurial endeavors in finance and security technology and have served in long-term chief officer level roles for consulting clients across a wide variety of industries. I have served on numerous local, regional, and national boards and advisory committees for non-profit, education, and ministry organizations including currently serving in leadership for the Culture Impact Team at Church For All Nations.



Your Vision: What is your vision for being our county's Clerk and Recorder?

I am not a politician and had no intention of running for office but am tired of the same group of establishment people cycling through elected positions. Recycled elected officials have only lost freedoms and liberties, flaunted and disregarded laws, enforced government overreach and policies that do not serve We The People. Recycling candidates, supported and endorsed by the same organizations and other recycled candidates, has been to our detriment and resulted in elected office career building in government. I am in this race because without a truly conservative candidate option this office will suffer from career building versus statesman leadership. An entrepreneurial, outside the box attitude and mind-set focused on solid stewardship of our tax dollars is my vision.

Clerk and Recorder's Role: What are the roles, rights, and duties of the El Paso County Clerk and Recorder?

The role of a County Clerk & Recorder's office is to oversee elections, administrate DMV services, serve as clerk to the County Commission, manage recorded documents, issue marriage licenses, and provide other approved constituent services. State statutes provide the rights and responsibilities Clerks have regarding how to administrate their numerous roles. The duty of Clerks is to follow state and federal constitutions and laws with regard to performance of their roles, especially with regard to elections. It is the sworn duty of Clerks to oppose rules, orders, or mandates that are illegitimate or illegally instituted (by decree) by higher offices, such as the Secretary of State, in contradiction to state and federal constitutions and laws.

Operational Changes: How would you run the Clerk and Recorder's office differently from your predecessor?

While I am not granted access to the current day-to-day operations of the office, I can speak to potential changes based on constituent input. First, provide a less complex and more user-friendly public interface for internet-based information, searches, and services. Second, I would not authorize Clerk-collected taxpayer funds be given to other taxpayer funded entities. The current Clerk recently issued a press release celebrating the ongoing transfer of \$60K per year to fund new staff within a separate government entity struggling with funding and budget needs. I firmly believe in responsible stewardship of taxpayer funds and the return of excesses to We The People versus transferring monies to other government entities working to supplement their own struggling budget.

Election Integrity: Is the El Paso County Clerk and Recorder's Election Department doing enough to ensure election integrity? If not, what are your proposals to secure our Colorado Elections?

Contrary to the narrative of election transparency, accuracy, and integrity given to the media, the reality has been the opposite. The current Clerk has followed illegitimate election orders and defended those actions at every opportunity. Private citizens and election integrity organizations have sought information and cooperation from the Clerk only to be rebuffed, given partial or misleading responses, or "smoke and mirrors" data. The situation is serious enough that the Republican canvassing judge was unwilling to certify the 2021 election results. A new and higher standard, diligently following state and federal constitutions and election laws, regardless of decrees from the Secretary of State, is what I will bring to the office. My opponent commits to more of the same.

Colorado Secretary of State: Do you believe that Colorado's current Secretary of State is facilitating or hindering the Clerk and Recorder's performance of sworn duties?

The environment Clerks are working in is a threatening one. Clerks who follow state and federal laws regarding the maintenance and record keeping of ballots and election results are being pursued via criminal complaints for performing their sworn duties. The fact that Clerks are being threatened and forced by the Secretary of State to submit to unlawful rules and orders and are by proclamation forbidden from forensically auditing questionable findings within their jurisdiction is unacceptable. A pattern of pursuing Clerks and limiting their abilities to perform their sworn duties continues to spread across the state with additional unlawful rules and orders being regularly decreed in an attempt to place more restrictions on Clerks working to fulfill their sworn duties.

Satellite Offices: Given the population growth in Colorado Springs, what is your position on the number and operation of satellite offices that the Clerk and Recorder currently has in place?

Based on the current and projected growth patterns of El Paso County I believe we need to actively explore opportunities to economically partner with other municipal and/or county organizations, most of whom are already in expansion mode, to create satellite service centers that offer expanded reach to constituents. New service centers in the Monument, Falcon/Peyton, and Fountain geographic areas warrant study as an opportunity to improve accessibility to all services across the entirety of the Clerk & Recorder's divisions, especially DMV services. As the largest county by population in Colorado, we need to move away from just a few centralized service centers within urban core areas when growth is primarily occurring in suburban and rural areas.

**Department Priorities: What are your priorities for the following departments: a. Recording
b. Motor Vehicles c. Election**

Recording: Eliminate or reduce non-statutory fees for both recording and retrieval of documents. Expand online access to searches and retrieval of all feasible document platforms to reduce constituent effort and expense in retrieval of documents.

Motor Vehicles: Eliminate or reduce non-statutory fees, many being merely repackaged local and state tax initiatives previously voted down by We The People. Work to decrease wait times and bring back in-person services that have been relegated to technology/internet-based interactions only.

Elections: Present election plans and budgets that call for the cancellation of all Dominion voting systems contracts in El Paso County and a return to in-person ballot delivery on election day, accompanied by photo ID, with hand counting at the precinct level.



STEVE SCHLEIKER

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Military Background:	Veteran / United States Marine Corps
Resident of the El Paso County:	47 years, which was not continuous due to military service and deployment

Your Experience: What experience (personal, professional, other) would you bring to your role as Clerk and Recorder that will benefit our county?

Having worked on behalf of our citizens as Assessor since 2014, I have long labored for positive change in our community by focusing on proactively educating our citizens, clearing the ambiguity from complicated state laws and processes, and responding quickly with a positive, helpful approach. I want to continue the great work of our Clerk & Recorder Team by bringing the fresh ideas and positive solutions sought by our voters.

You have entrusted me as your Assessor to support and fight for some of your most important, individual rights such as your Property Rights, our TABOR Amendment, Sexual Abuse / Domestic Violence Victim confidentiality, unfair State Taxation, and strong changes to your Senior Homestead and Disabled Veteran Exemption Programs.



Your Vision: What is your vision for being our county's Clerk and Recorder?

1. Regaining public trust in our local elections. We need to give the citizens the agency and space they need to feel empowered. Lock in Open Government reforms.
2. Ensuring Government Efficiency and Fiscal Responsibility. I am the only proven fiscal conservative in this race.
3. Stand and fight back against continued yearly Title and Registration Fees and Taxes.
4. Continue to be that consistent voice supporting our Seniors and Veterans.
5. Continually enhance the Clerk & Recorder's website and online services. Your Assessor's website receives nearly 49 million hits a year and is recognized as the best site throughout the State. I can do the same with the Clerk's.
6. Never be satisfied with business as usual.

Clerk and Recorder's Role: What are the roles, rights, and duties of the El Paso County Clerk and Recorder?

Per State Statute, the Office of Clerk & Recorder is where many of the transactions between the County Government and its citizens occur. This office is where you go to be issued a marriage license, search for land records and deeds, title your vehicle, renew your vehicle registration, and register to vote. This office is also responsible for conducting all County Elections.

In essence, the Clerk & Recorder's Office is the face of County Government.

Operational Changes: How would you run the Clerk and Recorder’s office differently from your predecessor?

Fewer than half of our residents are very confident that their vote will be counted correctly - and most say their ballot will not matter anyway because the political process is so dominated by corporate interests.

Implement a visual GIS (Geographic Information System) tool which would allow our citizens to view maps from the precinct level up to the county-wide level which would show total votes.

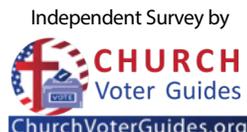
Query Assessor, Treasurer, Utility, Realtor, and Coroner data to assist in the cleaning up of our voter rolls. Join the Clerks Executive Committee to testify and proactively fight bad legislation affecting our community.

Contract with our local National Cyber - Intelligence Center to verify the validity, security, and function of all election hardware and software.

Election Integrity: Is the El Paso County Clerk and Recorder’s Election Department doing enough to ensure election integrity? If not, what are your proposals to secure our Colorado Elections?

Currently, our El Paso County Clerk and Recorder and his staff have worked tirelessly to ensure safeguards are in place to secure the integrity of the process. In fact, it is those safeguards that discovered there was an issue with the Colorado Secretary of State’s Election Night Reporting system in 2021. However, I do not believe that there is a perfect office or department. Staff and processes can always be improved, and I have some ideas on that from that include:

1. Transparency focus
2. Regaining citizens credibility in government
3. Providing more online services
4. Facilitating citizen education (Town Halls / Meet & Greets)
5. Conducting staff education
6. Incorporating statistical and operational audit procedures in all departments, including elections, ensuring efficiency and effectiveness for our citizens.



Colorado Secretary of State: Do you believe that Colorado's current Secretary of State is facilitating or hindering the Clerk and Recorder's performance of sworn duties?

Our Secretary of State serves as the chief executive of an office that oversees and administers many laws. This includes Colorado's business and commercial statutes for profit and nonprofit corporations, limited liability companies, partnerships, trade names, secured transactions under the Uniform Commercial Code and miscellaneous liens. Colorado Election Code, Voter Registration Law, Campaign Finance Laws, Lobbyist Regulation, Colorado Charitable Solicitations Act, Bingo and Raffles Laws, and Notaries Public Laws.

Sadly, our current Secretary of State has turned this office into a partisan office. This office is no different than our Clerk's, it is a statute driven office, not a policy driven office.

In short, she has not worked with many of the Clerk's, or their Association, and has generally been a hindrance.

Satellite Offices: Given the population growth in Colorado Springs, what is your position on the number and operation of satellite offices that the Clerk and Recorder currently has in place?

I am for smaller, efficient, and effective government and will continue to push for processes that make things easier for our citizens such as online services. However, I also recognize that our citizens want a person to answer the phones and want to visit with an actual person to get their needs addressed.

El Paso County is the fastest growing county in the State.

So yes, if warranted I support satellite offices. For example, I have worked with our Sheriff to set up a new satellite office in Falcon, CO at no additional tax burden to our taxpayers. This satellite office will house the Sheriff, Clerk, and Assessor staff. Experience, Leadership, Knowledge, and Commitment is important in this election.

**Department Priorities: What are your priorities for the following departments: a. Recording
b. Motor Vehicles c. Election**

The Recording Department establishes procedures for individuals to file copies of real property documents such as deeds, liens and mortgages. Recording also establishes priority of real property ownership interest between individuals with competing claims.

The Motor Vehicle Department is responsible for the issuance of vehicle titles, maintenance of vehicle records, and the issuance of motor vehicle regulatory licenses.

The Elections Department is responsible for making sure that every lawful resident in El Paso County has the opportunity to register to vote and to exercise their right to vote.

Each are just as important as the others and required the same amount of attention and dedication from the elected official on behalf of the citizens of El Paso County, CO.

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Republican Candidate for

CORONER



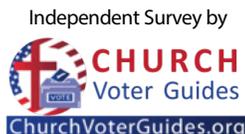
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Resident of the El Paso County:	19 years

Your Experience: What experience (personal, professional, other) would you bring to your role as Coroner that will benefit our county?

I am a fully licensed physician, board-certified in anatomic, clinical, and forensic pathology whose medical specialty is figuring how and why people die. I have performed nearly 5000 autopsies, supervised thousands of death investigations, testified in hundreds of criminal trials and have served as a medical examiner in this community for 14 years. As El Paso County Coroner, Chief Medical Examiner, and Medical Director of our forensic toxicology laboratory, I lead the busiest coroner’s office in the state, serving nearly 1/3 of Colorado counties, overseeing a team of death investigators, medical examiners, and toxicologists who are at the forefront of investigating the worst tragedies occurring in our community in hopes of preventing similar deaths in the future.



Your Vision: What is your vision for being our County Coroner?

The role of coroner is a challenging one. We serve our citizens and their families during the most tragic days of their lives. And in truth, there are no “good days” at the coroner’s office. But the information we gain through skillful and thorough death investigation provides our families, law enforcement, district attorney, health-care providers, public health department, elected officials, media, and citizens with the information necessary to improve the collective well-being and safety of our community. As El Paso County Coroner, my vision is to identify what has gone wrong, so we are best equipped to prevent those same tragedies from occurring in the days ahead through transparency and community-wide collaboration.

Challenges: What are the biggest challenges for the El Paso County Coroner and the Coroner's office, and how do you plan to address them moving forward?

The last decade has seen a startling increase in the “diseases of despair” that include chronic alcohol abuse, drug deaths, and suicide. This community experienced our own wave of youth suicides in recent past. And this was before a global pandemic disrupted our lives and support systems. As deaths of nearly every category have increased and the pipeline of physicians and investigators with the necessary specialty training fail to meet demand, adequate staffing is our most immediate challenge. Our office has overcome these challenges in the past by recruiting mission-driven individuals that desire to be at the forefront of our efforts to save lives through prevention as we’ve done with our recent teen suicide prevention success.

Determining Cause of Death: How do you medically determine whether a disease or other condition is a cause of death, an unrelated factor present at death, or something in between?

The statutory responsibility of the coroner is to determine cause and manner of death. This is done through a combination of autopsy and laboratory studies, death scene investigation, and a review of the decedent’s medical, social, and psychiatric history. In some cases, the cause of death may be clear, while in others it may require expert levels of forensic and medical training to decipher. The cause of death may have many factors, both natural and/or injurious. The “but-for principle” determines what injuries or diseases caused death.... meaning that but-for these events, diseases, or injuries, the individual would not have died at this time and place, thus identifying the specific cause or contributors to death.

Notifying Family: How do you communicate with family members when you have to notify them of the death of a loved one?

Notifying families of the death of a loved-one is the most emotionally difficult but meaningful responsibility of the coroner. Once identified, our death investigators work with law enforcement to locate next-of-kin. Attempts will be made to notify them in-person as soon as possible but in the age of social media and families spread across the country this often proves challenging. With active-duty military members we work with mortuary affairs to perform notifications. After autopsy, our medical examiners, including myself, speak with families to relay the findings and cause of death. Our staff is available 24-hours a day to assist families in the care of their loved ones after death.

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Republican Candidates for

COUNTY
COMMISSIONER



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Military Background:	Military Spouse
Resident of the El Paso County:	35 years, college years spent in La Plata County

Your Experience: What experience (personal, professional, other) would you bring to your role as Commissioner that will benefit our county?

I believe the Constitution delegates and dictates our roles in local governmental systems. Politicians should be servant leaders, who advocate for the constituents they serve. I have been a proven advocate for our community for over 10 years. I have worked in a multitude of challenging situations and my skill sets are perfectly aligned for the needs of this servant role.

Your Vision: What is your vision for being one of our County Commissioners?

Our Board of County Commissioners should be comprised of servant leaders working tirelessly to put the citizens of our county back in front. I am not a yes woman, I am willing to stand up and be a dissenting voice when policies threaten the livelihoods and wellbeing of the great people of El Paso County. Too often our politicians have made decisions that have not taken into account every stakeholder affected by each decision. I hope to create a culture of planning and foresight rather than being a reactive board, patching issues as the county continues its rapid growth.

County Commissioner's Role: What are the roles, rights, and duties of an El Paso County Commissioner?

It is the Duty of a County Commissioner to serve as a Constitutional member who is the primary administrator, overseer, and budgeter for County Programs as well as apportionment for tax levying. We oversee 14 departments and 2800 employees and are the main body responsible for the management of County Affairs. Each of the Commissioners sits on a specific operating and advisory board as a representative of the county. A true servant looks out for what is best for the constituents, not what is best for their husband business or their pocket book. I will be that leader!

Building and Development: Considering our limited water and energy resources, to what extent and in what manner should the County be encouraging building and development?

We need smart development, encouraging our builders to think into the future of the developments. Land use and water use, what will this look like in 5, 10,15 years. Do we have affordable, responsible developers who are thinking of the people in El Paso County before they think of the government. I believe the county should be encouraging to the people who are continuing development of our wonderful county, however expansion should not come at the cost of those who already reside in our county. We must be discerning of the impact new developments have on our limited resources, we must ask the questions first not after when it comes to sustainability.



Departmental Budgets: What is your experience in regard to understanding and managing large and complex departmental budgets?

I have many years of experience with specific departmental budgeting. I have bought, balanced and maintained a running inventory with extensive vendor lists in multiple business settings. I understand the needs and complexities of large budgets and understand the need for significant planning to ensure that the budget being built be realistic, attainable and that every dollar spent is money spent on behalf of those we serve. It is important to keep in mind that the revenue brought into the county belongs to the people and is entrusted to county administrators and commissioners as a fiduciary. It is our fiduciary responsibility to our constituents to spend every dollar in a way that serves the tax payers.

TABOR: What is your position on The Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR)?

Politicians and governmental entities are trying to trick the voters out of their tabor rights. Tabor is brilliant and keeps legislative bodies in check and from over taxing the people without their permission. There is a ton of deceptive ballot language coming from our legislative folks trying to cheat the people out of tax refunds using the "can we keep your overpayments" in perpetuity. That is call De- Brucing, or getting people to give up their tabor rights. The government should have to ask, in plain language to keep excessive revenue. As fiduciaries of our taxpayer dollars, politicians and administrators need to be transparent in their spending and collection of revenues.

Improving County Services: If new resources became available, what single area of County services do you believe most needs additional funding. and what do you suggest that money be used for to improve the lives of El Paso County citizens?

El Paso County has not had the foresight to address the quick and widespread growth of our county. The County has put band-aids on problems rather than addressing the root cause. We build new homes and buildings before putting in place infrastructure. This has led to traffic issues when there are not enough lanes to service the traffic load, this has led to growing emergency response times for those living in rural areas. Constituents in rural areas need not be forgotten just because they do not live in the metropolis of Colorado Springs. These issues must be addressed immediately with solutions that plan for further growth. Let's lay the proper infrastructure in anticipation of expansion, not be reactionary.

Enforcing Mandates: What is your position in regard to enforcing "mandates" issued by governmental or non- governmental officials or agencies? How will you use the power of your office as County Commissioner to defend the Constitutional rights of El Paso County citizens?

Mandates are not laws; they are unconstitutional and are a violation of our rights as citizens. Every governmental or legislative body who has enforced these mandates is not following the law or the constitution and is in violation of the people's rights.

I will NEVER enforce mandates, and as a commissioner it is my DUTY to defend the people's rights.



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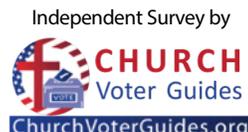
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Resident of the El Paso County:	30 years

Your Experience: What experience (personal, professional, other) would you bring to your role as Commissioner that will benefit our county?

Elected as your El Paso County Commissioner in 2018 with 70.2% of the vote. I enjoy serving El Paso County citizens, advocating for District 1 residents, and supporting our military service members. I am pro-life, pro-family, support our right to keep and bear arms, and support our Constitution.

Republican volunteer since 1994 from precinct leader to office manager. Selected by the Republican Party as the Republican of the Year. Master of Public Administration from UCCS. Governor Bill Owens appointed me as El Paso Public Trustee for eight years.

I have been married for 35 years and have four children. Jesus Christ is my Savior and I pray for his tender mercies and grace.



Your Vision: What is your vision for being one of our County Commissioners?

I will protect and enhance our quality of life by keeping taxes low, funding transportation, protecting private property rights, and supporting public safety.

I have fought for our conservative values at the local, state, and national levels including fighting for 2nd Amendment rights against Chicago Democrats, and taking positions on 26 bills – fighting for constitutional rights and against unfunded mandates and attacks on law enforcement.

I successfully fought for transportation projects including the Powers/Research intersection and for the Voyager Parkway/I-25 exit. I will advocate for funding to complete Powers North. El Paso County added \$13.1 million in permanent funding to roads and an additional \$24 million in one-time funding.

County Commissioner's Role: What are the roles, rights, and duties of an El Paso County Commissioner?

As a Commissioner, I take an oath to uphold the US and Colorado Constitution. My primary responsibility is to represent the citizens of my district and to ensure efficient use of taxpayer dollars. During the COVID emergency, I fought to open closed religious’ institutions and opposed mask and vaccine mandates.

We consistently adopt a balanced budget that meets TABOR. I monitor state legislation that affects county services especially when it diminishes our ability to enforce the law, risks community safety, or creates an unfunded mandate. We also fund maintenance for 4,400 lane miles of roads in unincorporated areas.

Building and Development: Considering our limited water and energy resources, to what extent and in what manner should the County be encouraging building and development?

I support American energy independence and private property rights. I evaluate new developments based upon the El Paso Master Plan, the Water Master Plan, and the land development code. I support the 300-year water rule that requires new development to have 3x’s more water availability than the State of Colorado requires. I support our special district policy limiting mill levy rates and our road impact fee.

I support state legislation that reduces regulations and support affordable and attainable housing. I oppose legislation that benefits trial lawyers at the expense of Coloradans seeking to buy homes.



Departmental Budgets: What is your experience in regard to understanding and managing large and complex departmental budgets?

As a Commissioner, I've continued to ensure that El Paso County has a balanced budget and the state's lowest cost per citizen. In 2021, County government cost each citizen \$306, the mill levy was 7.692 and the property tax per citizen was only \$73.04. The closest county to that is more than 50% higher at 12 mills.

We pride ourselves on excellent customer service with a limited budget. When Governor Polis shut down the State economy due to COVID in April 2020, many employees did not miss a day of work and all employees were working remotely within a week. Our productivity during this time frame increased.

TABOR: What is your position on The Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR)?

I support the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights. I believe that limiting the growth of government as well as requiring voter approval for tax increases has placed El Paso County in a very good financial position as the economy starts to grow. I support limiting the growth of government and believe that tax increases require voter approval.

Improving County Services: If new resources became available, what single area of County services do you believe most needs additional funding. and what do you suggest that money be used for to improve the lives of El Paso County citizens?

Road maintenance. El Paso County maintains more than 4,400 lane miles of roads. During the Great Recession, El Paso Commissioners made the tough decision to cut funding to roads. With normal inflation and required increases in services, our roads continue to be underfunded. In the past four years, I have supported increasing the road maintenance budget by \$13.1 million in ongoing revenue.

This year, I supported dedicating \$24 million in one-time revenue for roads. I will continue to support additional ongoing revenues for roads as well as adding additional one-time revenues each year.

Enforcing Mandates: What is your position in regard to enforcing "mandates" issued by governmental or non- governmental officials or agencies? How will you use the power of your office as County Commissioner to defend the Constitutional rights of El Paso County citizens?

During the COVID emergency, El Paso Commissioners did not support or enforce a mask mandate and, by resolution, I specifically stated that I do not support vaccine mandates.

When the state overreached on COVID, I supported the effort to immediately open churches for worship service that had been unconstitutionally shut down by Governor Polis. When we received money from the federal government, we quickly dedicated amounts to help ensure critical services were provided and small businesses were protected.

Additional federal funding is being distributed with very specific guidelines so that businesses have equal opportunity to apply for these funds. When the federal government allowed relief funding for roads, I immediately supported dedicating the maximum amount to roads.



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Your Experience: What experience (personal, professional, other) would you bring to your role as Commissioner that will benefit our county?

Prior to being elected El Paso County Commissioner in 2018, my professional roles involved bringing multiple stakeholders together and communicating clearly for solutions-based results for our community. That experience prepared me well for serving our community the last three years. There's no better experience than actually having done the job before, particularly during a time of unprecedented attention on elected officials. I have been responsive, respectful, and principled in stressful and tenuous situations, advocating always for citizens and drawing on my faith and commitment to conservative roles of government. In addition, the story of our 7-year old son highlights my commitment to life and family values, as well as a unique perspective of health and human services issues County faces.



Your Vision: What is your vision for being one of our County Commissioners?

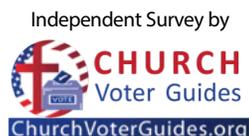
Since 2018, I've delivered on a bold vision of government entities working together to better and efficiently serve El Paso County residents. With a passion for ensuring the county remains a safe and desirable place to raise families like mine, I've pursued planned growth and development, public safety and emergency preparedness, and fiscally-responsible management of tax dollars to benefit citizens for decades to come. My common-sense conservatism has brought cooperation and results to the County Commission. I am committed to listening to your concerns and making responsible decisions based on my beliefs and all evidence available. I would be honored to continue effective Commissionership by prioritizing families and businesses, limiting government overreach, and building a strong and sustainable community.

County Commissioner's Role: What are the roles, rights, and duties of an El Paso County Commissioner?

The role of a County Commissioner is to protect our God-given Constitutional rights on a local level. Throughout my term, we have pushed back on attempts to erode those rights. In addition to standing up for rights, we defend our most vulnerable citizens, create a thriving economy, upskill our workforce, end dependency on government handouts, create efficiency and transparency, and provide public safety and public infrastructure. We also support our Nation's defense by making our region a better place for men and women in uniform and their families. And we do it all for the lowest cost per citizen of any large county in the state, with a fundamental understanding that it's our responsibility to spend your money wisely.

Building and Development: Considering our limited water and energy resources, to what extent and in what manner should the County be encouraging building and development?

Our region continues to be an attractive place to live, work and play. With that comes complexity of ensuring quality of life including housing availability, recreation opportunities and preservation of traditional land uses. Growth is inevitable, so it must be approached in a strategic, planned and managed way. I have and will continue to make decisions that maintain conservative principles of limited regulation and utmost protection of private property rights, while also balancing free-market principles and complying with statutory code. Our new comprehensive master plan includes preservation of agricultural lands and zoning, expands traditional approaches to water conservation, and brings focus to future land use development decisions that residents can depend on as they make their own private property decisions.



Departmental Budgets: What is your experience in regard to understanding and managing large and complex departmental budgets?

As a County Commissioner, I have not only allocated the unrestricted portion of our current \$500 Million budget, but also taken responsibility of receiving, allocating and distributing \$265M in federal funding sent to the County since 2020. Managing a budget is a critical part of serving as a Commissioner, as Commissioners must ensure that the unrestricted funding in our discretion is put towards efforts that serve our County best. Our general fund expenditures now include a 5-year outlook and assurance that each line item aligns with our Strategic Plan. Most importantly, I've had a keen eye on public process and transparency, and ensuring accountability for every dollar of our citizen's hard-earned money.

TABOR: What is your position on The Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR)?

I love that TABOR ensures citizens have the final say over the amount of taxes they pay to the government. This protection is crucial to keep the size and scope of government in check. As someone who chose to live in this area, I can tell you that TABOR makes governments on every level think harder about how to allocate scarce resources. I also respect the will of the voters when they vote on TABOR related questions.

Improving County Services: If new resources became available, what single area of County services do you believe most needs additional funding. and what do you suggest that money be used for to improve the lives of El Paso County citizens?

This could be a 3-word answer, based on what government CAN AND SHOULD DO: Roads and Infrastructure, with a focus on long-term planning that aligns with growth models and the master plan upon which decisions are being made. Although we have put an ADDITIONAL \$60M into roads since my term began, we have hundreds of millions in road needs that will only increase in this inflationary time. We must also include broadband, wastewater and water infrastructure as we plan large transportation corridor projects.

Enforcing Mandates: What is your position in regard to enforcing "mandates" issued by governmental or non- governmental officials or agencies? How will you use the power of your office as County Commissioner to defend the Constitutional rights of El Paso County citizens?

I will use all legal and statutory tools I have to fight unconstitutional mandates. I've fought against COVID-19 restrictions and vaccine mandates, as well as attempts to roll back the 2nd Amendment and extremist environmental policies that would destroy our economy. I fervently believe in local control – it's why I took such a large role in getting variances for our local businesses. I am proud that your Commissioners never supported any state mandate, nor did we create one on the local level. I strongly believe that individuals and business owners are in the best position to make their own decisions, and I will continue to fight for their right to do so.



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Your Experience: What experience (personal, professional, other) would you bring to your role as Commissioner that will benefit our county?

I took the same Oath to enter the Marines that Elected Officials take. Married ~ 44 years. The America-First Christian Conservative Grassroots Constitutional candidate for D5. I have wide experience in a long-term I.T. career and other fields of deep experience. I am called "Jack of All Trades & Master of Some" in two industries - I.T. and Construction. As Project/Program Manager, I have managed multi-faceted teams for on-time, on-budget successful deliveries of Company-wide and Worldwide projects, including company & data infrastructure changes, strengthening IBM's Data Security and creating the Data Security Department for American Century Mutual Funds with their 2M investors. Senior Systems Analyst & Troubleshooter. We love Colorado & El Paso County!



Your Vision: What is your vision for being one of our County Commissioners?

In 8 months of traveling the beautiful, great Red state of Colorado running a campaign for Colorado Secretary of State to replace Jena Griswold, I have learned a plethora of ways that corruption creeps in to crevices & dark corners of our government processes through elected officials that for whatever reason get "owned" or no longer feel compelled to serve us. It's shocking and I could cover many bullet items with brief added details for hours. Some listening to me have suggested I document these items while it's still fresh in my mind. My vision is to restore Truth and Transparency with my Marine Corps Tenacity back to El Paso County government, including elections. They hide transparency from us deep in the complexity. Why is that? Leave No Doubt. We All Win With Winney.

County Commissioner's Role: What are the roles, rights, and duties of an El Paso County Commissioner?

A County Commissioner, has no different rights than any of the rest of us. We all have God-given rights.

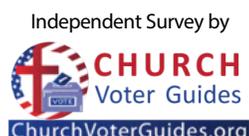
Per statute: The County Commissioners are constitutional officers elected to four-year terms. County government is a political subdivision of state government, created to carry out the will of the state. The County is not an independent governmental entity existing by reason of any sovereign authority. As a political subdivision, the county and its board of commissioners possess only such implied powers as are necessary to carry out expressed powers (Colorado Constitution, Article XIV, Section 6). If they are to carry out the will of the state, ultimately, they are there to carry out the will of We The People.

Building and Development: Considering our limited water and energy resources, to what extent and in what manner should the County be encouraging building and development?

I'm a lifelong learner. I will learn and study any issues related to this question to understand it and tackle it with the best common- sense approach that serves us best.

I'm called a "Jack of All Trades and Master of Some" in two different industries. Information Technology (I.T.) and Construction. If you laid a foundation and gave me the plans, I could build a house and finish it inside and out. I've used these skills for many areas of volunteer work. Led project teams for widows and single mothers' home projects.

I have done virtually everything in I.T. including strengthening major Data Security in IBM development lab and created the Data Security Dept for American Century Mutual Funds.



Departmental Budgets: What is your experience in regard to understanding and managing large and complex departmental budgets?

I managed the entire project to install a new mainframe and all its software in the Marketing Dept for Hallmark Cards.

I saved two companies multiple Millions of Dollars in three different situations. One by discovering, exposing and documenting fraud in software purchased. Settled out of court.

Second by investigating, troubleshooting and correcting a decade+ old intersystem communication error.

Third by evaluating and documenting for a Director why a \$27 Million project was failing. On my input, he re-funded the project and set it on a solid foundation for success.

As a Project and Program Manager, I managed various company-wide and worldwide projects, their staffing and budgets for multi- faceted teams and on-time, on-budget successful delivery.

TABOR: What is your position on The Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR)?

My view is when elected officials are not committed to self-constraint of government budgets, TABOR provides help in that direction.

The Colorado Taxpayers’ Bill of Rights, known as TABOR Amendment or TABOR, was an amendment to the Colorado Constitution passed in 1992. It restricts state and local government tax revenue, budget, and tax increases, and has been called “the most restrictive tax and expenditure limitation in the country”.

The primary intent of TABOR is to “reasonably restrain most the growth of government,” as stated in the amendment’s first sentence (Constitution of Colorado. Article X, Sec. 20). While it may have implicit secondary goals... preventing government expansion is stated as its first and foremost goal.



Improving County Services: If new resources became available, what single area of County services do you believe most needs additional funding. and what do you suggest that money be used for to improve the lives of El Paso County citizens?

There are some areas where the roads have been completely renewed with beautiful new road surfaces. Smooth as silk. While other neighborhoods are badly neglected and haven't been touched for years other than an occasional patch when pictures and submission to the COS DOT sent in by a resident. Then a patch is plopped and nothing else done in that area.

Also, sitting at a long traffic light in the middle of the night with no one anywhere in sight is massive ridiculous. It's time to apply some common sense and return to blinking red and yellow lights from late-night to early-morning hours.

Enforcing Mandates: What is your position in regard to enforcing "mandates" issued by governmental or non- governmental officials or agencies? How will you use the power of your office as County Commissioner to defend the Constitutional rights of El Paso County citizens?

The only purpose of anyone serving in government, including law enforcement, is to protect our God-given rights and to serve us well with any other responsibilities under their Oath of Office. If they are not defending the Constitution against all enemies, both foreign and domestic, they shouldn't be in office and should be answering to us why they failed. There is no such thing as a "mandate" from any agency which is binding to any of us. Elected Officials are not the "Ruling Class". They work for us. We The People are the Sovereigns in this nation. Only laws that are not repugnant to the Constitution are binding for anything. If you have any questions, please contact me.

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SHERIFF



GREG MAXWELL

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Your Experience: What experience (personal, professional, other) would you bring to your role as Sheriff that will benefit our county?

I have 20 years of experience in the Sheriff's Office, working a variety of assignments beginning as a chaplain. I'm currently a Lieutenant over the Reserve Unit. I'm also the president/founder of the Sheriff's Office Foundation which promotes private/public partnerships with our community. I have 30 years of experience as an entrepreneur/business owner and am known for finding innovative solutions. Additionally, I have eight years of experience as the Director of Security, for both a local Christian school system and the world-renowned Broadmoor Hotel. This cumulative experience has given me a breadth of knowledge and trusted relationships throughout our community, state, and nation, setting me apart from the other candidates, which is crucial in leading the office into the future.



Your Vision: What is your vision for being our county's Sheriff?

My vision for the Sheriff's Office is to protect the citizens of El Paso County's God-given constitutional rights and liberties. I will empower employees to excel within the workplace with the training and resources they need to protect and serve, setting the standard locally and nationally as a professional workforce. We will be transparent in how we police, with a focus on crime prevention and innovative intelligence-led policing. I will hold myself, along with the entirety of the El Paso County Sheriff's Office, accountable to serving the community with professionalism and dignity, reflecting the valor, spirit, and pride of our great county. The goal of this partnership is to restore the community's trust and faith in law enforcement.

Sheriff's Role: What are the roles, rights, and duties of the El Paso County Sheriff? Are their specific ways that have you seen law enforcement agencies abuse their authority that concern you, and how will you prevent that from happening in the El Paso County Sheriff Department?

The duties and responsibilities of the Sheriff are set forth in Colorado Revised Statutes, which include keeping the peace and order in El Paso County, providing law enforcement services to unincorporated areas of the County, operating the El Paso County Jail to include the transportation of prisoners, maintaining civil process throughout the county, coordinating search and rescue efforts, and operating as the fire warden for the County, all while protecting the citizens' God-given Constitutional Rights. The Sheriff's Office also issues concealed handgun permits. I will establish a well-trained and well-educated workforce, knowledgeable not only in Colorado law, but also well-versed in Constitutional law, ensuring the citizens of El Paso County's rights and liberties are protected and never infringed upon.

Governmental Overreach: How will you defend and protect the Constitutional rights of the people of El Paso County against any unconstitutional overreach by state or federal government? (For example: "No Knock Raids", "Red Flag Laws", and "Health Mandates".) In addition, how will you defend and protect El Paso County citizens against ANY unlawful act by any individual, governmental agent, foreign/international governmental body, or organization?

By having strong and trusted relationships with state and federal partners, I will lead the Sheriff's Office and be respected within the law enforcement community. I already have those relationships. As a respected law enforcement leader, I will have a seat at the table which will allow me to be consulted prior to these types of enforcement actions. The red flag law, as written, is not needed, nor do I support the current verbiage. As your Sheriff, I will not enforce unconstitutional health mandates of any kind, as these are not enforceable laws. Furthermore, it is my responsibility to ensure the citizens of El Paso County have the protection afforded to them by the Constitution of the United States.

Immediate Challenges: What do you believe will be your most significant challenges as Sheriff of El Paso County? How will you address the overcrowding in the jail, illegal drug issues, and human trafficking in our county?

As your Sheriff, it is my responsibility to address the lawlessness and increasingly troubling drug use and crime in our community, which is at an unacceptable level. As your next Sheriff, I will not tolerate this as a way of life for El Paso County residents. Regarding our jail's population, I will ensure that we are housing the offenders that threaten the safety of our community and not using our jail to house the mentally ill. I will also promote education and reform to reduce recidivism. Human trafficking exists in our community, and I will partner with community resources to educate them about human trafficking activity to ensure the safety of the public and create an environment unwelcome to traffickers.

Recruitment and Retention: How will you recruit and retain highly qualified talent in the Sheriff's Office? Do you plan to address the diminished police protection to the rural areas of El Paso County, and if so, how?

The Sheriff's Office is currently operating with all-time historically low manpower levels. As your Sheriff, I will be innovative and aggressive in my recruiting of talent, to include advertising on social media platforms, opening lateral positions, and conducting nationwide searches. I have listened to the concerns of our rural El Paso citizens and am committed to bolstering our law enforcement presence in those areas. I will support employees of the Sheriff's Office, empowering them to achieve their highest potential, and publicize the good work our employees are doing to keep the public safe. Sheriff's Office employees will know they are supported, and the citizens of El Paso County will know we are there to protect their rights and liberties.

Interdepartmental Cooperation: What will you do to work cooperatively with local Police Departments and other law enforcement agencies within El Paso County to provide better public safety?

Good relationships with other law enforcement entities are critical to public safety. I have those relationships. Working in a silo as an agency is not a good plan. On day one, as your Sheriff, I will bring developed and trusted relationships with numerous local, state, and federal law enforcement entities, promoting close collaboration with those agencies and a safer community. Fostering those relationships means the sharing of resources, to include intelligence, investigative and technical expertise, and fire mitigation, to name a few. We are in tumultuous times, and as your Sheriff, I will maintain a position of leadership and trust within the law enforcement community, to be able to reach into those agencies and foster the safety of the public.



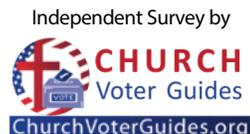
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Resident of the El Paso County:	25 years

Your Experience: What experience (personal, professional, other) would you bring to your role as Sheriff that will benefit our county?

I am your Christian, Conservative Republican, Constitutional sheriff's candidate! I have over 28 years of experience as a full time law enforcement officer, of which the last 25 years have been in El Paso County with the Colorado Springs Police Department. I am currently a lieutenant with the Colorado Springs Police Department. I have been a patrol officer, motorcycle traffic officer, homicide detective, patrol supervisor, community relations supervisor, public information sergeant, sex crimes and domestic violence detective sergeant, patrol shift commander and am currently the lieutenant over the Airport Police Unit, the office of emergency management liaison, and I oversee the Municipal Security Unit. I have been married to my high school sweetheart for 31 years.



Your Vision: What is your vision for being our county's Sheriff?

I want to help create the best Sheriff's Office to lead the state in innovation. We will challenge the status quo. We will work with regional partners to expand our ability to provide excellent law enforcement services. I will increase the capacity of our jail so it is sized appropriately for our growing county. We will create innovative programs like appointment based policing to free up deputies so they can respond quicker to life threatening calls for service. When you call the office you will get a response. I will be accountable to citizens of the county and employees of the Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff's Role: What are the roles, rights, and duties of the El Paso County Sheriff? Are their specific ways that have you seen law enforcement agencies abuse their authority that concern you, and how will you prevent that from happening in the El Paso County Sheriff Department?

The role of the sheriff is to protect your constitutional rights first and foremost. The Sheriff must provide a proper jail that can provide for the needs of the county. It is the responsibility of the sheriff to lead in a way that does not tolerate the abuse of law enforcement powers. I will not be swayed or influenced by anyone or any entity to violate my oath to protect and defend the constitution of Colorado and the United States. I will instill leadership principals in all employees, but particularly formal leaders that our job is to hold people accountable to our oath. We will weed out those that don't belong in law enforcement because they do not value their oath I will change the leadership paradigm of staff works for leadership and instead remind leadership that they work for their staff.

Governmental Overreach: How will you defend and protect the Constitutional rights of the people of El Paso County against any unconstitutional overreach by state or federal government? (For example: "No Knock Raids", "Red Flag Laws", and "Health Mandates".) In addition, how will you defend and protect El Paso County citizens against ANY unlawful act by any individual, governmental agent, foreign/international governmental body, or organization?

I will defend the constitutional rights of our citizens! We will not enforce red flag laws unless a search warrant based upon probable cause that a crime has been committed can be obtained. No knock warrants will not be utilized except in the most extreme cases and I will personally review them for approval. I will not enforce health mandates that violate personal choice. I will view all government mandates with skepticism and they will be scrutinized for constitutionality. I will defend the citizens of the county from any government agencies that seek to violate their rights.

Immediate Challenges: What do you believe will be your most significant challenges as Sheriff of El Paso County? How will you address the overcrowding in the jail, illegal drug issues, and human trafficking in our county?

I believe the biggest challenge will be bringing staffing levels up to our authorized strength. I will address this in the next question There is no overcrowding in the jail right now because the sheriff keeps the levels down to about 12-1300. The jail can hold up to 1800. I will open the doors. I will also seek to add on to the jail to increase capacity so it can handle the growth of our community. I will fight illegal drug cartels in our community by working with ICE to deport offenders that are in our country illegally. We will fight human trafficking by partnering with other regional agencies to provide a unified attack of the problem that goes beyond traditional jurisdictional boundaries.

Recruitment and Retention: How will you recruit and retain highly qualified talent in the Sheriff's Office? Do you plan to address the diminished police protection to the rural areas of El Paso County, and if so, how?

SB-217 has stripped us of our qualified immunity and attacked our profession in many other ways. Deputies are fleeing the profession at historic rates. Many have also left because they are dissatisfied with the current leadership. I will recruit deputies that left for this reason back to the office. I will recruit from our military ranks in the county and remove barriers that prevent them from considering us for employment. I will recruit from within the county and outside the county and state. I will increase staffing in the rural areas by partnering with bordering police departments to handle calls close to their jurisdiction so we can reassign deputies that normally patrol those areas to the more rural areas.

Interdepartmental Cooperation: What will you do to work cooperatively with local Police Departments and other law enforcement agencies within El Paso County to provide better public safety?

I will create strong partnerships with all local police agencies leaders. I will provide a fast prisoner intake process so officers can get back on patrol. I will provide prisoner transports to limit trips agencies have to make to the jail. In trade for this service, I will deputize all officers in our county so they can expand their jurisdictional boundaries to respond to calls for service in the county. I will work to share training academies, dispatch centers and other specializations that make sense. We are all in the county and we should work together to provide the best services for our citizens.

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Your Experience: What experience (personal, professional, other) would you bring to your role as Sheriff that will benefit our county?

I have served the community and the Sheriff's Office for over 26 years, and I am the Vice President of the Pikes Peak Firearms Coalition, protecting our 2nd Amendment rights. I began my career in 1995, graduating from (P.O.S.T) Peace Officer Standards and Training Academy. I have worked my way through the ranks starting at Sergeant, Lieutenant, Commander, Bureau Chief and Undersheriff.

During my 26 years I have served in diverse capacities to include the Jail, Court and Transport, Internal Affairs, Intake and Release, the Special Response Team, Metro, Vice, Narcotics, and Intelligence while working with a Street Impact Team, and Marijuana Regulation, Concealed Handgun Permits, Training, Recruiting, and Budget and Finance.



Your Vision: What is your vision for being our county's Sheriff?

I will address the mental health crisis in our County both in the community and in the Jail by increasing efforts and programs proven effective. I will provide more protection for the innocent and consequences to offenders (Reduce victims and crime) through systems designed to prevent crime. Finally, I will continue to combat assaults on our constitutional rights and efforts to discredit and hinder our police forces.

Sheriff's Role: What are the roles, rights, and duties of the El Paso County Sheriff? Are there specific ways that have you seen law enforcement agencies abuse their authority that concern you, and how will you prevent that from happening in the El Paso County Sheriff Department?

The duties of Sheriff are to uphold the Constitution, operate the jail, serve civil/criminal warrants, coordinate search/rescue, act as Fire Warden and protect the citizens of El Paso County.

I will take swift action against corruption and abuse of power. I will prevent abuse of power by providing above standard training, clearly defining expectations, and create a culture which promotes transparency, accountability, and ownership of actions.

I will provide the community the opportunity to voice concerns through a solid complaint system. Complaints and misconduct will be investigated thoroughly and in some cases through an investigation conducted by an outside party.

Governmental Overreach: How will you defend and protect the Constitutional rights of the people of El Paso County against any unconstitutional overreach by state or federal government? (For example: "No Knock Raids", "Red Flag Laws", and "Health Mandates".) In addition, how will you defend and protect El Paso County citizens against ANY unlawful act by any individual, governmental agent, foreign/international governmental body, or organization?

It is my Constitutional obligation to ensure I uphold the law and hold others to it. It is my intent to honorably meet and maintain this obligation. I will seek to hire individuals with integrity and train them with the same understanding of Constitutional law. I will work with legislators to protect El Paso County from undue governmental encroachment. I will seek community support and input regarding legislation with potential impact to El Paso County. I do not intend to enforce any unlawful mandate or require my sworn staff to do so. I have personally chosen not to adhere to the health mandates recently directed by governmental agencies. This is testament to my beliefs and conviction.

Immediate Challenges: What do you believe will be your most significant challenges as Sheriff of El Paso County? How will you address the overcrowding in the jail, illegal drug issues, and human trafficking in our county?

My most significant challenges are battling legislation, unfunded mandates which adversely impact law enforcement or quality of life in El Paso County and staffing. I am qualified and prepared to address these challenges.

Overcrowding in the jail is a matter of perspective. If someone commits a crime against a citizen of El Paso County, they deserve to be incarcerated despite the Jail population.

Illegal drugs transcend many types of crimes. I will ensure deputies/detectives are well trained/equipped to detect and enforce narcotics related crimes and I will engage at legislative levels. I will be proactive in addressing the growing concern of human trafficking in our community by staying engaged in key, collaborative partnerships.

Recruitment and Retention: How will you recruit and retain highly qualified talent in the Sheriff's Office? Do you plan to address the diminished police protection to the rural areas of El Paso County, and if so, how?

I will recruit and retain talent by making the El Paso County Sheriff's Office a desired place to work. This will be accomplished by creating and fostering an environment where people feel valued, appreciated, and have a voice.

I am the candidate developing and implementing a substation to serve the eastern and northern areas of the county.

Interdepartmental Cooperation: What will you do to work cooperatively with local Police Departments and other law enforcement agencies within El Paso County to provide better public safety?

Over my 26 years of serving El Paso County, I have fostered relations with all local police and government agencies and leadership. I routinely discuss matters affecting our community with these leaders and work in collaboration to identify solutions.



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Your Experience: What experience (personal, professional, other) would you bring to your role as Sheriff that will benefit our county?

- 28 years combined military and law enforcement experience
- Law enforcement special operations including search and rescue
- Emergency Manager USBP
- Operational leader and strategic management in a law enforcement agency with over 20,000 sworn agents
- Law enforcement executive officer in organization with over 4,000 sworn agents
- Interagency and Intelligence Community
- Counter-Transnational Organized Crime
- Counter-Terrorism
- MA Emergency Management & Homeland Security

Your Vision: What is your vision for being our county's Sheriff?

The sole purpose of government is the protection of our God-given rights. Thus, the primary focus of the sheriff (and all police agencies) must be the protection of citizens' rights. I will make the defense of the US Constitution the primary mission of the sheriff's office. The sheriff's office will be the premier peace keeping agency in the state using the US Constitution as the steering guidance for how the agency performs its duties. By ensuring the supremacy of the Constitution, the sheriff will promote the founders' vision of small and limited government, thus, providing freedom and liberty to the people while ensuring that criminal violators are arrested and handed over for prosecution.

Sheriff's Role: What are the roles, rights, and duties of the El Paso County Sheriff? Are there specific ways that have you seen law enforcement agencies abuse their authority that concern you, and how will you prevent that from happening in the El Paso County Sheriff Department?

The sheriff is the last line of defense for the protection of our constitutionally guaranteed freedoms from anyone who tries to infringe upon those rights. The sheriff can and must make the utmost priority of protecting our rights from all enemies foreign and domestic. The sheriff has the right and the authority to prevent anyone, no matter who they are or whom they work for, from abusing people's rights. The sheriff must use his authority to stop and if appropriate, charge any government employee who does this. Neither the state, nor the federal government is superior to the sheriff, because the sheriff's authority is derived from the people who elected him and government derives its authority from the people.

Governmental Overreach: How will you defend and protect the Constitutional rights of the people of El Paso County against any unconstitutional overreach by state or federal government? (For example: "No Knock Raids", "Red Flag Laws", and "Health Mandates".) In addition, how will you defend and protect El Paso County citizens against ANY unlawful act by any individual, governmental agent, foreign/international governmental body, or organization?

The sheriff can and must refuse to enforce any unconstitutional statute, order, mandate, or regulation. This is called nullification and is not dissimilar from The Doctrine Of The Lesser Magistrate. Red Flag laws are unconstitutional. Health mandates are unconstitutional and must not be enforced or obeyed. No Knock Raids must only be used when there is imminent danger to an innocent victim/hostage and then only if there is ample probable cause to believe that such a situation exists. Absent this very extreme set of circumstances, No Knock Raids should not be used. The sheriff must not only not participate in government overreach, he must take action against it when it occurs.



Immediate Challenges: What do you believe will be your most significant challenges as Sheriff of El Paso County? How will you address the overcrowding in the jail, illegal drug issues, and human trafficking in our county?

Retention and recruitment are immediate challenges that must be vigorously addressed. The department's mission is suffering because of the loss of manpower. Current employees must be retained before new hires can be sought. New and effective leadership will likely improve retention. Treat your employees right, and they won't leave. Morale is the commander's responsibility. COVID protocols have been the biggest contributor to jail overcrowding. I will end COVID protocols. Drug dealers will be arrested. Drug and human trafficking rings will be aggressively pursued and dismantled. I will use every tool available to me to find and dismantle these organizations. Drug dealers will be arrested. Illegal grows will similarly pursued.

Recruitment and Retention: How will you recruit and retain highly qualified talent in the Sheriff's Office? Do you plan to address the diminished police protection to the rural areas of El Paso County, and if so, how?

Ending corrosive workplace practices like cronyism and applying fair and equal standards (such as merit-based promotions) across the workforce will improve morale. Providing clear direction and expectations will also improve morale. Improving morale will improve retention and retention must precede recruitment of new hires. I will recruit former EPSO employees who left to other CO agencies as retention effort. When the current workforce is stabilized, I will place emphasis on recruitment of military members leaving active duty. I will streamline the HQ element to provide more available manpower for patrol. "Take home" vehicles for deputies who live in or near rural areas will provide more and better coverage.

Interdepartmental Cooperation: What will you do to work cooperatively with local Police Departments and other law enforcement agencies within El Paso County to provide better public safety?

All local police departments should have interagency agreements, which should clearly identify their relationships. Forming taskforces among the local departments will provide mutual aid and assistance and serve as force multipliers. A centralized/joint dispatch/communications center will also strengthen local cooperation. The sheriff can (and should) deputize other local departments. The relationships between state and federal agencies must be clearly and uncompromisingly defined to establish the fact that local agencies are always in charge. State and federal agencies should only serve in support roles to and only at the request of local agencies. They do not have freedom to operate unless granted permission by the sheriff.

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Republican Candidate for

SURVEYOR



RICHARD MARIOTTI

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Your Experience: What experience (personal, professional, other) would you bring to your role as Surveyor that will benefit our county?

I am the current El Paso County Surveyor. Colorado State statute requires that the County Surveyor be licensed by the State. I have been a Colorado licensed land surveyor for 38 years. License #22573. I have a B.S. degree in Land Surveying from Ferris State University, 1979. My entire 43 year professional career has been in land surveying.

1979-2000 I worked for a mid-sized engineering and land surveying company. 2000-2011 I owned my own land surveying company. 2011-2015 I worked in the oil fields of North Dakota. 2015-2018 I worked for El Paso County DOT.

My wife of 40 years, Kimberly, and I raised all three of our children here in Colorado Springs.



Your Vision: What is your vision for being our County Surveyor?

My vision as the County Surveyor is to always be accessible to the public and to County offices. I also want to continue to maintain the high standards established between the County Surveyor and the Clerk and Recorder's office for depositing Land Survey Plats.

Challenges: What are the biggest challenges for the El Paso County Surveyor and the Surveyor's office, and how do you plan to address them moving forward?

When I am contacted by citizens, it is usually to see if their property has been surveyed. I search the County records and communicate with them on what I found. I would like to make it easy for citizens to do this research for themselves. Each year hundreds of Land Survey Plats are deposited with the Clerk and Recorder's office after I review and accept them. These are public records. I would like to establish a search page so citizens can put in their address and find out what surveys have been submitted in their area. From that they can make an informed decision. This will be a very challenging project and may take some time to accomplish.

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Republican Candidates for

TREASURER



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Your Experience: What experience (personal, professional, other) would you bring to your role as Treasurer that will benefit our county?

I was re-elected to a second term as the Clerk and Recorder in 2018 where I have managed elections, motor vehicle, driver's license and recording transactions. Annually our office collects \$180 million dollars in taxes and fees. I have worked 20 years in the fast-paced and rapidly changing semiconductor field at companies such as NCR, AT&T, Hyundai, Symbios Logic, and LSI. I have earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and an Associate's Degree in Electromechanical Engineering. Each of those businesses' experiences have heightened my aptitude for working in an ever-changing and fast-paced environment. Over the years I have developed a strong respect for the customer and realized the importance of treating staff with dignity and respect.

Your Vision: What is your vision for being our County Treasurer?

Taxes, fees, and regulations should be limited to those that are necessary to perform those essential services that only government can provide. Every dollar of taxes and fees ends up raising the end cost of delivering a product or service by four dollars. Government should look at fees and taxes from the prism of does it affect housing affordability. I am not a status quo guy. I look for constant improvement in how we deliver services. My leadership skills, innovative thinking and hard work has brought many accolades and awards to my office. My office has been the benchmark for other offices across the country. Our citizens deserve the very best of county can offer.

Challenges: What are the biggest challenges for the El Paso County Treasurer and the Treasurer's office, and how do you plan to address them moving forward?

Changing the culture of “we have never done it that way” to one were we embrace the idea of “What can we do to assist you today!”

Changes: What changes, if any, will you implement as Treasurer?

The Treasurer’s office is composed of hard-working knowledgeable employees. They need a leader that will guide, inspired, and mentor them. I am that person. I will replace the antiquated system with top-notch processes and make customer service a top priority. I will do all this while maintaining a fiscally conservative approach to budget matters. I will explore the possibilities of citizens paying their property taxes via quarterly or monthly payments. This could assist in allowing more opportunities for citizens to stay in their homes thus advertng foreclosures or tax lien sales. Examine the abilities of self-service kiosks as a method for citizens to pay their taxes and fees.

Tax Sale: How and why does the Treasurer conduct an annual tax sale?

A tax lien sale is a process the State of Colorado uses to require an owner to pay unpaid taxes. It gives homeowners a chance to pay those taxes along with penalty fees. The process works like this:

- A property owner neglects to pay his or her taxes.
- A waiting period initiates.
- The unpaid taxes are auctioned off at a tax lien sale. The highest bidder gets the lien against the property.
- The tax collector uses the money earned at the tax lien sale to compensate for unpaid back taxes.
- The homeowner has a period to pay back or cure the lien, plus interest, or face foreclosure.



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Your Experience: What experience (personal, professional, other) would you bring to your role as Treasurer that will benefit our county?

I am currently the Deputy Treasurer, and have worked in the Treasurer’s Office for the past 20 years and deeply care for the citizens of El Paso County and the staff within our office. This experience gives me the best understanding of how to balance the statutory collection of property taxes with compassion and understanding of WHO we are collecting these taxes from.



Your Vision: What is your vision for being our County Treasurer?

To continue providing a level of customer service which is unique to the Treasurer and Public Trustee Offices. I know of no other office where we work directly with citizens who may be losing their property through foreclosure or unpaid taxes. I will continue to provide a desirable working environment to retain knowledgeable and experienced staff to best serve the citizens of El Paso County.

Challenges: What are the biggest challenges for the El Paso County Treasurer and the Treasurer's office, and how do you plan to address them moving forward?

Technology and Cyber Security are the biggest challenges. We are in the end stages of a computer conversion which has proven to be extremely challenging for a county of our size. I will work my hardest to continue to keep up with the ever-changing advances in technology especially when it comes to providing convenient, secure payment options and disbursement of funds to the taxing entities.

Changes: What changes, if any, will you implement as Treasurer?

Aside from the completion of the computer conversion, no changes are needed. The policies and procedures of the Treasurer and Public Trustee Offices are set by Statute. Both Offices are running efficiently with experienced and knowledgeable staff.

Tax Sale: How and why does the Treasurer conduct an annual tax sale?

Taxing entities rely on the collection of taxes to operate. A statutory process is followed to offer unpaid taxes as tax liens at public auction. The purchase of a tax lien pays the districts the tax and interest amount owed to them. In essence, the tax lien purchaser is "loaning" the property owner money to pay their taxes by placing an interest bearing lien on the property.

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