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El Paso County - Republican Candidates

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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 Colorado Primary Elections for Federal, Statewide, and El Paso County Offices is being distributed electronically-only through our website via downloadable and printable PDF files, as well as mobile-friendly interactive webpages. As this Voter Guide is for the Primary Election, there are separate Guides 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 verbatim. 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?

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So, first and foremost: **Church Voter Guides** does NOT endorse or oppose any candidates for public office or any political party.

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 (except Regents and Board of Education, as they are all running unopposed), inviting them to answer our Questionnaire. Candidate information is presented in ballot order. 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.

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Republican Candidates for

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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DAVE WILLIAMS

Candidate Information

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

As a conservative warrior who’s been fighting in the State House for 6 years now, I’m asking for a chance to earn your vote so I can continue our America-First fight in Congress.

The liberal media call me “a thorn in the side of Democrats” because I’ve fought for election integrity, the unborn, lower taxes and spending, banning CRT, border security, and our Second Amendment.

But Democrats aren’t the only ones to blame. Establishment Republicans like Mitt Romney and Liz Cheney are ruining our country too, and sell-out Republicans like Doug Lamborn who help them need to be sent packing. Doug’s RINO voting record and ever-expanding ethics investigation are the proof.

This isn’t personal, this is business – the people’s business.



Your Vision: What is your vision for being our district's Congressperson?

From fighting against COVID mandates and fighting to protect the rights of fellow Christians like Jack the cake maker, to rolling back out-of-control government spending and stifling regulations on businesses, I go to work every day to take power away from government and give it back to you, where it belongs.

Unlike my opponent, I never campaign one way then vote a different way at the Capitol. With me, what you see is what you get. And just like President Ronald Reagan used to proclaim, I know that more government is not the solution to our problems, more government is the problem.

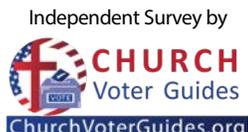
If you vote for me, I'll vote for you every day I'm in Congress because we need to take power away from the corrupt politicians and return it to "We the People."

States' Rights: Many Americans are concerned about the Federal government usurping power from the States. Do you believe that the current balance of power between Federal and State governments represents or deviates from our Founding Fathers' intent? As a U.S. Congressperson, how would you seek to protect Colorado's Constitutionally guaranteed states' rights (as well as that of the other 49 states)?

Our Founding Fathers never intended for the Federal Government to be the most powerful, nor most important, governmental institution in the land.

The Federal Government was only given certain, enumerated powers outlined in the U.S. Constitution that it wasn't supposed to deviate from. Anything not explicitly detailed for the Federal Government to perform was left for the People and the States to handle as stated in the 10th Amendment. Power should not be concentrated to any one entity to ensure that proper checks and balances are maintained while protecting individual liberties for all.

As your next Congressman, I will fight hard to reduce the power and influence Washington D.C. has taken by returning it to the People and the States.



Federal Mandates: Under what circumstances, if any, do you believe that the Federal Government should use emergency powers/issue mandates, rather than submit the concerns to the legislative process? What are your positions regarding the Federal Mandates issued over the past two-plus years from both the White House and Governmental Agencies regarding COVID-19? Should Congress have done more to regulate such policies through legislation, rather than have them determined by the Executive Branch?

We need to arrest Fauci.

The government has no business forcing citizens to wear masks or take vaccines as a condition of employment, worship, or while engaging in any other legal activity.

As a State Representative, I've been fighting tooth and nail to stop the radical Democrats and RINO's from shutting down our communities.

As your next Congressman, I won't let the corrupt bureaucrats and establishment politicians exaggerate a crisis to steal money and freedom from people. And unlike Doug Lamborn, I won't allow "woke" generals to punish military service academy cadets for choosing not to be vaccinated without a fight.

Protecting the Most Vulnerable: As U.S. Congressperson, how would you seek to protect the most vulnerable in our nation, including the lives of the unborn, the trafficked, and the elderly?

Ronald Reagan said it best, "everybody that is for abortion has already been born."

As one of the few state representatives that led the historic 24-hour filibuster against the most radical pro-abortion bill in the country, you can count on me to continue the fight to outlaw abortion everywhere.

Unlike my opponent Doug Lamborn, I not only champion pro-life legislation every chance I get, but I also vote to defund abortion and stop tax dollars from going to Planned Parenthood.

As our new Congressman, I'll vote against any spending bill that undermines our pro-life, and pro-family values.

If we want to protect the elderly and stop human trafficking, then we need to ultimately protect life from conception to natural death.

1st Amendment: What will you do as U.S. Congressperson to protect Americans' 1st Amendment rights to: the free exercise of religion, freedom of speech, peaceably assembly, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances, all of which are becoming more difficult to exercise in America (and around the world)?

People should be able to freely exercise their faith.

We must not allow liberal extremists, obsessed with censorship, to use the government as a weapon to punish people for living out their values. The government must not be allowed to overstep its role or violate our First Amendment.

As our new Congressman, I'll fight the radical homosexual movement and woke liberals that want to cancel conservatives or anyone else they disagree with.

Additionally, you can count on me to fight with other conservative warriors to shut down the government when they try to stop free speech or religious freedom. I will be a wrecking ball to the corrupt establishment power brokers who want to steal your money and rights.

2nd Amendment: Do you believe that gun ownership is a civil right, and what are your positions in regards to red flag laws, magazine capacity bans, legislation that regulates gun storage, and permitless "Constitutional carry"?

We need to fully support the Second Amendment.

The right to bear arms is fundamental to the defense of the American people from enemies foreign and domestic. The Second Amendment serves as a defense against crime, but also as an ultimate check against government should it become tyrannical.

We need to oppose all gun-control, like unjust "Red-Flag" laws that confiscate firearms from gun owners without due process of law.

Unlike Doug Lamborn who voted for "Red Flag" gun confiscation against members of our military, I'm currently suing Governor Jared Polis to stop Colorado's unjust "Red Flag" law that Polis is using to take guns away from Coloradans.

You can count on me to continue protecting gun rights in Congress.

Financial Policy: With U.S. debt now exceeding \$30 trillion and inflation around a 40-year high, what do you believe are the core problems with America's economic and monetary policy, and what will you seek to do as a U.S. Congressperson to correct them?

America doesn't have a revenue problem. America has a problem with politicians who are more than happy to overspend your taxpayer dollars. We need to start balancing budgets and cutting out waste, fraud, and abuse.

With the Fed printing more and more money and the government spending our tax dollars like they are drunk on power, it's inevitable that we are experiencing record inflation and headed toward another recession.

As our next Congressman, I'll fight for economic security and I'll never support raising the debt ceiling, tax or fee hikes, or any bill that puts the government ahead of private business job growth.

War Powers: Although the Constitution gives Congress the sole authority to declare war, this was last done 80 years ago, and since then the President has taken us to war. What are your positions on America acting as "global policeman" and what Congress' role should be in international conflict, especially in light of the current Russia-Ukraine war, and our nation's tensions with Russia, China, Iran, North Korea, and other world powers?

American troops should never be sent into a war without Congress first declaring war. We should be focused on our citizens, not foreigners. "America-First" is not just a good catchphrase, it's the right governing philosophy for our country.

There's nothing more egregious to our war fighters and American taxpayers than to see sell-out Republicans like Doug Lamborn voting for Joe Biden's 40-billion-dollar Ukraine boondoggle that barely harms Russia and does nothing to secure our own border that is being invaded from Mexico. Lamborn has proven once again he will sell us out to profit his establishment buddies at the expense of our own soldiers and taxpayers.

As our next Congressman, I will fight for our soldiers and their families.

Corporate Power: Are you concerned with the level of power wielded by major corporations and their CEOs in America, including the dominant businesses in the crucial sectors of Technology, Pharmaceutical/Medical, Banking, Media, and Food Production and Distribution. What do you believe the Federal Government's role should be, if any, in limiting this power, while still supporting our nation's free market economy?

Power unchecked, and concentrated into the hands of the few, is something to be concerned about, especially when those same powerful people are trying to push our society to the far left. We must restore power back to the people by taking it out of Washington D.C. where corrupt politicians and powerful special interests cut deals in the shadows to enrich themselves at your expense.

Government should protect free-market capitalism and not write special laws that pick winners and losers in the economy or redistribute your tax dollars in a corporate welfare scheme.

We need to stop laws that only favor a few and end the outrageous debt and inflationary spending that only helps the corrupt and harms the taxpayer.



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

I am a 21-year Retired Navy Veteran. My professional experiences include decades working with the Department of Defense, Department of Homeland Security, Border Patrol, Border Protection, ICE, FBI, local law enforcement, NATO troops, all U.S. military branches as well as various community service agencies. This includes dealing with local and DC politics. I have extensive experience working in Information Technology, Military Logistics and in Atmospheric/Oceanographic Science. Alongside my professional experience, I bring to the table many life experiences including living paycheck to paycheck and raising two boys as a single parent in the public school system. I know what you struggle with on a daily basis and that's why I can best represent us.



Your Vision: What is your vision for being our district's Congressperson?

Protecting our God-given rights and upholding our Constitution is paramount. One of my visions is bringing back the strength of Space Force Command to Colorado Springs. Ensuring border security is also at the top of my list. Other important platform items include: secure election integrity, restoring manufacturing to America, taking back our power and becoming the country that other countries depend on for their goods, restoring the civic fundamentals and removing the perversions in our educational system, improving our Veteran health programs and battling the homeless issues that have increased exponentially over the last few years. Additionally, I will take the strongest measures to fight the drug and human trafficking crises that have plagued our nation.

States' Rights: Many Americans are concerned about the Federal government usurping power from the States. Do you believe that the current balance of power between Federal and State governments represents or deviates from our Founding Fathers' intent? As a U.S. Congressperson, how would you seek to protect Colorado's Constitutionally guaranteed states' rights (as well as that of the other 49 states)?

The federal government has no business meddling in state affairs. As we know, the federal government makes things far more complicated and difficult than they should be. As your congresswoman, I will work every single day to make sure our rights are upheld by voting NO on bills that strip away at your paycheck, liberties and force you to surrender your freedoms. I will build a team of no- nonsense conservatives that will help research and create bills to serve you, not DC lobbyists. Most importantly, we will finally put American Families first. We will put American Jobs first. We will put American Values first. I will fight to ensure our Constitutional rights are upheld for our children and grandchildren.

Federal Mandates: Under what circumstances, if any, do you believe that the Federal Government should use emergency powers/issue mandates, rather than submit the concerns to the legislative process? What are your positions regarding the Federal Mandates issued over the past two-plus years from both the White House and Governmental Agencies regarding COVID-19? Should Congress have done more to regulate such policies through legislation, rather than have them determined by the Executive Branch?

There is no excuse for the federal government to mandate any medication for anyone or restrict their livelihood. America is a nation of freedom and must remain that way. The system of 'Checks and Balances' cozied up to the Executive Branch as soon as Biden took office. In Congress, I will ensure the corrupt deep state is not able to control our livelihood, food supply, education, or access to medication. I will make sure our tax dollars fund Americans, not politicians. I will make sure future bills are transparent and easy to comprehend. Lastly, I will work alongside voters to help deregulate our small businesses in times of emergency. It's time to hire fresh qualified warriors with your vote!



Protecting the Most Vulnerable: As U.S. Congressperson, how would you seek to protect the most vulnerable in our nation, including the lives of the unborn, the trafficked, and the elderly?

I believe in the sanctity of life. Along with several members of my team, I support survivors and pro-life organizations. I will continue to build my team with those who share these values. I will work with local organizations that help new mothers and provide alternatives to abortion. Furthermore, I will seek to audit the citizenship process to make it more efficient and secure for those who enter the country legally. I will also support local law enforcement in cracking down on crime, human trafficking and illegal immigrants, who bring chaos and endanger our community. Finally, I will support legislation to eliminate property taxes for the elderly as well as for our disabled veterans.

1st Amendment: What will you do as U.S. Congressperson to protect Americans' 1st Amendment rights to: the free exercise of religion, freedom of speech, peaceably assembly, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances, all of which are becoming more difficult to exercise in America (and around the world)?

I am running for Congress because I am tired of seeing corrupt politicians profit from the grievances of Americans. At the hands of far- left politicians, our country is in grave danger. They have attacked traditional American values in the name of "equality" and "inclusion". By shutting down free speech, religious freedom, and the right to assemble they have created a dismal future for our children. I will defend our Constitution by voting NO on any legislation that restricts our state government, communities and violates our rights. I will be the voice of my voters and local businesses. I can promise you this: the forgotten families of Colorado's 5th district will be forgotten no longer. I am America First!

2nd Amendment: Do you believe that gun ownership is a civil right, and what are your positions in regards to red flag laws, magazine capacity bans, legislation that regulates gun storage, and permitless "Constitutional carry"?

The Constitution says it all. We maintain the right to bear arms; that right shall not be infringed. Red flag laws are a clear violation of our Constitution. Unfortunately, in the wake of the recent horrific shootings, many members are proposing stricter gun laws and bans on certain weapons. Restrictive guns laws do not stop criminals; they only leave law abiding citizens defenseless in protecting themselves and their families. It's been proven that cities with the most restrictive gun laws have the highest crime rates. Clearly, these policies do not work. We need a better approach. I believe we can write legislation that can maintain our rights AND protect our citizens and families.

Financial Policy: With U.S. debt now exceeding \$30 trillion and inflation around a 40-year high, what do you believe are the core problems with America's economic and monetary policy, and what will you seek to do as a U.S. Congressperson to correct them?

The Biden administration's wreckless spending overseas has greatly contributed to record high inflation and major financial difficulties for low and middle class families. We suffer at the banks, grocery stores, and gas pumps. Used car prices are up 38.8%, gasoline prices up 36% and the cost of heating and electricity up 17% over the past year. Sending BILLIONS of dollars overseas and raising taxes on Americans only worsen the problem. Becoming gas and energy independent is critical in solving the problem. We must start by opening our pipelines and bringing manufacturing back to Colorado and our country. In doing so, we bring profit to American companies and American workers. We bring profits back to you! It's time Americans come first.

War Powers: Although the Constitution gives Congress the sole authority to declare war, this was last done 80 years ago, and since then the President has taken us to war. What are your positions on America acting as "global policeman" and what Congress' role should be in international conflict, especially in light of the current Russia-Ukraine war, and our nation's tensions with Russia, China, Iran, North Korea, and other world powers?

Congress has the authority to declare and fund a war, however the President has the authority over the Military as Commander and Chief. The President has taken us into conflicts but has not technically declared war. Congress' role is defined in the Constitution and should be adhered to. America should not be considered the police or piggy bank of the world. We have put our sovereignty and safety at risk while other countries sit idly by. It's past time for other countries to step up and take a more active role in conflicts within their global regions.

Corporate Power: Are you concerned with the level of power wielded by major corporations and their CEOs in America, including the dominant businesses in the crucial sectors of Technology, Pharmaceutical/Medical, Banking, Media, and Food Production and Distribution. What do you believe the Federal Government's role should be, if any, in limiting this power, while still supporting our nation's free market economy?

Yes. America's outdated antitrust laws have failed us. We need new laws that help minimize the impact major corporations hold over small businesses. While I understand the importance of private companies' maintaining minimal federal government involvement, I will support and defend my local business. For far too long, small businesses have been suppressed by massive corporate monopolies. Through my America First agenda, we will create an economy that works for the people, by the people. By diversifying and growing American Manufacturing and investing in our own communities, we increase our ability to become self-sufficient and bolster our influence over exports.



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

I have had the honor of representing the good people of Colorado’s 5th Congressional District since 2007. I have never wavered in delivering conservative votes and legislation in Washington, D.C. As a man of faith, I always try to honor God, and our Constitution when voting. My proven conservative record is clear. Susan B. Anthony List A+, 2021; Heritage Action 100%, 2021; National Right to Life 100%, lifetime; Family Research Council Action 96%, lifetime.



Your Vision: What is your vision for being our district's Congressperson?

As one of the highest ranking Republicans on the House Armed Services Committee, I will continue to fight for those serving in our military and will continue the fight to keep U.S. Space Command in Colorado Springs. To date, I have helped procure over three billion in military construction funding to the Pikes Peak region. More broadly, I will continue to fight for social, fiscal, and national security values. I will hold the line against liberal legislation.

States' Rights: Many Americans are concerned about the Federal government usurping power from the States. Do you believe that the current balance of power between Federal and State governments represents or deviates from our Founding Fathers' intent? As a U.S. Congressperson, how would you seek to protect Colorado's Constitutionally guaranteed states' rights (as well as that of the other 49 states)?

Federalism is an essential part of our government and without constitutionally guaranteed states' rights, all we would have is a very large, very overbearing federal government. I have always advocated for what our founding fathers visualized as a narrow scope of federal government, and a larger scope at the state level of government. My voting record strongly reflects this.

Federal Mandates: Under what circumstances, if any, do you believe that the Federal Government should use emergency powers/issue mandates, rather than submit the concerns to the legislative process? What are your positions regarding the Federal Mandates issued over the past two-plus years from both the White House and Governmental Agencies regarding COVID-19? Should Congress have done more to regulate such policies through legislation, rather than have them determined by the Executive Branch?

Since day one of the COVID 19 pandemic, I advocated for state and local government to have authority on emergency powers, mask mandates, and vaccines, rather than the federal government. But even state governors got carried away. I believe that business owners know best how to care for the customers and communities they serve. I believe the local school districts are closer to the people than state or federal governments.

Protecting the Most Vulnerable: As U.S. Congressperson, how would you seek to protect the most vulnerable in our nation, including the lives of the unborn, the trafficked, and the elderly?

As your Congressman, and prior as a state representative and state senator, I have fought to protect life, from conception to natural death. I have introduced and sponsored legislation that is 100% pro-life during my entire career as an elected official. Respected national groups, such as National Right to Life and Susan B. Anthony List, that rank pro-life votes, have always given me their highest possible ranking.

1st Amendment: What will you do as U.S. Congressperson to protect Americans' 1st Amendment rights to: the free exercise of religion, freedom of speech, peaceably assembly, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances, all of which are becoming more difficult to exercise in America (and around the world)?

I have always fought to protect the 1st Amendment rights of American citizens. This includes fighting alongside members of our military, Jack at Masterpiece Cake Shoppe, and most recently, the owner of 303 Creative. I have been co-chairman of the Values Action Team which takes the lead in Congress on religious liberty and many other related issues.

2nd Amendment: Do you believe that gun ownership is a civil right, and what are your positions in regards to red flag laws, magazine capacity bans, legislation that regulates gun storage, and permitless "Constitutional carry"?

When it comes to defending the timeless principles of our nation's founding- the 2nd Amendment, I have not and will not waiver. I have never voted for legislation that would limit an American citizen's right to keep and bear arms. I have a "A" lifetime rating from the NRA and Gun Owners of America gave me an "A" rating in 2021.

Financial Policy: With U.S. debt now exceeding \$30 trillion and inflation around a 40-year high, what do you believe are the core problems with America's economic and monetary policy, and what will you seek to do as a U.S. Congressperson to correct them?

I will continue voting against the reckless spending packages and Washington pork-filled legislation. I continually support a balance budget, which we need desperately. When it comes to voting, I always ask 'where is the money coming from?' If it's from the pockets of my grandchildren through more debt, I am a NO vote. Citizens Against Government Waste as well as Americans for Prosperity have ranked me at 95% lifetime.

War Powers: Although the Constitution gives Congress the sole authority to declare war, this was last done 80 years ago, and since then the President has taken us to war. What are your positions on America acting as "global policeman" and what Congress' role should be in international conflict, especially in light of the current Russia-Ukraine war, and our nation's tensions with Russia, China, Iran, North Korea, and other world powers?

I do not believe the U.S. should play world policeman. However, I do believe that we should help our allies and partners defend themselves against unwarranted attacks. Strong partnerships such as NATO are vital. Russia and China are adversaries of the U.S., and it is in our best interest to assist those they are attacking, when possible. As Reagan said, "Peace through strength."

Corporate Power: Are you concerned with the level of power wielded by major corporations and their CEOs in America, including the dominant businesses in the crucial sectors of Technology, Pharmaceutical/Medical, Banking, Media, and Food Production and Distribution. What do you believe the Federal Government's role should be, if any, in limiting this power, while still supporting our nation's free market economy?

I am concerned that Big Business is becoming more "woke." I am especially concerned with social media companies, such as Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube, when they cancel or censor conservative thought. Being big is not wrong in and of itself, but using monopoly power to stifle competition must be addressed. I support a free market and less regulation, except when protecting safety and health, and enforcing contracts. The federal government should let the free market operate.

It is messy sometimes, but when government intervenes the resulting distortions create more problems than they solve. Lower taxes and less regulation make for more freedom and greater prosperity.



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Resident of District Represented:	Owned businesses in the district for 10+ years, and currently live in Douglas County to be close to my father.

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

I have spent my entire adult life in business. As CEO, I have witnessed firsthand how public policy can both facilitate economic development, or destroy it. Thanks to my own ventures across five continents, I've become quite adept at dealing with international economics and diplomacy. As a result, I'm intimately familiar with the extent of the financial turbulence across the globe. In my consulting work, I try to give governments and policy makers the civic and market tools they need to foster a stable and productive economy and provide environmentally sound methods of resource extraction. Now, I think our own country's politicians could benefit from that advice, and cannot stand by as their poor decisions continue to destroy our economy.



Your Vision: What is your vision for being our district’s Congressperson?

My vision is simple, although I am aware of how difficult it is to implement in the D.C. culture. I want a return to a rational foreign policy where we cease our endless wars and constant foreign meddling. Instead, we should trade freely with everyone and be prepared to utterly devastate anyone who threatens us or our allies—without lengthy commitments to occupations.

I want to ensure our veterans are properly taken care of after their service and given the support they need to reintegrate into civilian life, especially regarding mental healthcare, which we have badly neglected.

I’d also like to rein in the profligate spending and loose monetary policy currently fueling inflation and lowering our standard of living.

States’ Rights: Many Americans are concerned about the Federal government usurping power from the States. Do you believe that the current balance of power between Federal and State governments represents or deviates from our Founding Fathers’ intent? As a U.S. Congressperson, how would you seek to protect Colorado’s Constitutionally guaranteed states’ rights (as well as that of the other 49 states)?

The federal government has massively overreached, but mostly due to bloated federal agencies. To remedy this, Congress should require that any new administrative regulation must expire unless ratified by the next session of Congress following its agency adoption.

A professor friend also provided the following rubric to evaluate new law:

1. Is it constitutional and properly federal?
2. Does it address an issue of dangerous instability?
3. Is it narrowly tailored to address only that issue while maximally preserving liberty otherwise?
4. Is it enforceable without being arbitrary or capricious?
5. Does it advance my core principles of individual liberty, private property and free markets, equal protection and the rule of law, fiscal responsibility, and the proper role of government?



Federal Mandates: Under what circumstances, if any, do you believe that the Federal Government should use emergency powers/issue mandates, rather than submit the concerns to the legislative process? What are your positions regarding the Federal Mandates issued over the past two-plus years from both the White House and Governmental Agencies regarding COVID-19? Should Congress have done more to regulate such policies through legislation, rather than have them determined by the Executive Branch?

The COVID-19 mandates were a constitutional disaster the courts are still trying to resolve. Unfortunately, our republic is deliberative, and not equipped for dealing with emergencies like a pandemic. Although I believe the COVID mandates issued by many governors and the feds were unwarranted and unconstitutional, they exposed the need for some protocol during emergencies. Executives may need to act swiftly during emergencies but, unless they do so backed by explicit legislation, any lower level government should be able to override such a mandate if, in their judgement, it does not serve the best interest of their local community. In this way, we allow for necessary emergency action, as well flexibility at local levels which know their communities best.

Protecting the Most Vulnerable: As U.S. Congressperson, how would you seek to protect the most vulnerable in our nation, including the lives of the unborn, the trafficked, and the elderly?

As the Supreme Court looks to be deciding, the lives of the unborn must be protected at the state level. However, the Congress can certainly ensure that federal funds are not used for abortions.

At the federal level, we can also greatly reduce both human and drug trafficking by securing our borders. Our current open border policy is the single biggest cause for the increase in drug and human trafficking in the U.S.

Finally, for the elderly at the federal level, we can focus our law enforcement efforts on fraud and deceptive practices. So much of federal crime represents regulatory issues benefiting tax collection, but doing little to protect the people. Redirecting our efforts in this way would help.

1st Amendment: What will you do as U.S. Congressperson to protect Americans' 1st Amendment rights to: the free exercise of religion, freedom of speech, peaceably assembly, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances, all of which are becoming more difficult to exercise in America (and around the world)?

No rights are more fundamental to the American character and republic than those enshrined in the 1st Amendment. While it is primarily the role of the judicial branch to safeguard these rights, I will never support any effort to curtail the 1st Amendment in any way, and will work diligently to oppose or repeal any restriction on our 1st Amendment rights, no matter how well-intended. In our current controversy with social media, if the tech giants want to continue censoring our citizens, then I would vote to strip them of the legal protections that shield them from responsibility for all their content and treat them as any other publisher.

2nd Amendment: Do you believe that gun ownership is a civil right, and what are your positions in regards to red flag laws, magazine capacity bans, legislation that regulates gun storage, and permitless "Constitutional carry"?

Gun ownership is indeed a civil right as defined by the 2nd Amendment and explained by the Supreme Court in the Heller case. In that case, the Supreme Court already made clear that gun storage bills are unconstitutional. I oppose magazine capacity bans because they have no connection whatsoever to reducing gun violence. I also oppose red flag laws because they lack the evidentiary requirements needed to deprive someone of a fundamental right and are prone to severe and malicious abuse. I believe the courts will eventually overturn such laws as unconstitutional as well. Finally, Colorado has been an open carry state for as long as I can recall, and I rather like living here.

Financial Policy: With U.S. debt now exceeding \$30 trillion and inflation around a 40-year high, what do you believe are the core problems with America's economic and monetary policy, and what will you seek to do as a U.S. Congressperson to correct them?

If you include unfunded liabilities, total U.S. debt actually exceeds \$169 trillion. We are effectively insolvent. The problem is easy to see: we spend entirely too much. The solution is also easy, but much harder to achieve: we must stop. We must also publicly review the activities of the Federal Reserve, which continues to facilitate this atrocity as it quietly destroys our middle class and our standard of living. While I cannot do this alone, I pledge to use my position to expose these practices wherever I find them. Only daylight will expose these issues to the public, and only the public will be able to force Congress to rein in its spending.

War Powers: Although the Constitution gives Congress the sole authority to declare war, this was last done 80 years ago, and since then the President has taken us to war. What are your positions on America acting as "global policeman" and what Congress' role should be in international conflict, especially in light of the current Russia-Ukraine war, and our nation's tensions with Russia, China, Iran, North Korea, and other world powers?

We cannot afford to be the global police. Congress needs to stop funding endless foreign interventions. The \$40 billion Congress just authorized typifies this problem. Unlike the incumbent, I would have voted no. At a time when Americans are suffering from rampant inflation and hardship, it is irresponsible to spend money we do not have financing an undeclared proxy war where we have no legitimate national interest. I will never vote to entangle us in any engagement that is not in the direct interest of the U.S. and its allies. While I am appalled at Russia's actions, this conflict is not in our interest. It offers only severe risk to both our security and the value of the dollar.

Corporate Power: Are you concerned with the level of power wielded by major corporations and their CEOs in America, including the dominant businesses in the crucial sectors of Technology, Pharmaceutical/Medical, Banking, Media, and Food Production and Distribution. What do you believe the Federal Government's role should be, if any, in limiting this power, while still supporting our nation's free market economy?

These problems did not arise because of the free market, but due to the federal government's corruption of the free market. Our subsidies in the agricultural industry has created near monopolies. Our banks are so tied to the Fed and the government that they are more corporatist than capitalist. Our social media giants benefit from special government protections, while our big tech and pharma operate under such extensive regulations as to present incredible barriers to entry and competition. Such special favor is not the proper role of government. Although this is too vast to cover in 120 words, we could go a long way to solving this problem by stopping our subsidies, special exemptions, bailouts, and other special benefits.

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Republican Candidates for

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LYNDA ZAMORA WILSON

Candidate Information

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Military Background:	Lt Col (Ret), USAF
Resident of the El Paso County:	8 years, not continuous due to military move

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

Education: PhD in Economics; MS in Mathematics; MA in International Economics; MA in Education. Experience: Retired USAF officer (25yrs); Assistant Professor in Mathematics and Economics (USAFA); Senior Economist (Financial and economic advisor to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of AF (Pentagon). Equipped leadership to answer Congressional mandates. Advised 17 financial analyses worth \$7.6B.); F-22 Flight Test Analyst (Flew in fighter aircraft as safety observer, verifying F-22 high-risk capability. Identified and reported on operational risks to Secretary of Defense); Test Director, Electronic Warfare Division; Chief, Defense Satellite Test Branch (Conducted research, procurement, and on-orbit maintenance of military space systems.); Park Ranger (I grew up in the timber industry and know the benefits of proper timber management in preserving our forest/environment).



Your Vision: What is your vision for being a Colorado State Senator?

Defend our Constitution; Restore election integrity; Reduce government control and spending; Restore traditional education (CRT, SEL, & agendas that demoralize and sexualize of our children is destructive, inappropriate, and has absolutely no place in our schools); Promote curriculum that produces well-informed voters (emphasize civics, economics, how to complete taxes, how to budget finances, factor costs/benefits of a loan, etc.); Protect the unborn; Promote proper timber management to preserve our forest and environment.

Election Reform: Do you believe that elections in Colorado should be conducted differently? Should voters in Colorado be required to verify their identity and residential status in the respective counties in which they vote? Are you in favor of a single-day, in-person voting system consisting of all-paper ballots? Why or why not?

After the 2020 election, I saw many irregularities; to include both my daughter and I experienced party affiliation changes without our consent (note that I have been a life-long Republican). I began investigating Colorado’s election system and process. My research identified multiple vulnerabilities and irregularities. Our election system needs to be conducted differently.

I will strive for the following: No election machines; no drop-box; no mail-in (except for military & disabled); hand count at precinct level; count under live-stream cameras; 1-day voting at precinct; voter ID and residential status verified; anti-counterfeit ballots; clean voter rolls; and allow forensic audits.

I highly encourage citizens to investigate the following: Colorado Canvassing Report; Mesa County Reports; 2000 Mules.

Protecting the Most Vulnerable: As a Senator, how would you seek to protect the most vulnerable in our state, including the lives of the unborn, the trafficked, and the elderly?

I will continue to oppose pro-abortion legislation, fight to overturn the Reproductive Health Equity Act (HB22-1279), advocate for education that promotes the biological fact that life starts at conception and is sacred at every stage.

I will fight against human trafficking, by increasing penalties for these crimes, investigating/terminating root causes, and educating citizens to watch for signs and activity.



1st Amendment: What will you do as Colorado State Senator to protect our 1st Amendment rights to: the free exercise of religion, freedom of speech, peaceably assembly, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances, all of which are becoming more difficult to exercise in America (and around the world)?

I spent 25 years defending the Constitution as a military member. After the 2020 election, and seeing the overwhelming irregularities and vulnerabilities, the massive over-reach from our government, the removal of our freedoms, and the invasion of our borders, I knew I had to engage, and continue to fight and defend the Constitution. Quite simply, I will promote legislation that support our rights, and kill legislation that removes our rights.

2nd Amendment: Do you believe that gun ownership is a civil right, and what are your positions in regards to red flag laws, magazine capacity bans, legislation that regulates gun storage, and permitless "Constitutional carry"?

Gun ownership is a right, and I support Constitutional carry. I do not support red flag laws, magazine capacity bans, or any legislation that regulates gun storage.

Government Authority: Do you believe that the government has the legal power and authority to dictate what a person does with his or her body? If so, how?

Under no circumstance should the government mandate its citizens to take an experimental drug.

Education: As a State Senator, what will you do to improve the education of our K - 12 students? What is your position on parental authority in education, including school choice?

As I mentioned in my vision statement, CRT, SEL, & agendas that demoralize and sexualize of our children is destructive, inappropriate, and has absolutely no place in our schools. I would improve student education by promoting curriculum that produces well-informed voters (emphasize civics, economics, how to complete taxes, how to budget finances, factor costs/benefits of a loan, etc.). Parents should have school choice and have full parental authority in their child's education. The government has no say as to how our children are raised.

School District Taxes: Do you believe that the Colorado legislature should make any adjustment to the level of taxes paid by residents in order to fund school district budgets? If so, how?

I do not believe that the Colorado legislature should make any adjustments to the level of taxes in order to fund school district budgets.

National Popular Vote: What is your position on Colorado joining the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact, which would effectively eliminate the electoral college's role in presidential elections in favor of a national popular vote?

I oppose the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact.



PAUL LUNDEEN

Candidate Information

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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 Senator that will benefit our state?

For decades Paul Lundeen has experienced success in business and public policy in Colorado. Paul represents Senate District 9 in the Colorado General Assembly. Previously he was elected to the Colorado House of Representatives (HD 19), State Board of Education from the Fifth Congressional District where he served as a member and chairman. He is the founder of numerous small businesses providing services ranging from brain training & learning centers to real estate development to golf course association landscape management, and investment management. We must change the political paradigm by winning the Colorado State Senate into conservative Republican hands. That is my project and goal in the 2022 election.

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Your Vision: What is your vision for being a Colorado State Senator?

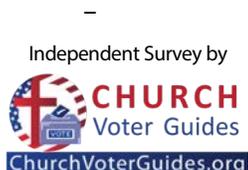
Free people, Smaller government. Paul has worked to advance the cause of charter schools, innovation, and choice in education, supporting the right and responsibility of parents to direct the upbringing and education of their children. An unflagging champion for “Smaller Government, Freer People”, Paul knows a free market approach naturally eliminates bad and outdated ideas and businesses over time, as opposed to government bureaucracies which tend to live on and expand even when proven inefficient. Paul has fought this dynamic in the sphere of education, which is a prime example of the inadequacies of government controlled and managed systems.

Election Reform: Do you believe that elections in Colorado should be conducted differently? Should voters in Colorado be required to verify their identity and residential status in the respective counties in which they vote? Are you in favor of a single-day, in-person voting system consisting of all-paper ballots? Why or why not?

Election security is fundamental to our Republic because through our votes our voice is heard. I am the only candidate who has made meaningful challenges to the status quo system of mail-out ballots. To cut directly to a solution that would allow for precinct by precinct verification of ballots, I authored SB21-007 to require identified, in-person voting. Mail out ballots would have been available to military and others out of state to request. Absent a system like I proposed, the bookends of Colorado's elections must be cleaned up. The list to whom ballots are sent must be corrected to include only verifiably valid voters. At the other end of the election process, ballot harvesting must be stopped.

Protecting the Most Vulnerable: As a Senator, how would you seek to protect the most vulnerable in our state, including the lives of the unborn, the trafficked, and the elderly?

I would refer you to my website to see my 20 minute (that all the time the rules allow) closing argument against the expansion of abortion in Colorado inherent in HB22-1279. My portion of the second reading debate in opposition to this bill was approximately two hours long. Regarding human trafficking, I have run five pieces of legislation to provide protection and services to survivors of human trafficking, tools to law enforcement, tougher penalties for traffickers, and clarifications to make the law more enforceable.



1st Amendment: What will you do as Colorado State Senator to protect our 1st Amendment rights to: the free exercise of religion, freedom of speech, peaceably assembly, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances, all of which are becoming more difficult to exercise in America (and around the world)?

After scripture, the words of 1st Amendment to the US Constitution are the most beautiful and powerful words written on behalf of human freedom and sovereignty. I will continue to fight to assure that no voice is cancelled--even perspectives with which I disagree. That is the American way; over time the voice of common sense and common decency will win out. But this concept has been under assault by leftist activists that seek to shout down voices like mine that have a more constitutional perspective.

2nd Amendment: Do you believe that gun ownership is a civil right, and what are your positions in regards to red flag laws, magazine capacity bans, legislation that regulates gun storage, and permitless "Constitutional carry"?

I am a gun owner and as a son of the west have been most of my life. I carry to hunt, protect myself and my family, to protect the 1st Amendment of the Constitution written about near here, and to protect the sovereignty of each American citizen. Without an unfettered 2nd amendment the 1st amendment to the US Constitution would fall under attack.

Government Authority: Do you believe that the government has the legal power and authority to dictate what a person does with his or her body? If so, how?

The crux of the great political experiment known as America is found in the power of the sovereignty and responsibility of the individual. All of the principles that build and promote freedom and progress in America are rooted in this idea. Even the ability to protect those weaker than ourselves are rooted in and must be harmonized with this principle. I have led the fight for several years, including prior to and during the pandemic, for personal medical autonomy. The government must not require of a sovereign individual medical choices that person would not take in protection of that individual's personal pursuit of life, liberty and happiness. I have led the fight against vaccine registries and other government intrusions.

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Education: As a State Senator, what will you do to improve the education of our K - 12 students? What is your position on parental authority in education, including school choice?

The guiding principle of education must be, "it is the parent's right and responsibility to direct the education and upbringing of their children." Here's what former Congressman Bob Schaffer had to say about Paul in a recent endorsement: As Chairman of the Colorado State Board of Education, Paul stands out as one of the nation's leading defenders of parental choice in education and academic free markets. He always finds the courage to put principle ahead of politics. He is always guided by the Constitution and always does what is right, honorable and decent.

School District Taxes: Do you believe that the Colorado legislature should make any adjustment to the level of taxes paid by residents in order to fund school district budgets? If so, how?

We spend about \$14 billion per year on K-12 public education in Colorado. It works out to an average of about \$15,000/student. Properly allocating those dollars in a way that is focused on the student instead of the protection and continuation of the education establishment must continue to be our goal. Currently too much money is siphoned off to pay for ever expanding administrative costs. Too little money is put into the paychecks of hard working teachers. Our exceptional teachers should be paid dramatically more--and the government employees union has testified time and time in opposition to my efforts to so improve public education. I welcome you into the fight to make the allocation of public money for students.

National Popular Vote: What is your position on Colorado joining the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact, which would effectively eliminate the electoral college's role in presidential elections in favor of a national popular vote?

I fought against it and voted against it as a legislator and as a citizen. I encourage you to do the same.

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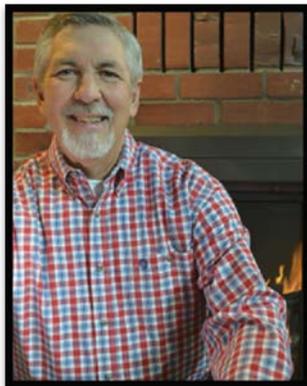
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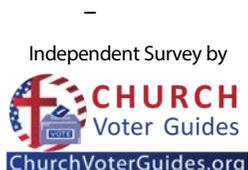
DENNIS HISEY

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Resident of the El Paso County:	39 years

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

Growing up on a farm and being self-employed taught me the value and rewards of putting in a good day's work to take care of your family. As a County Commissioner I learned how to manage large budgets and provide essential government services. Serving as a Senator for these past four sessions has solidified my belief that the best thing government can do for its citizens is focus on core government functions. Government needs to get out of the way of workers trying to live the American Dream and parents instilling their values in their children.



Your Vision: What is your vision for being a Colorado State Senator?

My vision for the next 4 years is to have Colorado return to COMMON SENSE LEADERSHIP. To take politics out of the classroom, to stop passing policies that cost the people of Colorado more at the gas pump, the grocery store and their utility bills and to make our communities safe for our children to live, play and grow up in.

Election Reform: Do you believe that elections in Colorado should be conducted differently? Should voters in Colorado be required to verify their identity and residential status in the respective counties in which they vote? Are you in favor of a single-day, in-person voting system consisting of all-paper ballots? Why or why not?

County Clerks should be responsible for conducting the elections and should serve as a check and balance to the Secretary of State. Single day polling place elections with valid government issued photo ID is the most secure way to ensure only eligible voters cast ballots and every eligible voter should have the opportunity to cast their ballot. Secure counting machines with no possibility of internet connection and robust random independent audits matched against the paper ballots will provide trustworthy election results.

Protecting the Most Vulnerable: As a Senator, how would you seek to protect the most vulnerable in our state, including the lives of the unborn, the trafficked, and the elderly?

As a Senator I have always cast my vote and fought to save the unborn. Including this past year when the terrible abortion rights bill passed. We also had an innocuous sounding bill offering prenatal health care that upon close inspection would have opened the door to testing of the fetus for conditions that have no treatment leading to the conclusion the only reason for the test would be to abort the baby.

I have been and will continue to be a staunch advocate for and show grace and mercy to the trafficked just as I will for the elderly and developmentally disabled.

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1st Amendment: What will you do as Colorado State Senator to protect our 1st Amendment rights to: the free exercise of religion, freedom of speech, peaceably assembly, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances, all of which are becoming more difficult to exercise in America (and around the world)?

As a sitting state senator, I have fought and voted against many bills that have abridged our 1st Amendment rights. I have spoken out against executive orders, where I have no vote, but where the power of one man has deliberately and knowingly ignored the rights guaranteed in the 1st Amendment. I have signed onto bills that would limit the ability of any one person to wield that kind of power in the future. A state senator's authority stops at the state line, we have very little influence in a global sense.

2nd Amendment: Do you believe that gun ownership is a civil right, and what are your positions in regards to red flag laws, magazine capacity bans, legislation that regulates gun storage, and permitless "Constitutional carry"?

I have voted against every attempt to curtail our constitutional right to keep and bear arms that has come in front of the senate during my service, including the red flag law and storage bills that intrude inside your home. I would welcome the opportunity to implement Constitutional Carry in Colorado.

Government Authority: Do you believe that the government has the legal power and authority to dictate what a person does with his or her body? If so, how?

I do not believe the government has the legal power or authority to control what a person does with their own body. However, when what a person does with or to their own body threatens the life and wellbeing of another person, of any age, that is when the authority of the government is required to step in to provide protection to the innocent or the threatened.

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Education: As a State Senator, what will you do to improve the education of our K - 12 students? What is your position on parental authority in education, including school choice?

I sponsored HB22-1236 THE PARENTS BILL OF RIGHTS. This bill clearly states the parent is responsible for medical decisions of their child and the school cannot perform them without parental consent. Also, the parent has the right to direct the education of their child with the same moral values that are taught at home. I care passionately about parents having choices in their children's education and exercised them with my own children. I will continue to support bills that put students first.

School District Taxes: Do you believe that the Colorado legislature should make any adjustment to the level of taxes paid by residents in order to fund school district budgets? If so, how?

Colorado is very much a local control state, and every local school district has a board that, through the ballot box – for at least the last 30 years - set the rate homeowners pay. Those school boards answer to the voters. So, the legislature has no authority in those matters. However, I do believe the legislature has a role in ensuring the taxes parents pay go to the school their child is attending.

National Popular Vote: What is your position on Colorado joining the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact, which would effectively eliminate the electoral college's role in presidential elections in favor of a national popular vote?

I voted against joining the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact and spoke against it on the floor. The National Popular Vote disenfranchises the voters of rural states. Something the founding fathers recognized would be the case when they adopted the Electoral College.

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ROD PELTON

Candidate Information

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Occupation/Vocation:	Farmer/Rancher, State Representative
Resident of the El Paso County:	63 years (entire life)

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

I'm a third generation Cheyenne County farmer/rancher, and have been active in agriculture my entire life. I have owned and operated successful businesses in addition to farming and ranching, including trucking and custom harvesting, so I know what it means to watch the "bottom line" of your finances. In addition, prior to becoming a State Representative, I served as Cheyenne County Commissioner for six years. This experience prepared me to be a better legislator, because I see things from the local/county perspective, as well as from the state perspective. During my time as a State Representative, I have served on the House Public and Behavioral Health and Human Services Committee and the House Agriculture, Livestock and Water Committee.

Your Vision: What is your vision for being a Colorado State Senator?

My main focus at the Capitol is promoting, enhancing and protecting agriculture and rural Colorado. I've also done a lot of work in the mental health space, as we have a huge problem in this state. This issue is even more serious in rural areas of our state, with an alarming rate of depression and suicide. At the Capitol, I've always put rural Colorado and agriculture first and foremost. I've got a good working relationship with several of the Democrats, and they know I won't compromise my principles or values. I hope to continue this same work as Senator of District 35. As my voting record shows, I'm pro 2nd Amendment and fiscally and socially conservative.

Election Reform: Do you believe that elections in Colorado should be conducted differently? Should voters in Colorado be required to verify their identity and residential status in the respective counties in which they vote? Are you in favor of a single-day, in-person voting system consisting of all-paper ballots? Why or why not?

Yes, I think there need to be some changes. Voters should have to show photo ID and residency. Yes, it should be single day, in person except for service members and others who apply ahead of time for absentee ballots for a justifiable reason. I believe that an all mail in ballot voting system is more prone to fraud.

Protecting the Most Vulnerable: As a Senator, how would you seek to protect the most vulnerable in our state, including the lives of the unborn, the trafficked, and the elderly?

This last session as a Representative, I was one of the Republicans that put up the 24-hr. debate against the horrible abortion bill that the Colorado Democrats pushed through. I will always battle against abortion and do what I can to protect the vulnerable. I've run legislation and voted for many bills to help protect the elderly, and will continue to do so. We need to support our law enforcement in the trafficked to help break down the rings and gangs that sponsor trafficking.

1st Amendment: What will you do as Colorado State Senator to protect our 1st Amendment rights to: the free exercise of religion, freedom of speech, peaceably assembly, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances, all of which are becoming more difficult to exercise in America (and around the world)?

I would continue, as I have as a representative, to fight to protect our 1st amendment rights. I will battle against bills that infringe on them, and if a good bill comes up that will support them, I will battle in favor of it. As a Christian, I believe we have a huge fight on our hands, as Colorado is becoming more secular every day, and that is creating a lot of issues that are hurting our state.

2nd Amendment: Do you believe that gun ownership is a civil right, and what are your positions in regards to red flag laws, magazine capacity bans, legislation that regulates gun storage, and permitless "Constitutional carry"?

I'm a "no room for negotiation on the 2nd amendment" candidate, and my voting record reflects just that. The constitution granted these rights to every citizen. I have battled hard against any bill that has come to the chamber during my time there that infringes on any part of these rights. I was a yes vote on the constitutional carry bill in committee this year.

Government Authority: Do you believe that the government has the legal power and authority to dictate what a person does with his or her body? If so, how?

No I don't, GOD gave us our bodies, and we know what's best for them and also what things we can morally do and put in it. The government has no place dictating such things.

Education: As a State Senator, what will you do to improve the education of our K - 12 students? What is your position on parental authority in education, including school choice?

When the Republicans regain control of the Capitol we can devote more funds to K-12 education and less on some of the socialist programs that have been created in the last 4 years. The parents should know everything that their children are being taught and exposed to in the public schools, and they should have the right to have a say in what their local schools do. I am also a proponent of school choice, including Homeschool and Charter Schools.

School District Taxes: Do you believe that the Colorado legislature should make any adjustment to the level of taxes paid by residents in order to fund school district budgets? If so, how?

No. Since we have TABOR, it's up to the voters to adjust taxes when appropriate.

National Popular Vote: What is your position on Colorado joining the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact, which would effectively eliminate the electoral college's role in presidential elections in favor of a national popular vote?

It's a very bad idea. If the NPV was to be put in place, then places like New York and California would elect our president, and less populated states would have virtually no say. It's quite obvious that New York and California definitely have a different political leaning than most of the other states, and definitely different than rural Colorado in which I reside. The Founding Fathers took a lot of time figuring out just how to set up the Electoral College for the explicit purpose of avoiding the possibility of states with large populations having all the say. I think they knew what they were doing, and we definitely need to stick with it (the Electoral College).

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HOUSE DISTRICT

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ROSE PUGLIESE

Candidate Information

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

I have significant experience testifying before state legislative committees and regulatory agencies. Most of my work over the past decade has been focused on statewide issues, such as co-leading the ballot initiative for a citizen’s repeal of the National Popular Vote in Colorado. During my 2-terms as a County Commissioner, I held various statewide leadership positions. My statewide work has enabled me to grow my grassroots network and develop relationships across the state with legislative, local government and state leaders. I currently operate my own small business (a law firm) with a practice focused primarily on local government law. I have extensive experience working with federal, state and local governments, as well as understanding many of the funding streams.

Your Vision: What is your vision for being a Colorado State Representative?

My vision is to consistently engage with my constituents to truly understand the issues that are important to them and hold stakeholder meetings and townhalls so that I communicate directly with the people I serve. Legislation does not happen in a vacuum so it is important to utilize my statewide relationships to get positive legislation that helps our community passed and to gain allies in fighting against harmful legislation. I will also be proactive in informing the grassroots community about opportunities for them to get involved and have their voices heard.

Election Reform: Do you believe that elections in Colorado should be conducted differently? Should voters in Colorado be required to verify their identity and residential status in the respective counties in which they vote? Are you in favor of a single-day, in-person voting system consisting of all-paper ballots? Why or why not?

I believe that voter identification, including the county of their residence, should be required to vote and am against ballot harvesting, as it opens the door to election fraud. I also believe that the voter rolls must be cleaned up so that they are accurate. I support giving people options to vote and allowing them to decide which option works best for them, including mail-in ballots and in-person voting, on paper ballots or on machines that generate paper ballots so people can confirm that their votes were recorded accurately.

TABOR: What is your position on the Taxpayers Bill of Rights (TABOR)?

I chose to live in Colorado because of the Taxpayers' Bill of Rights ("TABOR"). I thought any state that allowed their people to vote on tax increases was a free state. It is unfortunate that TABOR is currently being eroded and circumvented by the State Legislature. I have a proven record of fighting for TABOR and against fees disguised as taxes and tax increases.

Education: As a State Representative, what will you do to improve the education of our K - 12 students? What is your position on parental authority in education, including school choice?

As a State Representative, I would support vouchers and believe strongly that money should follow the child. As a mother of a child with special learning needs, I understand first-hand that one size does not fit all in education and I have a record that supports parents advocating for their children in education, parental rights in education and school choice.



Government Authority: Do you believe that the government has the legal power and authority to dictate what a person does with his or her body? If so, how?

I do not believe that the government has the legal power or authority to dictate what a person should do with their body and I support medical freedom. However, I am a devoted Catholic and Pro-Life so I do not support abortions or euthanasia.

Protecting the Most Vulnerable: As a Representative, how would you seek to protect the most vulnerable in our state, including the lives of the unborn, the trafficked, and the elderly?

As a State Representative, I would vote against abortion laws and the government funding of abortions. I worked for several years to raise awareness locally and statewide about the signs of human trafficking and worked on legislation to help victims, especially those in the child welfare system. I would advocate for resources for increased education and training on human trafficking for parents and our children to help teach them how to stay safe while on the internet. As an estate planning attorney, I have seen elder abuse, both financially and physically, and would look for opportunities to strengthen our current laws and protections for the elderly.

1st Amendment: What will you do as Colorado State Representative to protect our 1st Amendment rights to: the free exercise of religion, freedom of speech, peaceably assembly, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances, all of which are becoming more difficult to exercise in America (and around the world)?

As a State Representative, I will always fight against censorship in all forms and protect our First Amendment rights. During the Covid- 19 pandemic, as a County Commissioner, I fought hard against closing churches and strongly advocated that they were essential. I worked to re-open churches as quickly as possible after the lock-down. Our re-open plan was the template statewide for re-opening businesses and churches, based on freedom; not force.

2nd Amendment: Do you believe that gun ownership is a civil right, and what are your positions in regards to red flag laws, magazine capacity bans, legislation that regulates gun storage, and permitless "Constitutional carry"?

I have a strong record of fighting to protect our Second Amendment rights and it is a constitutional right. As a County Commissioner, I personally wrote Mesa County's Pro-Second Amendment Resolution, stating that we not only supported the Second Amendment but would defend our constituents against unconstitutional laws. I was an active proponent of the Cameo Shooting Range, which gave people statewide and nationally, especially our youth, a place to shoot and fought against shooting range closures. I strongly opposed the red flag law and wrote testimony in opposition to it. I am against magazine capacity bans and against storage laws as it limits people's rights to protect themselves and their families. I am a supporter of permitless Constitutional carry.

Infrastructure Spending: How do you believe that tax revenue in Colorado should be best utilized to improve our infrastructure?

Infrastructure spending, for example investments in transportation and broadband, is within the proper role of government. It is an economic development driver that helps support our existing businesses and attract new businesses to our communities. I have a record of prioritizing existing tax revenue for infrastructure and public safety purposes, such as safe routes to school to protect our children, and finding federal and state funding to leverage existing funds to make tax revenue go further for my constituents.



JOE WOYTE

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Resident of the El Paso County:	20 years total (2006-2022 + 4 years USAFA Cadet)

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

When I left the military 20 years ago, I wanted to apply my USAF Academy management degree, my MBA, and 6 years of experience as an Air Force officer. I accepted a position in supply chain management at a large manufacturing plant, which required working with many stakeholders (suppliers, technicians, engineers, etc.) to understand the issues, risks, and improvement ideas before developing a plan. The lessons I learned applied to my career in defense contracting, with many opportunities to find win-win solutions in managing proposals, projects, subcontracts and contracts. I know they'll be just as useful to me as a legislator, where I'll keep my personal (and Academy class) motto in mind: "We'll find a way... or MAKE one!"



Your Vision: What is your vision for being a Colorado State Representative?

Because career politicians tend to create more problems than they solve, I intend to be a citizen statesman instead. As a long-term resident of Colorado Springs, I will represent the values of our community, only support legislation that is unquestionably Constitutional, and seek to limit government intervention in our lives and livelihoods rather than limiting Coloradans' freedoms. Too many politicians say they'll uphold conservative values in order to get elected, but then they waffle and vote like liberals when they're in office. I'll keep my commitments, including THIS PROMISE: I will tell my constituents WHY I voted "YEA" or "NAY" on every single vote I make in the legislature.

Election Reform: Do you believe that elections in Colorado should be conducted differently? Should voters in Colorado be required to verify their identity and residential status in the respective counties in which they vote? Are you in favor of a single-day, in-person voting system consisting of all-paper ballots? Why or why not?

Because confidence in our elections is critical to our form of government, I support common sense measures such as requiring proof of citizenship to register to vote and a government-issued photo ID to request a ballot. County Clerks must be empowered and expected to remove from their voter rolls anyone who has died, moved away, or no longer wishes to vote. I am in favor of single-day, in-person voting and a State holiday for election day. Additionally, we should use auditable paper ballots in all cases, not paperless computer systems. And, if anyone is in doubt about the need to end ballot harvesting, I would recommend that they watch the documentary "2,000 Mules."

TABOR: What is your position on the Taxpayers Bill of Rights (TABOR)?

I WILL defend the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR), and work to eliminate dishonest legislative practices like the inappropriate use of the "safety clause" in far too many bills, and the labeling of taxes as "fees" to circumvent TABOR requirements. Because taxes and "fees" are too high already, I have already signed the Colorado Union of Taxpayers' candidate & legislator "CUT Pledge" as a commitment to the citizens of Colorado, which can be viewed at the ColoradoTaxpayer website.

Education: As a State Representative, what will you do to improve the education of our K - 12 students? What is your position on parental authority in education, including school choice?

I've chaired School Accountability Committees at 3 schools and was a parent representative for years on D20's District Accountability Committee, so I understand parents' and educators' concerns. I support school boards, along with private & charter schools and home school parents, in directing their own curriculum, policies, and security; and I oppose State and federal mandates that impose things like sex education of 1st graders and Critical Race Theory (CRT). One of the first bills I co-sponsor will be legislation to fully fund Colorado's commitment to K-12 per pupil funding, by eliminating the so-called "Budget Stabilization" shortfall, commonly known by educators as the "B.S. factor." I'll also work on legislation to create an Education Tax Credit for Coloradans.

Government Authority: Do you believe that the government has the legal power and authority to dictate what a person does with his or her body? If so, how?

Health freedom is a right, not a privilege, which is why I am anti-mandate! I am against governments forcing or coercing citizens to accept a vaccine, medication, or other medical procedure. Likewise, decisions about what treatments people can try should be left up to patients, in coordination with their doctors, and not dictated by bureaucrats. I would also work to expand Health Savings Accounts and tax credits for Coloradans' health care costs.

Protecting the Most Vulnerable: As a Representative, how would you seek to protect the most vulnerable in our state, including the lives of the unborn, the trafficked, and the elderly?

I am 100% Pro-Life and have completed the "Colorado for Life" 2022 Colorado Candidate Survey with 10 out of 10 positive responses. Because the right to life is the foremost of all human rights, I will defend the most vulnerable, including the unborn and the elderly, starting with working to end late-term and taxpayer-funded abortion in Colorado. It is a sad fact that slavery DOES exist in America, in the form of human trafficking, and more needs to be done to end it. For example, the City of Colorado Springs recently passed legislation to address the proliferation of "massage parlors" that are actually fronts for sex slavery rings and other organized crime, and this approach could be applied Statewide.



1st Amendment: What will you do as Colorado State Representative to protect our 1st Amendment rights to: the free exercise of religion, freedom of speech, peaceably assembly, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances, all of which are becoming more difficult to exercise in America (and around the world)?

If you'd like to see an outline of our free speech zone, just type "map of the United States" into your favorite privacy-oriented search engine like DuckDuckGo. Seriously, the 1st Amendment doesn't just apply to speech that we agree with, and it doesn't just protect freedom of worship when we're not in a pandemic. I will do more than just oppose legislation that violates the 1st Amendment or any of the Bill of Rights: I will actively seek to repeal provisions of existing laws that limit our rights. For example, I support putting the Petition Rights Amendment (PRA) on the ballot, because legislators and bureaucrats have been chipping away at our right to petition for decades.

2nd Amendment: Do you believe that gun ownership is a civil right, and what are your positions in regards to red flag laws, magazine capacity bans, legislation that regulates gun storage, and permitless "Constitutional carry"?

I will oppose infringements on our God-given rights, especially those that the Bill of Rights was written to protect. This includes standing up to those who are undermining both the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and Article II of the Colorado Constitution, which is why I've recently earned the endorsements from Gun Owners of America (GOA) and from Rocky Mountain Gun Owners (RMGO). Colorado's red flag gun confiscations, magazine bans, and gun storage requirements should either be repealed or at least significantly re-written. I would also support carefully worded legislation to join the 25 other States that have enacted Constitutional Carry legislation.

Infrastructure Spending: How do you believe that tax revenue in Colorado should be best utilized to improve our infrastructure?

I will prioritize infrastructure spending on addressing vulnerabilities in our power distribution systems and fixing our deteriorating highways and bridges. Because we need more transparency and attention given to infrastructure spending, I also propose to make the transportation commissioner an elected position rather than a political appointee. I would also support a bill requiring the Office of Economic Development to conduct a feasibility study regarding small modular nuclear reactors, including technologies for safer alternatives such as Thorium reactors, as a potential carbon-free energy source for Colorado.

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SCOTT BOTTOMS

Candidate Information

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Military Background:	Navy
Resident of the El Paso County:	10 years

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

As a pastor and leader for over 30 years, I have worked in the darkness and evil that is humanity and have seen amazing things happen when people are presented with truth, grace and purpose. I have been in the fight against immorality like abortion and the LGBTQ+ agenda all my adult life. I will always stand for morality and truth. I have experienced countless stories of truth breaking barriers and changing entire lives and groups of people.



Your Vision: What is your vision for being a Colorado State Representative?

Bringing back our Judeo-Christian values and moral rule of law. My job will be to develop legislation that will fight for unborn children and the rights of all people everywhere. I want to bring integrity and character to the State legislature. I desire freedom for adults and children. We need to make laws to hinder the ever-increasing control the state has over the people. I want children to be free of the sexual attack on them in public schools. I will make laws that will protect our children from the LGBTQ+, transgender and CRT agendas. I want to stand for truth and to be light in a dark state legislature.

Election Reform: Do you believe that elections in Colorado should be conducted differently? Should voters in Colorado be required to verify their identity and residential status in the respective counties in which they vote? Are you in favor of a single-day, in-person voting system consisting of all-paper ballots? Why or why not?

Colorado has been the epicenter of election corruption for a long time. Dominion voting machines need to be eliminated whatever the cost and time involved. I believe in showing IDs to vote. I would favor a single-day, in-person voting system with paper ballots but I would also support a mechanized vote-counting system that is completely secure. Most importantly we need to have a system that is not connected to outside entities that can hack and change the outcome of elections. We need much more oversight and integrity in the overall voting system.

TABOR: What is your position on the Taxpayers Bill of Rights (TABOR)?

TABOR is necessary to keep the taxes in check. Citizens should decide tax increases, not the government or special interests. However, TABOR is not a reason why election corruption cannot be dealt with.

Education: As a State Representative, what will you do to improve the education of our K - 12 students? What is your position on parental authority in education, including school choice?

The children belong to the parents NOT the state nor the school district. Parents need to be allowed to have more input in the local school districts and the curriculum they are using. All transgender, LGBTQ+ and CRT curriculum needs to be removed from schools immediately. I will present legislation to remove these destructive agendas and prevent anything like them in the future. Parents should be allowed to send their children to any school they desire or to homeschool their children. Taxpayer dollars need to follow the child, not the system. The school the parents choose for their children should receive their tax dollars.



Government Authority: Do you believe that the government has the legal power and authority to dictate what a person does with his or her body? If so, how?

The government does not have the authority to tell someone to take a vaccine or any other drug they do not want to take. It is my body and it does not belong to the government. As a State Representative I will introduce legislation that will prohibit this gross unconstitutional overreach. This argument is used in favor of abortion. The problem with that argument is the mother and the child inside the womb of that mother are two different people. The mother has a right over her own body but that child is not her body, it is a different body of a different person.

Protecting the Most Vulnerable: As a Representative, how would you seek to protect the most vulnerable in our county, including the lives of the unborn, the trafficked, and the elderly?

I will do everything I can to present legislation that protect the unborn from the moment of conception. I was president of the board of a group that rescues girls from human trafficking and have fought that fight for many years. I will present legislation that will protect children from human trafficking and strongly go after those that participate in trafficking of children and adults. Everyone is created by God and in His image. Everyone has the right to Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness, from conception to the grave. I will fight to protect the right of the elderly to also enjoy Life. We must respect Life. I stand for Life.

1st Amendment: What will you do as Colorado State Representative to protect our 1st Amendment rights to: the free exercise of religion, freedom of speech, peaceably assembly, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances, all of which are becoming more difficult to exercise in America (and around the world)?

As a pastor I have fought many battles over the years against violations of freedom of religion and free speech. We kept our church open during the lockdowns. We never closed. I have had sermons removed from Youtube during the last few years. As a State Representative, I will fight with every tool I have to protect freedom of speech, assembly and religion. Without this basic constitutional freedom our country is not truly free.

2nd Amendment: Do you believe that gun ownership is a civil right, and what are your positions in regards to red flag laws, magazine capacity bans, legislation that regulates gun storage, and permitless "Constitutional carry"?

The 2nd Amendment should stand as the only explanation for gun ownership. Citizens of the entire USA have the constitutional right to own a firearm. They should not have to explain why they want to own that firearm. All of the magazine capacity bans and regulations are just manipulative ways to attack the 2nd amendment. It is no one's business if someone has a gun and what they do with it unless they harm someone. I will protect personal freedom in all areas of life, including the constitutional right to own a firearm.

Infrastructure Spending: How do you believe that tax revenue in Colorado should be best utilized to improve our infrastructure?

My first stance on taxes is no new taxes and also I will try to eliminate as many taxes as possible. For initiatives that need revenue there and many places where that revenue could come from, i.e. Planned Parenthood. I would like to see more revenue for police officers in the form of raises and also additional training. Most officers I talk to feel undertrained which hinders the officer's confidence and ability to make quick decisions that could save lives. The raises may not include the bureaucrats at the top of the police structure but should focus on helping police officers that may have families.

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HOUSE DISTRICT

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DAVE DONELSON

Candidate Information

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Military Background:	US Army Veteran, former Green Beret
Resident of the El Paso County:	30 years, except for military deployments and training

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

I currently serve you on City Council where I have a proven record of leadership. I have been married to my wife for 31 years and we have raised our children in House District 16. I understand the challenges and concerns of parents raising their families. Our state government should not make that harder.

I served my country for 21 years in the Army - as a Special Forces NCO (Green Beret), in military intelligence, and as an Officer and Physician Assistant. I am an Iraq War Veteran. I understand what it means to put others before yourself.

I have been the Center Director of a Men’s Health Clinic and understand the challenges of small business.



Your Vision: What is your vision for being a Colorado State Representative?

Serve the People. That is my vision. Just like when I ran for city council - it isn't about me. Right now, too many of our elected officials think their job is to impose some kind of agenda on our citizens. That isn't their job. Their (my) essential job is to provide our citizens with excellent Public Safety, Infrastructure (think roads), and Public Schools - and not violate our constitution while doing it. It is not the government's job to weaken our police, ignore our roads, and try to undercut parents' values in our schools.

Election Reform: Do you believe that elections in Colorado should be conducted differently? Should voters in Colorado be required to verify their identity and residential status in the respective counties in which they vote? Are you in favor of a single-day, in-person voting system consisting of all-paper ballots? Why or why not?

Yes, elections in Colorado should be conducted differently. American citizens have to have confidence in their elections. Requiring voter ID and residential status is a no brainer. Try getting on a plane without ID. If a single-day, in-person voting system consisting of all-paper ballots is "doable" I would support it. The reason why is that it would restore confidence in our election results among our citizens who are skeptical about them. We would be able to address concerns about electronic manipulation of the vote. It would also end ballot harvesting.

TABOR: What is your position on the Taxpayers Bill of Rights (TABOR)?

I support it. Our state government should not try to circumvent it by calling taxes fees.

Education: As a State Representative, what will you do to improve the education of our K - 12 students? What is your position on parental authority in education, including school choice?

I am a strong supporter of parental authority in education and school choice. My children attended Corpus Christi Elementary School, and then graduated from Vanguard Charter School or Saint Mary's High School.

Funding in schools needs to be shifted away from bloated school administrations and used to increase teacher salaries to attract more teachers and compensate them for the critical role they have in teaching our children. Divisive issues like CRT and sexual identity don't belong in our schools.



Government Authority: Do you believe that the government has the legal power and authority to dictate what a person does with his or her body? If so, how?

I think this question is about the COVID debacle we just went through. On the El Paso County Board of Health I led the fight against mandates and led the fight against a resolution “in support of voluntary COVID vaccinations”. It was a typical government, one size fits all solution (even after it was clear there were serious side effects, and it wasn’t effective at preventing infection). Mandating that citizens had to get that shot, even though they may have had antibodies, was and is wrong. If we can't decide what is injected into our bodies, are we really free?

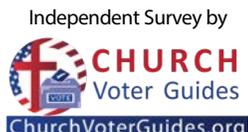
Protecting the Most Vulnerable: As a Representative, how would you seek to protect the most vulnerable in our state, including the lives of the unborn, the trafficked, and the elderly?

On Colorado Springs City Council I successfully led the effort to enact a Massage Therapy Business License. I coordinated with our Colorado Springs Police Department (CSPD) Vice, Narcotics and Intelligence Unit, City Attorney Office, and City Clerk's office to craft an ordinance which will give us the ability to end the human trafficking and prostitution which has been occurring at Illicit Massage Parlors in our city for decades. The ordinance was approved 9-0 on two separate votes. It will begin to be enforced on 1 September 2022.

I am Pro-Life. I will be an ally for groups working for the protection of the unborn, the elderly, and the trafficked.

1st Amendment: What will you do as Colorado State Representative to protect our 1st Amendment rights to: the free exercise of religion, freedom of speech, peaceably assembly, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances, all of which are becoming more difficult to exercise in America (and around the world)?

I will uphold the constitution. I didn’t serve 21 years in the Army, part of that time as a Green Beret, to be intimidated into giving up our constitutional rights. I will vote against anything which I think violates or undermines any of these rights. I will be proud to sponsor or support bills which promote these rights. I will speak out, as I did on the EPC Board of Health, when I think citizens rights are being violated.



2nd Amendment: Do you believe that gun ownership is a civil right, and what are your positions in regards to red flag laws, magazine capacity bans, legislation that regulates gun storage, and permitless "Constitutional carry"?

I am a NRA life member, concealed carry permit holder, member of a shooting club, former Green Beret and serve on the board of the Pikes Peak Firearms Coalition. Would you like to guess my position on 2A issues? The problem isn't law abiding citizens with 30- round magazines, it is criminals with any weapon - a knife, hammer, or gun. We need to stop reducing penalties for crimes, and punish criminals for breaking the law. Regulating gun storage turns honest citizens into criminals.

Infrastructure Spending: How do you believe that tax revenue in Colorado should be best utilized to improve our infrastructure?

When I ran for city council the top two priorities for me were public safety (police and fire), and infrastructure. There are only a few things that most citizens really want their government to focus on - but those are two of them. It is like focusing on blocking and tackling in football - the fundamentals bring success. We have to make infrastructure - roads, bridges, dams, airports, wastewater, etc. a top priority.

Currently our government is focused on too many other issues - like decreasing penalties for criminals, and trying to force cities, businesses and individuals to adopt green energy options. We have to stay focused on delivering the fundamentals.

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RACHEL STOVALL

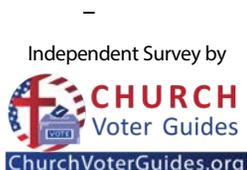
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Military Background:	Veteran's Wife/Honorary Commander USAFA
Resident of the El Paso County:	40 years

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

I am a Christian community advocate with years of experience in supporting citizens. I support groups or the individual with community -based resources. I empower the people at all levels. I demand accountability from government as I help others to create solutions. I have served on non-profit boards, run my own business and I have raised a family. Protecting parents’ rights and religious freedoms will be high in my priorities.

I have served on non-profit boards, run my own business and I have raised a family. Protecting protect parents’ rights and religious freedoms will be high in my priorities.



Your Vision: What is your vision for being a Colorado State Representative?

My vision is to bring a strong problem-solving approach to law making. Let's use laws to help Coloradans as they want to move away from the lack of affordability, decreased public safety and disrespect from government and media that is so prevalent not only in HD17, but in Colorado as a whole.

Election Reform: Do you believe that elections in Colorado should be conducted differently? Should voters in Colorado be required to verify their identity and residential status in the respective counties in which they vote? Are you in favor of a single-day, in-person voting system consisting of all-paper ballots? Why or why not?

Verification of both identity and residential status with a photo ID is fair and should be implemented everywhere in Colorado.

Poll watchers and election judges are the best line of defense against irregularities. Election judges are in the ballot counting areas, watching and verifying the ballot count. Early voting and Election Day should be it. Absentee ballots for military and those who can show (through reservations, surgery dates, disabled, hospitalized, etc.) that they cannot vote those days should be able to vote absentee. I am concerned with mail in ballots for everyone because it creates a real risk for fraud.

TABOR: What is your position on the Taxpayers Bill of Rights (TABOR)?

I understand why it was necessary to bring more accountability to government in this area. Coloradans support this law and so do I.

Education: As a State Representative, what will you do to improve the education of our K - 12 students? What is your position on parental authority in education, including school choice?

I encourage legislation that encourages good instruction, high academic standards and accountability. School choice is common sense and will always be. I support vouchers and all forms of school choice.

Boards, teachers, and administrators/staff must treat parents as those being served and not as a subordinate who should receive dictates. I will support all law that supports parental rights.

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Government Authority: Do you believe that the government has the legal power and authority to dictate what a person does with his or her body? If so, how?

If this question relates to vaccination, citizens should decide their own health paths and vaccine status as relates to them. For children, parents should decide regarding immunizations in general and COVID-19. In particular. No exceptions. We do not need more government control in health.

Protecting the Most Vulnerable: As a Representative, how would you seek to protect the most vulnerable in our state, including the lives of the unborn, the trafficked, and the elderly?

I will always seek to protect the most vulnerable through law-making.

Regarding the unborn, I would push for legislation that increases education and adoption options. I will run new bills upholding motherhood and infant safety. Through the law, I'll also assist deciding mothers to connect with non-profit programs and needed support.

Regarding the trafficked, I would push for legislation that increases penalties for traffickers/customers and supports recovery for victims.

Regarding the elderly, thru efforts with the Never Alone Project - the law affirming visitation in nursing homes/hospitals to elderly patients has passed. I also plan to run bills assisting DAs in vigorous prosecution of those who abuse elders. I will run any bill that is a help to elders.

1st Amendment: What will you do as Colorado State Representative to protect our 1st Amendment rights to: the free exercise of religion, freedom of speech, peaceably assembly, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances, all of which are becoming more difficult to exercise in America (and around the world)?

According to the Colorado Constitution - The people of this state have the sole and exclusive right of governing themselves.

That principle will guide ALL my legislative activity as well as attempts to bring strong influence to maintaining the rights of our citizens: the free exercise of religion, freedom of speech, peaceful assembly, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

In other words, I will always fight for our rights.

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2nd Amendment: Do you believe that gun ownership is a civil right, and what are your positions in regards to red flag laws, magazine capacity bans, legislation that regulates gun storage, and permitless "Constitutional carry"?

The Constitution upholds the right to keep and bear arms. I support this wholeheartedly.

Thankfully, Red flag laws are rarely utilized but I am open to supporting legislation that amends our law.

Magazine capacity bans may be overreaction to the Aurora shooting but are still on the books. I am open to supporting legislation that appeals these laws.

Legislation that asks for storage of guns while not in use increases safety, decreases suicide and in fact can help prevent school shootings. 80% of shooters stole weapons from their family. We need gun safety not control.

The Constitutional Carry Law may pass with some changes. I would like to research that possibility in session after elected.

Infrastructure Spending: How do you believe that tax revenue in Colorado should be best utilized to improve our infrastructure?

Our infrastructure shortfall is too much. We need to be more transparent with how we handle these funds.

We need billions worth of drinking water to get through the coming decades. We should protect our water rights.

Schools have an estimated \$640 million dollar shortfall. It is time for an in-depth look at how school districts are spending.

Bad roads are currently costing each motorist \$651 each annually. We need to fix our roads without breaking the bank.

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SUMMER GROUBERT

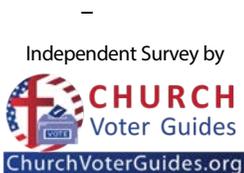
Candidate Information

House District:	18
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Occupation/Vocation:	Forensic Bookkeeper
Resident of the El Paso County:	15 Years in El Paso, 30 years in Colorado

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

20 years of financial management and forensic bookkeeping has given me the experience to find and fix complex problems. I also enjoy removing bureaucratic overhead.

I have learned that visual and tactile examples demonstrate one’s point more effectively than simple talk. During the hearings for HR19-1032, I handed the chair of the Health and Insurance Committee a bag of plastic genitals and condoms. She was too embarrassed to publicly participate in the very same licentious act she was voting to inflict upon our elementary-aged children.



Your Vision: What is your vision for being a Colorado State Representative?

The Democratic Legislature has installed appointee-only bureaucratic committees with unelected and unaccountable members that have been handed all future decision-making powers for several controversial topics, including schools’ compliance with the woke sectarian sexual recruitment curriculum that went into effect in 2020. Instead of people serving on the 9 seat oversight entity created by HB19-1032, government organizations and woke corporations like the ACLU hold seats on the growing CHSE Oversight Entity. Search "Colorado Comprehensive Human Sexuality Education (CHSE) Grant Program" to find their meetings and minutes.

These committees usurp our Republic and have established a neo-feudalistic or socialist bureaucracy, and I plan to disband them.

Election Reform: Do you believe that elections in Colorado should be conducted differently? Should voters in Colorado be required to verify their identity and residential status in the respective counties in which they vote? Are you in favor of a single-day, in-person voting system consisting of all-paper ballots? Why or why not?

I believe we should go back to conducting in-person voting at our local precincts, as neighbors have the greatest ability to perform verification and accountability.

I was an election judge the first year that machines were used in Colorado and the polls had to stay open until after midnight with people waiting for hours due to glitches with the machines and state system.

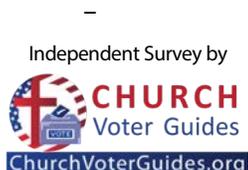
In 2021, when data analysts found that algorithms were linked to past census data, I conducted my own analysis on prior election years and the data suggests this has been an ongoing pattern.

TABOR: What is your position on the Taxpayers Bill of Rights (TABOR)?

TABOR places tax policy in the hands of the voters and is one of the only pieces of legislation that is stopping Colorado from becoming a full-fledged clone of California.

One year, I recall that in a local county, TABOR forced them to refund each family \$1,200. The next year, they created shadow budgets to hide the excess funds claiming it had been spent.

The continual shell game that the legislature plays with relabeling taxes as fees is absolutely appalling



Education: As a State Representative, what will you do to improve the education of our K - 12 students? What is your position on parental authority in education, including school choice?

The institutionalized educational system is failing to educate students or prepare them for our society, to earn a place in our economy. I believe expanding the options available to students for internships and apprenticeships will bring high quality training programs to restore artisanship and craftsmanship. The home is the best place for individualized learning programs that have the best outcome for each child.

School choice needs to expand in areas of tactile learning programs increasing the next generation of experts in the mechanical, electrical, agricultural, medical, culinary and resource extraction industries.

Government Authority: Do you believe that the government has the legal power and authority to dictate what a person does with his or her body? If so, how?

Humanity's track record is filled with consistent and horrifying accounts of abuse of this legal power and authority both from not holding the guilty accountable for their actions and from persecuting innocent people instead of protecting them.

Over and over again people ignore God and fear man saying, 'I shall have peace, even though I follow the dictates of my heart' (Deuteronomy 29)

It's time to restore boundaries to the government and protect the innocent and hold the guilty accountable. The medical field should be accountable for their experimentations and procedures, full disclosure of side effects is required prior to consent by an adult for themselves or their child. To be clear, a child cannot consent for themselves.



Protecting the Most Vulnerable: As a Representative, how would you seek to protect the most vulnerable in our state, including the lives of the unborn, the trafficked, and the elderly?

For over 100 years, Democrats have been collaborating with communist and socialist governments like Germany's Nazi (National Socialist) Party. Planned Parenthood Founder Margaret Sanger viewed people of "lesser birth" of nationalities and races dissimilar to hers as "unfit". Democrats say they want everyone to have access to healthcare and a "good death" (Euthanasia). Planned Parenthood is trafficking body parts and organs and experimenting on children using hormone replacement therapy they have not strayed from their Eugenics roots they still view every customer as "unfit". I will hold my fellow representatives accountable and restore high standards to the value of every innocent life. The innocent need to be protected by restoring punishments for the guilty and the penal code.

1st Amendment: What will you do as Colorado State Representative to protect our 1st Amendment rights to: the free exercise of religion, freedom of speech, peaceably assembly, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances, all of which are becoming more difficult to exercise in America (and around the world)?

The government needs to be held accountable for colluding with companies in attempting to limit and remove the speech of the people of the United States of America.

Our God-given rights cannot be removed via any means of policy, mandate, law or force. Throughout history people have only become more free when they choose to live in courageous obedience to God and do not censor the truth for any reason.

2nd Amendment: Do you believe that gun ownership is a civil right, and what are your positions in regards to red flag laws, magazine capacity bans, legislation that regulates gun storage, and permitless "Constitutional carry"?

Self-defense is a fundamental individual right. I support the removal of any restrictions that prevent Constitutional carry. The government has no business making money off permits or collecting lists of law-abiding citizens.

Instead of red flag laws, we need to undo the destruction of our criminal penal code that was done by the Woke Sectarians, using ideology from Dr. Alfred Kinsey, that has led to the destruction of families and the continual release of predators onto our streets.

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Infrastructure Spending: How do you believe that tax revenue in Colorado should be best utilized to improve our infrastructure?

We have the responsibility to maintain the necessities of our electric, gas, water, sewage, roads, police, and firefighting and mitigation services.

Firstly, I would remove the toll lanes. In general, the cost to invoice a toll fee is more than they collect. Making taxpayers pay twice for the same project. For several years, the state has disrupted our travel on I-25, just to add a toll lane.

Secondly, those same taxes are part of the shell game, where the more money that is allocated for roads, the more general funds are diverted from roads into funding pet projects and graft.

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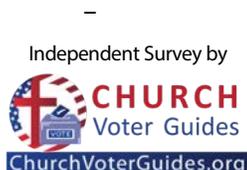
SHANA BLACK

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Resident of the El Paso County:	6 years

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

As a Christian Conservative Constitutional Candidate, I will bring strength, courage, conviction, and a commitment to integrity to my role as Representative. As an attorney for more than 20 years, I have extensive experience in debate and public speaking. When pit against bullies and strong opponents in and out of the courtroom, who I defeat handily time and time again, I am NOT intimidated in the face of strong opposition. My bravery and commitment to integrity is a winning formula. The seat of House District 18 must be fought for, and I am prepared and willing to get in the ring and WIN that seat for the people of HD18.



Your Vision: What is your vision for being a Colorado State Representative?

To fight for conservative values and reverse the damage done by the leftist Democrats over the past twenty years.

Election Reform: Do you believe that elections in Colorado should be conducted differently? Should voters in Colorado be required to verify their identity and residential status in the respective counties in which they vote? Are you in favor of a single-day, in-person voting system consisting of all-paper ballots? Why or why not?

I believe voters should be required to verify their identity and residential status. I support a single-day, in-person paper ballot election day.

TABOR: What is your position on the Taxpayers Bill of Rights (TABOR)?

I support TABOR and the limitations it places on government.

Education: As a State Representative, what will you do to improve the education of our K - 12 students? What is your position on parental authority in education, including school choice?

I believe parents are the authority over their children's education. Parents should have the freedom to choose the education that will work best for their children. Parents should have full and unrestricted access to education materials and curriculum. Parent participation in education is vital. School choice and vouchers are excellent free market solutions to improve the quality of education to our K - 12 students.

Government Authority: Do you believe that the government has the legal power and authority to dictate what a person does with his or her body? If so, how?

No. The government only has the powers granted to it in the Constitution. The Constitution limits the power of the government to intervene in the lives of the people, including dictating what a person does with his or her body.

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Protecting the Most Vulnerable: As a Representative, how would you seek to protect the most vulnerable in our state, including the lives of the unborn, the trafficked, and the elderly?

As an allied attorney with Alliance Defending Freedom, the world's largest legal organization committed to protecting religious freedom, free speech, marriage and family, parental rights, and the sanctity of life, I am committed to these values and principles. I would like to see a repeal of 22-1279, which legalizes abortion even after full term birth. Colorado's status of "Sanctuary State" also deserves attention, as sanctuary jurisdictions often turn a blind eye to human trafficking, protecting criminals from foreign countries, rather than our most vulnerable citizens. I would seek to scuttle the "Office of Public Guardianship" as a failed pilot program, replacing it with a policy that provides the safe, compassionate care that our elderly deserve.

1st Amendment: What will you do as Colorado State Representative to protect our 1st Amendment rights to: the free exercise of religion, freedom of speech, peaceably assembly, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances, all of which are becoming more difficult to exercise in America (and around the world)?

I will advocate for religious freedom, free speech, and the right to peaceably assemble, our most cherished liberties.

2nd Amendment: Do you believe that gun ownership is a civil right, and what are your positions in regards to red flag laws, magazine capacity bans, legislation that regulates gun storage, and permitless "Constitutional carry"?

I support the 2nd Amendment fully. It is the responsibility of gun owners to safely store their firearms. Red Flag laws, magazine capacity bans, and other such legislation are an encroachment on our liberty and right to keep and bear arms.

Infrastructure Spending: How do you believe that tax revenue in Colorado should be best utilized to improve our infrastructure?

A system of prioritization of projects, and free market competitive bidding.

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HOUSE DISTRICT

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DON WILSON

Candidate Information

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Resident of the El Paso County:	6 years

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

I have served the Town of Monument for 6 years now, 4 of them as Mayor. I have seen how state legislation affects our smaller communities often with one size fits all solutions. As one of two individuals that challenged the state legislator for the first time in over 80 years with a citizen's referendum against the National Popular Vote, I learned how out of touch some state legislators are and how their focus has moved from the local community to national hot topics. I serve on multiple legislative committees and have testified both for and against legislation on several occasions. With my experience at the local level, I believe I can help bring a Colorado focus to the state house again.



Your Vision: What is your vision for being a Colorado State Representative?

To create a bottom-up shared approach among elected officials at the state level by working from the taxpayer up, instead of the state level down.

Election Reform: Do you believe that elections in Colorado should be conducted differently? Should voters in Colorado be required to verify their identity and residential status in the respective counties in which they vote? Are you in favor of a single-day, in-person voting system consisting of all-paper ballots? Why or why not?

We must rebuild the peoples trust in the election system. This begins with transparency and then more transparency. This needs to be combined with voter roll clean-ups to reduce the number of inactive ballots circulating through the system. Moving forward, voter identification is crucial in election integrity.

TABOR: What is your position on the Taxpayers Bill of Rights (TABOR)?

The “fee” loophole is chipping away the effectiveness and value of TABOR. Future legislation needs to be developed in a manner addressing how new enterprises are created, along with new restrictions on the expansion of existing enterprises fees.

Education: As a State Representative, what will you do to improve the education of our K - 12 students? What is your position on parental authority in education, including school choice?

Providing effortless access to school choice with a focus on parental authority and transparency, will be a driving force in making public schools more productive and competitive. In many ways our public school system is broken. Funding is miss appropriated, classrooms are overcrowded, and grade level learning continues to fall behind. Teachers’ unions continue to perpetuate the problem by focusing on the teacher and not the student. It would behoove us to expand our teaching assets by tapping into industry experts to aid in education and help prepare our students for real world issues versus only relying on individuals with educational backgrounds.

Government Authority: Do you believe that the government has the legal power and authority to dictate what a person does with his or her body? If so, how?

As per our Constitution, government should be limited. Our state has demonstrated a total disregard for this concept during COVID-19, as such no level of government has the authority to dictate medical procedures and decisions over an individual.

Protecting the Most Vulnerable: As a Representative, how would you seek to protect the most vulnerable in our state, including the lives of the unborn, the trafficked, and the elderly?

Candidate Did Not Respond

(When we originally surveyed State Representative candidates for the Assembly, this question was inadvertently omitted. We resubmitted our questionnaire to candidates for the Primary Elections with this question included, giving them a chance to both revise their previous answers and to respond to this new question. This candidate confirmed receipt of the new questionnaire, but never responded with any revisions, nor did he submit an answer to this question.)

1st Amendment: What will you do as Colorado State Representative to protect our 1st Amendment rights to: the free exercise of religion, freedom of speech, peaceably assembly, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances, all of which are becoming more difficult to exercise in America (and around the world)?

Recently in our community, I have had to defend our religious freedoms against out of state anti-Christian activist groups. We won this battle, but this is not the end. We need to continue to fight this kind of censorship and cancel culture.

2nd Amendment: Do you believe that gun ownership is a civil right, and what are your positions in regards to red flag laws, magazine capacity bans, legislation that regulates gun storage, and permitless "Constitutional carry"?

As a veteran of the United State Marine Corps and a NRA firearms instructor, I strongly support the 2nd Amendment. I have spoken out as Mayor, against legislation like Red Flag and others. The 2nd Amendment protects all other rights, and I will always fight to ensure our right to bear arms is upheld.

Infrastructure Spending: How do you believe that tax revenue in Colorado should be best utilized to improve our infrastructure?

The State agencies responsible for our infrastructure need to be refocused. Many of these agencies have lost touch with their designed purpose and spend too many taxpayer dollars outside their purview and on pet projects. New legislation needs to guide these agencies back to their core responsibilities.

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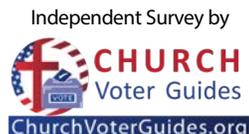
KARL O'BRIAN DENT Sr.

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Military Background:	Army Veteran
Resident of the El Paso County:	15 years

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

Karl O’Brian Dent, Sr., has over 15 years’ experience in security and law enforcement. As the founder of Rocky Mountain Protective Service, a security protection company that works with high-profile individuals, including executives, dignitaries, and celebrities, protects residential and commercial properties., Dent strives to maintain universally high standards of support for all his clients. Dent is currently working on a PH.D. in Public Administration at Liberty University Helm School of Government. He holds a Master’s in law American Legal Study from Liberty University School of Law; a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement Administration from Colorado State University (CSU GLOBAL) and an Associate’s Degree in Criminal Justice from Pikes Peak Community College.



Your Vision: What is your vision for being a Colorado State Representative?

My Vision is for Colorado is to rebuild and restore our Oil and Natural Gas Industry by reducing regulation. We need to support our local oil and gas industry so we can keep our economy growing and retain that revenue in the State of Colorado and to make America Energy Independent. I will introduce legislation that will protect the rights of the people, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights. I will protect the unborn, abortion should not be used as a form of Birth Control. I will also put forth Legislation to repeal any current law that supports gender modification of our kids. I will fight to make sure that transgender males do not compete with our female athletes.

Election Reform: Do you believe that elections in Colorado should be conducted differently? Should voters in Colorado be required to verify their identity and residential status in the respective counties in which they vote? Are you in favor of a single-day, in-person voting system consisting of all-paper ballots? Why or why not?

I believe that elections in Colorado should be conducted differently. I believe that we should remove the Dominion voting system from El Paso County and the State of Colorado. Voter ID should be an unwavering requirement. I believe we should not use a mail ballot because they are unsecured and should not be a part of our election system. I believe that we should only use in-person voting and voting should only be conducted on Election Day. I believe that we should start enforcing and prosecuting people who take part in ballot harvesting, and voting with other people's ballots who have passed away.

TABOR: What is your position on the Taxpayers Bill of Rights (TABOR)?

I support TABOR. As an elected official I will fight to make sure TABOR is protected. I will write Legislation to prevent state and local government from taking away the protections that TABOR gives the taxpayers.

Education: As a State Representative, what will you do to improve the education of our K - 12 students? What is your position on parental authority in education, including school choice?

The Democrats have declared war on our children and are fighting this war through our schools. Our leaders have failed our students and their families, thereby jeopardizing our future. We must defend our children and teach them well, educate them, and not indoctrinate them with ideologies that are antithetical to Colorado and our identity. As HD 21 Representative: I will fight the ideological war in our schools. As HD 21 Representative, I will fight laws that advance progressive socialist indoctrination programs such as Critical Race Theory or Social Emotional Learning. I will not support any legislation that threatens the freedom of homeschool families. I will fight to expand the school choice option Election

Government Authority: Do you believe that the government has the legal power and authority to dictate what a person does with his or her body? If so, how?

1. Throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic, the people of Colorado have witnessed their leaders completely overstep their boundaries to make collective health decisions, such as mask mandates and vaccination requirements, that should always have been up to individuals.
2. I believe each person is responsible for their own personal health and healthcare decisions and that our government should not dictate these private medical decisions. As HD 21 Representative: I will fight to halt the implementation of vaccine mandates here in Colorado. It amazes me how the left continues to use the argument of “my body my choice” to justify abortion, yet, somehow, they believe it is completely ethical to mandate experimental vaccines for a virus with a 99.98 percent recovery rate.

Protecting the Most Vulnerable: As a Representative, how would you seek to protect the most vulnerable in our state, including the lives of the unborn, the trafficked, and the elderly?

I will Sponsor or CO-Sponsor A Bill to Repeal HB 22-1279 Colorado Abortion Care Law - Reproductive Health Equity Act. I will work to provide additional funding to the Colorado Bureau of Investigation, Colorado State Patrol and Local Law Enforcement to fight against Child, Human, Drugs and Sex Trafficking in our State. I will support our Law Enforcement Agencies and our District Attorney's Office 100 Percent and provide the funding they need to fight against elderly abuse especially in senior assisted living facilities and correction facilities.

1st Amendment: What will you do as Colorado State Representative to protect our 1st Amendment rights to: the free exercise of religion, freedom of speech, peaceably assembly, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances, all of which are becoming more difficult to exercise in America (and around the world)?

I will propose a Bill to protect the 1st Amendment; I will protect our 1st amendment by means of the 14th Amendment, and the 9th and 10th Amendments. Where our rights have been violated I have no problem with suing our government in court for any violation of the constitution and the bill of rights. I will not support any laws under the Colorado Constitution that conflict with the United States Constitution. Any powers not specifically granted to the state and the federal government must remain with the people.

2nd Amendment: Do you believe that gun ownership is a civil right, and what are your positions in regards to red flag laws, magazine capacity bans, legislation that regulates gun storage, and permitless "Constitutional carry"?

An armed man is a citizen. A disarmed man is a subject to the government. Self-defense is a natural right endowed by our creator to protect our life, liberty, and property. The first step a communist government takes in reaching power is confiscating guns from their citizens. As HD 21 Representative: I will oppose any legislation that disrupts our Second Amendment right to bear arms. Colorado will be a beacon for gun rights and self-defense for the nation.

Infrastructure Spending: How do you believe that tax revenue in Colorado should be best utilized to improve our infrastructure?

In El Paso County and the State of Colorado we do a poor job maintaining our Infrastructure, for example roads and bridges. We should use our tax dollars to maintain our roads and bridges only if we don't have to pay a toll after project is complete. I believe there should be transparency in who is awarded contracts. We should make sure our tax dollars are not wasted on corruption, cronyism and nepotism.



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Military Background:	Spouse of Army Veteran
Resident of the El Paso County:	38 years

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

I have been active in politics for many years by helping candidates with their campaigns. Being a volunteer for many events in my district, I have an excellent understanding of the issues that are faced in my district.



Your Vision: What is your vision for being a Colorado State Representative?

My vision is to promote my three priorities for a better life for Coloradoans: public safety, affordable housing, and readily available mental, behavioral, and physical health services.

Election Reform: Do you believe that elections in Colorado should be conducted differently? Should voters in Colorado be required to verify their identity and residential status in the respective counties in which they vote? Are you in favor of a single-day, in-person voting system consisting of all-paper ballots? Why or why not?

I believe all voters should have a photo ID if voting in person or signature verification if voting by mail. Today it is difficult to find enough places to be polling centers to serve all the people. Traditionally, schools and churches have been polling places, but they no longer want to have unknown people entering their building. I am in favor of mail-in ballots.

TABOR: What is your position on the Taxpayers Bill of Rights (TABOR)?

I am in favor of TABOR and have since it was voted into law in 1992. Any increase in taxes should be approved by the voters. Any excess money should be returned to the taxpayers.

Education: As a State Representative, what will you do to improve the education of our K - 12 students? What is your position on parental authority in education, including school choice?

My position on education is to limit the "programs" that do not directly support the teaching of reading writing, mathematics, science, and social studies. I believe parents know best what's best for their children and schools should be more responsive to this.

Government Authority: Do you believe that the government has the legal power and authority to dictate what a person does with his or her body? If so, how?

No, I do not believe that government has the legal power and authority to dictate what a person does with his or her body.



Protecting the Most Vulnerable: As a Representative, how would you seek to protect the most vulnerable in our state, including the lives of the unborn, the trafficked, and the elderly?

As a representative, I have voted for and will continue to vote for protection of the unborn, the trafficked, the disabled, and the elderly. If we do this, we would be promoting assistance to the people of our state that have no way to help themselves.

1st Amendment: What will you do as Colorado State Representative to protect our 1st Amendment rights to: the free exercise of religion, freedom of speech, peaceably assembly, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances, all of which are becoming more difficult to exercise in America (and around the world)?

I will continue to do what I am doing now - voting against any bill that puts restrictions on religion, speech, peaceful assembly, and petitions for grievance redress.

2nd Amendment: Do you believe that gun ownership is a civil right, and what are your positions in regards to red flag laws, magazine capacity bans, legislation that regulates gun storage, and permitless "Constitutional carry"?

I believe that gun ownership is a civil right that is supported in the Colorado Constitution. I am against and have voted against red flag laws, capacity bans, and gun storage regulations.

Infrastructure Spending: How do you believe that tax revenue in Colorado should be best utilized to improve our infrastructure?

I believe that we, as a state, should focus on enforcing the laws we have, promote peace and order, and provide economic security and assistance. Limiting the scope of government is very desirable.



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KEN DEGRAAF

Candidate Information

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Occupation/Vocation:	Pilot
Military Background:	USAF (ret)
Resident of the El Paso County:	15 years = 4 (USAFA) + 2 (2000-2) + 9 (since 2013)

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

30+ year AF Veteran; current commercial pilot. Distinguished Graduate from USAFA; Guggenheim Fellow to Columbia University for Engineering. Policy and programming experience in USAFE, AFAFRICA, and as an Operations and Mission Support Group Deputy. Established a multi-aircraft AF Reserve Squadron. Served as an Environmental manager; worked with the EPA & MiDEQ; templated the first Michigan DOD “Clean Corporate Citizen.” Formed cooperative agreements with the USCG, NOAA, FWS, DNR, and Merchant Marine. I taught Calculus at the USAF Academy. I have served on a school board. Currently on the Executive Council of the El Paso GOP. Experience living in 8 states, plus Germany and Canada.



Your Vision: What is your vision for being a Colorado State Representative?

To return the government to its “just powers” as derived “from the consent of the governed” for the purpose of securing our Creator endowed Rights per the founding values of our Republic. Our legislators have largely betrayed this as their focus. While democrats have been increasing government intrusion into all aspects of our social fabric, “republicans” have been (inadvertently) increasing the government collusion with business. Both can undermine our individual Liberty. Even seemingly well-intended bills often undermine our freedom to curry favors from a faction or special interest for power or money. Individual Liberty is surrendered through compromise with State Power, and may be difficult, if not impossible to regain.

Election Reform: Do you believe that elections in Colorado should be conducted differently? Should voters in Colorado be required to verify their identity and residential status in the respective counties in which they vote? Are you in favor of a single-day, in-person voting system consisting of all-paper ballots? Why or why not?

All computers can be hacked. Paper ballots limit the extent of inevitable tampering. Single-day voting with ID and paper ballots limits risk.

Computers do as programmed and are susceptible to corruption in their coding, which you are not allowed to see, and in their hardware, which is usually produced by countries hostile to our interests. Election manipulation is of high strategic value because it determines who will yield power and money. Hackable machines make our elections a soft target.

Accuracy is the primary characteristic required. Cost is irrelevant since it is not secure. Lack of confidence and transparency leads to lawsuits, audits, and ultimately hand-counting; electronic voting is expensive, and time intensive.

TABOR: What is your position on the Taxpayers Bill of Rights (TABOR)?

Support. TABOR should be strengthened by requiring all new spending be approved in the general election, and disallowing the use of the “peace, health or safety” clause to bypass referendum per Article V, Section 1, paragraph 3. Automatic inflation adjustment and annual percentage (exponential) growth should be banned. Program renewals should require 2/3 majority vote to proceed to the general election. Government has proved it cannot be trusted to act responsibly with the money it extracts now. Allowing the government to keep anything extra is further depriving the still functioning (but suffocated) free market of actually utilizing that money for good and worthwhile things that are best determined by those who earned that money.



Education: As a State Representative, what will you do to improve the education of our K - 12 students? What is your position on parental authority in education, including school choice?

Parental engagement and school choice are essential to education, as is local control of school boards. Vouchers incur State meddling, so tax credits might be more appropriate. The bloated bureaucracies of National and State education agencies have proven to be untrustworthy as they have become more interested in ideological indoctrination than functional education. They would be unnecessary with increased local control, so elimination would help reduce the 30-40% of the per-student cost that goes to administrivia, which would allow increasing the number of teachers. Free enterprise in education will increase and improve options for students while allowing teachers to be paid based on their efficacy.

Government Authority: Do you believe that the government has the legal power and authority to dictate what a person does with his or her body? If so, how?

Absolutely not. The only “just powers” of a government are those derived from the consent of the governed for the purpose of securing our entitled Rights. Government has no just authority to operate outside of those bounds. Government’s role is to secure our Rights by protecting them from infringement, not to impose compliance.

This subject becomes muddled where we ask the State to assume responsibility in areas such as healthcare. If we expect our fellow citizens to bear the load of our health, the taxpayers (by way of the government) have a vested interest in our health-related choices, and a responsibility to ensure those decisions are sound. Foisting our responsibilities on government necessitates the governments foisting of restrictions on us.

Protecting the Most Vulnerable: As a Representative, how would you seek to protect the most vulnerable in our state, including the lives of the unborn, the trafficked, and the elderly?

Our laws need to reflect the inherent value of every citizen as an image-bearer of God not as a balance of cost/benefit to the State. Laws violating our constitutional values must be rewritten or rescinded. It is within the “just powers” of the government to protect the Rights of citizens. Either all have the Right to Life, or none do. Life must be protected from conception to natural death. Feticide must be illegal. Euthanasia must be banned as well as schemes to assign negative value to healthcare for anyone over (eg) 75yo as proposed by the Biden administration.

Borders must be secured to prevent both human and drug trafficking. Punishment for such crimes must be severe and enforced.

1st Amendment: What will you do as Colorado State Representative to protect our 1st Amendment rights to: the free exercise of religion, freedom of speech, peaceably assembly, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances, all of which are becoming more difficult to exercise in America (and around the world)?

A citizen is not sovereign if the government compels his speech. Restrictions on speech violate “the consent of the governed” in general, and the 1A specifically, placing them outside of any “just powers” of government.

Offending legislation must be repealed as anathema to our Constitution. Thought is shaped by speech, thus speech control is thought control. “He who dares not offend cannot be honest,” and without honesty problems cannot be solved. A society cannot function without the ability to solve problems. While some will engage in unnecessarily offensive speech, the restriction of that as an option is an invitation to tyranny.

Colorado’s Constitution forbids both preferential treatment and discrimination, but restricting someone’s speech to preclude offense is extending preferential treatment.

2nd Amendment: Do you believe that gun ownership is a civil right, and what are your positions in regards to red flag laws, magazine capacity bans, legislation that regulates gun storage, and permitless "Constitutional carry"?

“Shall not be infringed” shall not be ignored. The 2A is the means of preserving our Creator Endowed Rights. Liberty is impossible if dependent on another for security. Self-defense is a Right endowed to us by "the Laws of Nature, and Nature's God," as evidenced by animals defending both themselves and territory. Restricting self-defense creates subjugation or extinction. Guns deter aggressors. History teaches that after registration, guns will be confiscated, followed by tyranny. History is written by the victors and remembered by the vanquished, and erased by those looking to repeat it. "No" on red flag laws, registration, magazine capacity bans or legislation on storage. "Yes" on constitutional carry.

Infrastructure Spending: How do you believe that tax revenue in Colorado should be best utilized to improve our infrastructure?

First, stop diverting infrastructure dollars into boondoggle projects. Then, instead of shoe-stringing projects along with lowest bidders, a city can purchase the road or bridge with (eg) 10 yrs of maintenance. This would allow upgraded materials and processes upfront which would decrease maintenance later, decreasing time spent in construction delays. Discriminatory barriers to entry should be removed, but they should not be replaced with readily abused “social justice” edicts that do more harm than good and amount to nothing more than destructive redistributive schemes.

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Republican Candidate for

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

HOUSE DISTRICT

56



ROD BOCKENFELD

Candidate Information

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

Finance, Banking, Criminal Justice and Small Business.

Your Vision: What is your vision for being a Colorado State Representative?

Limited government, protect the rights of the individual, protect the free enterprise system and practice fiscal responsibility.

Election Reform: Do you believe that elections in Colorado should be conducted differently? Should voters in Colorado be required to verify their identity and residential status in the respective counties in which they vote? Are you in favor of a single-day, in-person voting system consisting of all-paper ballots? Why or why not?

Get rid of ballot havesting. Yes on voter I.D. No on single day, in-person and all paper ballots. It is too inefficient, and there are better ways to establish voter integrity.

TABOR: What is your position on the Taxpayers Bill of Rights (TABOR)?

I will fight to protect.

Education: As a State Representative, what will you do to improve the education of our K - 12 students? What is your position on parental authority in education, including school choice?

Fight teacher unions who place teachers ahead of our children's education. Enhance parental control over schools, and support school choice.

Government Authority: Do you believe that the government has the legal power and authority to dictate what a person does with his or her body? If so, how?

Generally, no. If this is an abortion question, I am pro-life. Abortion is someone elses body.

Protecting the Most Vulnerable: As a Representative, how would you seek to protect the most vulnerable in our state, including the lives of the unborn, the trafficked, and the elderly?

Candidate Did Not Respond

(When we originally surveyed State Representative candidates for the Assembly, this question was inadvertently omitted. We resubmitted our questionnaire to candidates for the Primary Elections with this question included, giving them a chance to both revise their previous answers and to respond to this new question. This candidate confirmed receipt of the new questionnaire, but never responded with any revisions, nor did he submit an answer to this question.)

1st Amendment: What will you do as Colorado State Representative to protect our 1st Amendment rights to: the free exercise of religion, freedom of speech, peaceably assembly, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances, all of which are becoming more difficult to exercise in America (and around the world)?

I will fight for all constitutional rights.

2nd Amendment: Do you believe that gun ownership is a civil right, and what are your positions in regards to red flag laws, magazine capacity bans, legislation that regulates gun storage, and permitless "Constitutional carry"?

Support the 2nd amendment and constitutional carry. Oppose red flag, magazine capacity bans, and gun storage regulations.

Infrastructure Spending: How do you believe that tax revenue in Colorado should be best utilized to improve our infrastructure?

Prioritise current spending and invest in infrastructure.

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Republican Candidates for

EL PASO COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 1



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Resident of the El Paso County:	Native Coloradan, born and raised in El Paso County, returned to El Paso County after college and lived here since

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, Statesmen, 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.

I am a servant to the community, I have served in a multitude of Leadership roles including serving as a Leader with our Military families as a Family Readiness Group Leader for 3 years, a Leader in our community volunteering with our kids, serving our leadership at the Capitol as well as Legislative Aide.



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

Our Board of County Commissioners should be composed 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.

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.

County Commissioners oversee 14 departments and 2800 employees. They serve as the main body responsible for the management of County Affairs. Each of the Commissioners sits on many specific operating and advisory boards 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's 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. Planning, land use and water use, what will this look like in 5, 10,15 years? Do we have affordable, responsible developers and politicians who are thinking of the people in El Paso County? I believe the county should be encouraging the people who are continuing development in a balanced approach 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 is 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 taxpayers.

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

Tabor is brilliant and keeps legislative bodies in check and from over taxing the people without their permission. Tabor is what I consider a "salary cap" that is used to keep the government from out spending the population. Politicians and governmental entities are trying to trick the voters out of their TABOR rights. There is a ton of deceptive ballot language coming from our elected officials trying to cheat the people out of tax refunds using the "can we keep your overpayments" in perpetuity. That is called De-Brucing, or getting people to give up their tabor rights.

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?

The Sherriff's Department.

We don't have the foresight to address the issue from a current and future needs perspective. We currently lack the manpower and the resources to support our burgeoning county.

We have less deputies on the roads than ever, more people with needs and horrible response times as well as a dispatch that is putting its constituents in some cases, on HOLD.

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?

County Commissioners should have been the ones standing in the gap for the citizens and saying "No, this is illegal and unconstitutional". There are no constitutional mandates, therefore they should not be enforced. I will not enforce them. The Democratic-controlled legislature had every opportunity to pass laws in regards to the COVID pandemic and they washed their hands of the issue and gave sole decision making power to our governor. This country was built on checks and balances, states and the federal government cannot continue to rule by executive order. Some politicians have forgotten how laws are made, an active fight from local government is the start.

Protecting the Most Vulnerable: As a County Commissioner, how would you seek to protect the most vulnerable in our county, including the lives of the unborn, the trafficked, and the elderly?

Life begins at conception and every single child deserves a birthday. I will work with all of our county's entities that work to end horrific trafficking, support those local programs that encourage women to seek help to keep their babies in unplanned pregnancies and support and work with those who take care of our elderly to make sure they are taken care of correctly. The treatment of El Paso County's elderly during the pandemic was not only horrific but stretched to the level of abuse. Families were locked out from seeing their loved ones in their final days. Generations of our county's citizens left unable to have contact with those they loved.



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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?

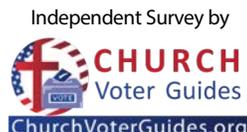
As a Commissioner, I take an oath to uphold the US and Colorado Constitution. My primary responsibility is to represent the citizens of my district and to ensure efficient use of taxpayer dollars. During the COVID emergency, I fought to open closed religious' institutions and opposed mask and vaccine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

Protecting the Most Vulnerable: As a County Commissioner, how would you seek to protect the most vulnerable in our county, including the lives of the unborn, the trafficked, and the elderly?

I am pro-life and will protect the lives of the unborn. Because illicit massage parlors are frequently used by human traffickers, the City of Colorado Springs recently adopted an ordinance requiring all massage parlors to be licensed. I would like to pursue a similar ordinance for El Paso County. We have pursued several pieces of legislation to protect the elderly, including legislation requiring elder care facilities to allow for visitation by family members during pandemic circumstances. Finally, I support legislation to make the senior homestead exemption for property taxes portable so that seniors may easily downsize into a home in later years.

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Republican Candidates for

**EL PASO COUNTY
COMMISSIONER
DISTRICT 5**



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Resident of the El Paso County:	13 years

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. Called "Jack of All Trades & Master of Some" in two industries - I.T. and Construction. As Project/Program Manager, I managed multi-faceted teams for on-time, on-budget successful Company-wide and Worldwide projects, including company & data infrastructure changes, strengthening IBM's Data Security and creating Data Security Department for American Century Mutual Funds with 2M investors. Senior Systems Analyst & Troubleshooter. Saved 2 companies multi-Millions of \$ stopping fraud and troubleshooting inter-system communications. We love Colorado & El Paso County!



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

Leave NO Doubt! Drag Truth into Light. In 8 months of traveling the beautiful, great Red state of Colorado running for Colorado Secretary of State, I learned a plethora of ways that corruption creeps into 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! I could cover many bullet items with added details for hours. Some have suggested I document these while it's still fresh in my mind. My vision is to restore Truth and Transparency with Marine Corps Tenacity back to El Paso County government, including elections. They hide transparency from us in complexity. Why is that? Leave No Doubt.

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

County Commissioners have no different rights than any of us. We all have God-given rights. Their duty is to protect OUR God-given rights and uphold their oath of office.

One KEY duty is to listen to us. We The People are their Employer. They are our employees. We discovered they do not listen to us. This was clearly proven on 4/5/2022 and many times over. They lie to us with impunity and vote against the good of El Paso County. They illustrated clearly that they make decisions that are Drowning in Conflicts of Interest!

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?

Lifelong learner. I will learn and study issues related to this question to understand it and tackle it with common-sense approach that serves us best.

I'm a "Jack of All Trades and Master of Some" in two industries. Information Technology and Construction. Lay a foundation. Give me plans, I can build a house and finish it inside-out. I've used skills to help widows and single mothers.

Everything in I.T. including Project Management Data Security in IBM Lab. Created Data Security Dept for American Century Mutual Funds.

I commit to a thoughtful approach. Listen to your concerns. Glean insight and wisdom to stop waste and start getting ahead of natural growth that's happening. Stop using our tax dollars as Cash Cow.

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 software in the Marketing Dept in Hallmark Cards. I saved two Fortune 500 companies multiple Millions of Dollars in three different situations. 1st) Discovered, exposed and documented major fraud in software purchased and settling out of court. 2nd) Investigating, troubleshooting and correcting a decade+ old intersystem communication error. 3rd) 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, based on my input. As a Project and Program Manager, I managed various company-wide and worldwide projects and 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. I don't currently believe all of the contracts our EPC BOCC signs are in line with TABOR. I've heard them testify as such when I attend their meetings. Sly ways to support Conflicts of Interest and skirt around TABOR requirements seems to be an acceptable but very crafty practice. I will commit to investigating all current contracts to ensure upright compliance.

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?

I'm amazed at what projects I see being done around the county and serious needs that are neglected over the years. Too much of it makes no sense and we should divert money from serving the wealthy to serving the needy. There are many ways our resources could be used to do this and all our lives and our community would be improved and well served.

Also, many roads are going to pot for many years, while we are constantly tearing out perfectly good curbs and sidewalks to replace them, while the roads in that same area are sorely neglected and worsening by the 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?

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 call me.

Protecting the Most Vulnerable: As a County Commissioner, how would you seek to protect the most vulnerable in our county, including the lives of the unborn, the trafficked, and the elderly?

Roll back all the incremental advancement of the horrid taking of innocent life. You might notice, they started with a high-bar of stated purpose of abortion. They have been steadily moving the goal post to include more and more reasons to eliminate protection of our lives. This is tragic on both the beginning and end years of our lives. This degraded view of the value of life contributes to caring for the needy and to human & drug trafficking as well. We must take back all the enemy has stolen and start by stating it clearly. Then we start working together to determine and implement / restore the protections that they have removed.



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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 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 local control, and drawing on my faith and commitment to limited roles of government. In addition, the story of our 7-year old son highlights my commitment to life and family values, as well as brings a unique perspective of health and human services issues.



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

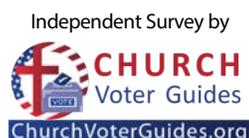
Since 2018, I've delivered on a bold vision of government entities working together to better and efficiently serve El Paso County residents. With a passion for ensuring the county remains a safe and desirable place to raise families like mine, I've pursued planned growth and development, public safety 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 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 \$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 30% of 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. I have honored the will of the voters, returning over \$14M in revenue exceeding TABOR caps in 2019, 2020 and 2021.

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 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 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 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.

Protecting the Most Vulnerable: As a County Commissioner, how would you seek to protect the most vulnerable in our county, including the lives of the unborn, the trafficked, and the elderly?

I am fervently pro-life, a belief made even stronger through personal experience. Our son was born with both our lives at risk – he was 3 months early, weighing just one pound. Miraculously, he’s now thriving, and I’m still here impacting the community he’s growing up in. I strive to promote family values and the sanctity of life – at all ages. Your County Commissioners are advocating for the state to push back on illicit spas, which often enable human trafficking. Through PPACG and DHS, we ensure the safety of vulnerable adults and children. Additionally, my background in healthcare has shown me the difficult end-of-life decisions families make, forever ingraining a tenacity to advocate for life from the beginning to end.

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Republican Candidates for

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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.



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

Former United States Marine, 47 year resident of our county, and current County Assessor, I have no doubt that I'm the most qualified person to be your next Clerk. I'm passionate about making El Paso County a better place for everyone.

I have an undergraduate degree in IT Management, an Executive Master's in Business Administration, and a Master's in Project Management.

I'm the only Constitutional Fiscal Conservative in this campaign, and at the end of this year I will have returned surpluses totaling over \$650,000.00, since being elected as your Assessor with no operating budget increases for 7 consecutive years.



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

Before our 2024 Presidential Election, my vision and goals are to regain our public trust in our local elections. I will give all our citizens the agency and space to feel empowered. And will lock in open government reforms.

I will focus on Election Security and Integrity and potential property fraud, and I will provide all property owners with fraud protection at no cost. Property owners will be able to opt in to this program and notify them that somebody has filed a deed or lien on their property. I will work directly with our District Attorney, CSPD, and EPSO Investigative Offices to determine if fraud has taken place and charge and prosecute those that offend.

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

The Office of Clerk & Recorder is where many transactions occur between the County Government and its citizens.

The Motor Vehicle Department is responsible for the certification of Motor Vehicle Titles and Registrations and acts as a Division of the Colorado State Department of Revenue.

The Elections Department is responsible for conducting all Primary, General, and Special Elections for the County. The Department maintains the voter registration rolls and works with other municipalities to assist with their elections.

The Recording Department is responsible for recording, indexing, copying, and preserving permanent public documents.

Our Clerk to the Board attends and prepares agendas, maintains minutes, attests the Chair's signature, and preserves and catalogs the official records and documents of the Board.



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

Fewer than half of our citizens are confident that their vote will be counted correctly. Most say their ballot will not matter anyway because corporate interests dominate the political process.

Election Security, Integrity, Property Fraud, and Transparency will be my primary focus.

I bring the ability to query Assessor, Treasurer, Utilities, Realtor, and Coroner data to assist in the cleaning up of our voter rolls. I am the only candidate that can understand the queried data and make the necessary changes. Who owns the property, pays the property taxes, and pays the property utility bill? Is it a commercial, residential, multi-family, or mixed-use property? And who has passed away is vital information to update our voter rolls.

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?

Our Election Staff has worked tirelessly to ensure safeguards are in place to secure the integrity of the process. However, I do not believe there is a perfect Office or Department; and I will work on improving processes and staff knowledge.

I will implement an annual multi-layered forensic audit of all election hardware and software.

This audit shall comprise three separate audits performed by third-party auditors.

Each audit shall analyze the hacking vulnerability of election equipment software and hardware. Verification that malicious malware was not installed, a test to ensure that tabulators were not sending or receiving information over the internet, and confirmation that vote switching did not occur.

These results will be shared with 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 and rules. Colorado's business and commercial statutes for for-profit and nonprofit corporations. Colorado Election Code, Voter Registration Law, Campaign Finance Laws, Lobbyist Regulation, Colorado Charitable Solicitations Act, Bingo and Raffles Laws, and Notaries Public Laws.

Our current Secretary of State has issued emergency rules and continually oversteps the powers of the office, and has most certainly turned this office into a partisan and biased office, and is no longer a neutral and fair referee office for the citizens of Colorado. This office is not different from our Clerk, an impartial referee for all citizens.

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 a strong proponent of smaller, more efficient, and more effective government. I will continue to push for processes that make things easier for our citizens.

As Assessor, I have saved working families in El Paso County time and money that have eliminated unneeded annual trips to the office, and I will do the same as the Clerk.

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.

So yes, I support satellite offices. In fact, and recently, I worked with our Sheriff to set up a new satellite office in Falcon, CO, at no additional tax burden to our taxpayers.

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

Our Clerk and Recorder's Office is the Ginzue Knife of local governance - it releases records, issues licenses, runs our local elections, and could probably cut through a tin can if you need it too.

Many of us visit the Clerk's Office every year for one thing or another. We all need to register our vehicles, renew our driver's licenses as veterans, request a copy of our DD214 or our Warranty Deed to our home, request a marriage or civil union license, and VOTE.

All of these departments are just as important as the others and will get the same attention and dedication from me as your Clerk & Recorder.

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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 am currently the Deputy Treasurer, and have worked in the Treasurer’s Office for the past 20 years. Prior to joining the Treasurer's Office I was a real estate Title Examiner. I deeply care for the citizens of El Paso County and the staff within our office. My 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. I'm a hard worker, not a politician, and will continue to work alongside our staff.



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 system 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 system 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 amounts 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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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 business experiences mentioned 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?

I'm not a status quo person. I have been a positive force for good in every position that I have been a part of in my career. I'm accustomed to integrating new technologies.

I look to streamline processes, increase security, and accountability for El Paso County's taxpayer funds by fostering collaboration within the Treasurer's office and with other county departments. I look to work closely with community leaders to maximize taxpayer funds and help El Paso County grow. My leadership skills, innovative thinking and hard work has brought many accolades and awards to my office. I believe that State and Federal policies are fueling inflation and making our region unaffordable. I intend to be a watchdog on local government spending.

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 where we embrace the idea of "What can we do to assist you today!" While the Treasurer's office is composed of hard-working knowledgeable employees, they need a leader that will guide, inspired, and mentor them.

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

My first priority is to protect taxpayers. I will protect taxpayers' funds by following the authorized policies of making investments that are safe, liquid and generate a yield that equal or exceeds appropriate standards. The El Paso County Treasurer's Office has been content with utilizing the backbone of a 30+ year old computer system. I see this as a tremendous opportunity to analyze current practices, modernize the technology platform and improve operational efficiencies to reduce costs.

My additional priorities are:

- Increase property tax payment options
- Customer service enhancements
- Community outreach and education-especially the Senior Homestead Exemption program

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 a 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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ASSESSOR



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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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SHERIFF



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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 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 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.

Protecting the Most Vulnerable: As Sheriff, how would you seek to protect the most vulnerable in our county, including the lives of the unborn, the trafficked, and the elderly?

Human trafficking is a plague. I will prioritize resources and efforts to target trafficking operations, rescue victims, and punish traffickers. I will use any assets available to me to accomplish this. Crimes against the elderly are disgusting and I will pursue those who do this. Crimes against children are despicable and I will tirelessly pursue anyone who harms a child. I fully support arming school staff and will gladly train those who elect to. I am an active shooter response instructor and will ensure that every deputy is trained and understands his/her duty in response to such an incident. If there is any way to bring charges for abortion, I will. I will protect those who can't protect themselves.

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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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.

Protecting the Most Vulnerable: As Sheriff, how would you seek to protect the most vulnerable in our county, including the lives of the unborn, the trafficked, and the elderly?

As Sheriff, it is my duty to protect and serve these vulnerable and victimized populations. The unborn are under attack from drug abuse, domestic violence, and legislative actions, all of which threaten their very existence. It is critical that the Sheriff has an awareness of what affects these vulnerable populations. I attend many of the local/national human trafficking meetings to ensure I am ready to combat the human trafficking crisis. The Senior Liaison program that is in place will be bolstered when I fix staffing issues. Also, I have relationships with multiple organizations in this community which will enhance the safety of the elderly. The Sheriff is responsible for the safety of all people, especially those who cannot protect themselves.



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 duty, responsibility, and honor to defend the Constitutional rights of El Paso County citizens. As a respected leader, I will run the Sheriff's Office with strong and trusted relationships with our state and federal law enforcement partners. I will be consulted prior to the execution of no-knock raids that will only be used in the most extreme circumstances in order to preserve life and safety. I will not enforce red flag laws as the law was poorly written and is not needed. We already have a process in place for writing appropriate warrants to ensure citizens are safe and secure. As your Sheriff, I will not enforce health mandates that violate personal choice.

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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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.

Protecting the Most Vulnerable: As Sheriff, how would you seek to protect the most vulnerable in our county, including the lives of the unborn, the trafficked, and the elderly?

To make the biggest impact for our most vulnerable, we must impact the laws in order to provide statutory protection. I will begin with education and awareness, making the community aware of risks and threats and how to protect themselves. Working with legislators to introduce bills to protect our community will make the biggest and long lasting impact.

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?

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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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Republican Candidate for

EL PASO COUNTY

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

EL PASO COUNTY

CORONER



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Resident of the El Paso County:	9 years

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

I am a Board Certified Physician with 20 years experience and Co-Founder of Family Care Center, the fastest-growing comprehensive behavioral health care center in Colorado Springs. I also founded Direct Care, an evidence-based opioid addiction treatment clinic, and served an Army physician.

The incumbent coroner has shown that he is unqualified to help the public address the serious issues of opioid addiction, depression, anxiety, and suicidal thoughts that we see in our five clinics every day. Voters should trust that their coroner will NOT become an activist during a health crisis, pushing political agendas that harm businesses and children, while driving up suicide rates!

Integrity and leadership are essential.

I will never misclassify deaths for profits or politics.



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

Integrity is the number one issue. Inflating COVID death numbers directly impacted public policy, giving the justification to lock us all down and take away our constitutional rights.

In addition to providing an environment that supports the hard working, qualified staff in the coroner's office, I look forward to empowering those staff members to fulfill their potential through peer leadership and open communication. One of the defining qualities of our business, Family Care Center, it taking care of our staff. We have a 92% retention rate for our providers. That is unheard of in the health care community. When our staff is supported, they can provide excellent care for those around them.

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 biggest challenge that we will face in The Office of The Coroner is to regain public trust. The public is aware that many deaths over the last 2 years were miss-classified as dying from COVID, rather that with COVID. Knowing that our public officials followed a political agenda rather than being a representative of 'We The People' will take time to repair, but it is a task we must and will accomplish. Additionally, there is a lack of transparency around factors contributing to deaths in our county, due to experimental injections, called vaccines, or treatments that are causing more harm than good. I will promptly address this issue.

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?

Years of medical training and experience as well as a firm foundation in ethics, clearly leads to the conclusion that the determining cause of death is based in fact finding. Utilizing a PCR test, with an unacceptably high false positive rate, to determine cause of death, will lead to false conclusions. There have been multiple examples where someone has died in a car accident or due to a gunshot wound, but their death was attributed to COVID because of political motivation. I will return The Office of The Coroner to standards that we have come to expect from a public official. By reviewing the circumstance and medical history surrounding any untimely death, logical and truthful determination as to the cause of manner of death is unassailable.



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

Compassion is essential when sharing the devastating news of the death of a loved one. Understanding the depths of their loss, even when families and friends can not yet fathom what the news of that death will mean to them in the days and months ahead, will help each individual manage a crisis situation as best as is possible under the circumstance. Simply being present in the moment and allowing each individual to receive the news of their loss with support makes all the difference. Kindness and compassion is needed to help those that are left behind continue on. It is our job to support those that remain here, caring for and serving our community.



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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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