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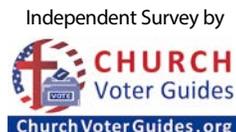


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Introduction to the Voter Guide

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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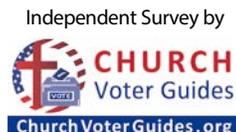
We are based in Colorado Springs, and the April 2021 City Council election in our hometown was our inaugural project, followed by Voter Guides for the 2021 Pikes Peak Region School Board Elections, the 2022 State and El Paso County Assemblies, and the 2022 Statewide and El Paso County Primaries. In our newest Voter Guide, for the 2022 Colorado General Elections for Statewide and El Paso County Offices, we surveyed all candidates who are named on the ballot (not write-ins) for the offices covered, and they are listed in ballot order. Our Voter Guides are distributed electronically-only through our website via downloadable and printable PDF files, as well as mobile-friendly interactive webpages.

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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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 Statewide offices (except Regents and Board of Education), 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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U.S. REPRESENTATIVE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 5

Candidates listed in ballot order



Survey Questions for U.S. Congressional Candidates

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

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

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)?

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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?

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)?

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"?

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?

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?

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?



DAVID TORRES

Candidate Information

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Military Background:	Veteran of the United States Air Force Reserves
Resident of District Represented:	36 years, then moved to Lakewood for 8, now back

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

With 12 plus years in a health care administration management role, I have built teams, and relationships that have been able to work together in creating solutions for issues that arise in an outpatient clinic setting. I have worked alongside staff members, other managers, and executives and to create the best policy that benefits the company, the employees and most importantly, our patients. Being from Colorado Springs, I was raised by liberals and conservatives alike. I grew in both the catholic and christian church and have experience with people from all walks of life, and beliefs. I will be a homegrown elected official who listens to and communicates with the entire community leaving no one out. Regardless of ones beliefs.



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

I will build relationships while learning from those with different beliefs. I represent the Democratic Party, but that is not what defines me. My vision is to collaborate with the people. They helped raise me and my family, so I will find issues and work through different belief systems to find actual solutions. I will be present, I will listen, and I will find the solutions that best suite our county, state and take those solutions to DC to introduce to the rest of the nation. Colorado is and will continue to be the standard of how a diverse society work together. I will help in unifying those broken relationships that have occurred.

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)?

I believe our state rights are absolutely important and I am also a believer that Federal assistance is necessary at times. While I believe that all states are different with different people, there are some issues that demand federal attention. Consider how Colorado is one of, if not the best example for voting rights. That is an issue that our country should benefit from as well.

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?

I believe federal mandates handed down in cases such as COVID-19 should originate come from experts and handed out by our government. Whether we choose to ignore the advice of experts and those mandates is ultimately everyone's choice. We are either in this country to love one another and to protect one another, or not. We cannot truly force anyone to look out for their neighbors, we can only hope that most people will.

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 will do everything in my power to protect ALL living beings. When discussing abortion, the argument often made is about when life begins. That is more often a religious or even philosophical argument. I will have that discussion with anyone. However, in the manner of our constitution and the rights bestowed in them, ones belief can not be forced upon another household. One of our rights is that of bodily autonomy. If we allow the government to take that right away, when will it ever stop?

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 love this amendment and will ensure that every American's right to practice any religion they please will always be protected and never infringed upon by the government. This is why the separation of church and state is so important. The government cannot deem any one religion above any other as it would infringe on the rights of other's beliefs and religions. Freedom of Speech, peaceably assembly, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances should never be taken away. I do want to say that in all this, in life we are given the ability to choose what we do. With freedoms, come consequences and we as a nation must be accountable for our choices, good or bad.

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 simply states that the government may not infringe on our rights to guns. This is American and no one will ever infringe on the rights to own a gun. As a responsible gun owner, however, I take gun safety very seriously and I do believe that this right comes with "well regulated" laws. We need are a nation of laws and we can work together to ensure that those who have abused their right to owning a firearm or are mentally unsuitable, should not have access to for the safety of our children and society.

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?

First we need to have a better understanding of what our debt really is about. Is inflation truly caused by our debt? I don't believe so but am no expert. I will do my due diligence in finding and communicating those answers to our community so that we can find solutions together. No one is working to actually find the answers to this which is why we are not seeing any help. Congress is currently too busy blaming others. I will not do that.

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?

The US has relied too much on our troops and defense spending is out of control. Having to decide that our global policing is no longer beneficial comes with accepting certain limits on how much we can influence other country's. There is a fine line here and I believe it is Congress' responsibility to deliberate what role we are prepared to take in the world and involve experts that we have to ensure we are protected and that we are prepared to make decisions on conflicts in other parts of the world. Each situation is unique and we should define our duty.

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, the government needs to better regulate (or simply stop being allowed to take money from them) when creating laws and mandates that companies must abide by.



DOUG LAMBORN

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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.

BRIAN FLANAGAN

Not Able to Contact Candidate

Our staff has been unable to survey the Candidate as we have not been able to locate any contact info for him.



CHRISTOPHER MITCHELL

Candidate Information

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Occupation/Vocation:	Electrical Engineering Contractor
Resident of District Represented:	22 years

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

As a longtime resident of Colorado Springs and registered with the American Constitution Party, Christopher is running for Colorado's 5th Congressional District (CD-05). Currently, based out of Colorado Springs, he is employed as an Electrical Engineering Contractor supporting various technical companies in Colorado and New Mexico. Christopher's hallmark is his involvement as a Community Advocate for the residents of Colorado Springs, above all, protecting our God given Rights outlined in the U.S. Constitution, reinforcing American Exceptionalism in everyday living, and defending American Sovereignty. He is a Patriot, Constitutional Conservative, transformational leader, and rugged individualist ready to represent the residents of Colorado's 5th Congressional District.



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

I am running on a pro-America, pro-Life, pro-Family, pro-Worker, limited Government platform that includes: 1. American Sovereignty, 2. “Peace Through Strength” + “America First” worldview, 3. Devotion to and practical application of the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights, 4. Freedom from Government overreach and intimidation against American Citizens, 5. States' Rights and Federalism (Tenth Amendment) 5. Fiscal responsibility and accountability in Government

Focusing on balanced and practical legislative priorities is paramount. I have formulated both short- and long-term goals if elected to Congress: "House Cleaning" (short-term goals) and "House Building" (long-term goals).

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)?

I believe the current balance of power between Federal and State governments deviates from our Founding Fathers’ intent. The Founders' intent for balance of power, in this case, is Federalism, or “Sharing of Government Powers.” I will work to implement the Founders' intent of Federalism in a framework and pattern of fiscal responsibility, with accountability to the Citizens of the Republic, and emphasis on eliminating Socialist modalities (i.e. distortions to Federalism) initiated by the Carter, Obama, and Biden Administrations. The Department of Education, National Healthcare programs, same-sex marriage policies, and "Build Back Better" initiatives should all be eliminated at the Federal level as they are not enumerated powers given to the Federal Government by the Constitution.



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?

Federal Mandates initiated through Executive Orders, such as those implemented regarding COVID-19, are a form of Federal Government overreach. In this particular case of COVID-19, although the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have the function of "providing guidance and making recommendations", the CDC does not have the Constitutional power to "make law." Congress is the Legislative Branch. Even so, under normal circumstances, neither the Legislative Branch, the Judicial Branch, nor the Executive Branch, are granted the power by the Constitution to formulate and enforce public health policy for the Nation. Considering the Founders' intent of Federalism, public health policy should only be formulated and enforced at the State and Local level.

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 will work to uphold the promise of "Sanctity of Life" as outlined in the American Constitution Party (ACP) platform: "The pre-born child, whose life begins at fertilization, is a human being created in God's image. It is, therefore, the duty of all civil governments to secure and to safeguard the lives of the pre-born. The Constitution of the United States was ordained and established for "ourselves and our posterity." Under no circumstances may the federal government fund or otherwise support any state or local government or any organization or entity, foreign or domestic, which advocates, encourages or participates in the practice of abortion. Finally, we also oppose all government "legalization" of euthanasia, infanticide and suicide."

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 will work to follow the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights with regard to individual rights including, but not limited to, Religious Freedom, Freedom of Speech, Private Property Rights (Fourth Amendment), and the Right to Bear Arms (Second Amendment). From my heart, "We the People, the Citizens of this Great Republic, must speak in one voice to decisively drive out the oppressors of Our Freedom and reinstate a Republic of Individual Freedom and Right of Self Determination for the Citizens, both young and old, as enshrined in the Constitution of United States, while promoting accountability at all levels in Government for present and future generations of Americans."

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 states, "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a Free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." Gun ownership is a civil right. Furthermore, we live in a time of Government overreach and tyranny against the Citizens of this Great Republic. I oppose attempts to prohibit ownership of guns by law-abiding citizens and will stand against all laws which would require the registration of guns or ammunition.

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?

In his Inaugural Address, President Ronald Reagan stated, "In this present crisis, government is not the solution to our problem; government is the problem." Currently, terms of America's economic and monetary policies, Reagan's statement is very applicable. The core problems with America's economic and monetary policy are rooted in the lack of discipline, foresight, and accountability demonstrated by the Executive and Legislative Branches, resulting in reckless decisions to implement policies without adherence to actual budgets and sound economic models. Both major political parties put ideology over the long-term health of the Nation. "Fiscal Responsibility/Accountability" and "National Sovereignty" go hand in hand. I will work to reverse and reign in wasteful Government spending, with accountability and practical perspective.

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?

The United States has become too involved in others' policies and should remain focused on issues regarding our own sovereignty unless in imminent danger. I will work to realign National priorities to proven "Peace Through Strength, America First" policies such as Sealed U.S. Sovereign Borders, and Superior U.S. Military Modalities arrayed as a deterrent against Communist Chinese and Russian aggression on the world stage. At home, Congress should prioritize budgets and legislation to adequately fund (1) the Department of Defense to address the primary geopolitical threats of Russia and Communist China, and (2) the Department of Homeland Security to protect U.S. sovereign borders and repel invasion by illegal immigrant, non-citizens, and potential terrorists.

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?

Major corporations operate across international boundaries, superseding, and often eroding, the sovereignty of a nation. For example, China is considered to be a geopolitical enemy of the U.S. on the world stage; however, major corporations do business with China. This requires a more comprehensive and cohesive approach to the formulation of legislation. In the case of China, if elected, I would drive legislation to the House floor to effectively limit, and in some cases eliminate, the capacity of Communist China to invest in or purchase American real estate and land resources. Sounds good on paper. But, the bigger picture in relation to other pieces of existing policy must be considered. By no means is there an easy solution.

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PAUL LUNDEEN

Candidate Information

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Occupation/Vocation:	Entrepreneur
Resident of District Represented:	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.

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.

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.

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.



ARIK DOUGHERTY

Candidate Did Not Confirm Receipt

Questionnaire was sent to the Candidate both for the 2022 Primary and General Elections, and he never confirmed receipt, though we sought to contact him multiple times and by various methods. Therefore, we do not know if the Candidate is even aware of the opportunity to participate in the Voter Guide, or whether he is aware and chose not to participate.

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STEPHEN DARNELL

Candidate Did Not Confirm Receipt

Questionnaire was sent to the Candidate and he never confirmed receipt, though we sought to contact him multiple times and by various methods. Therefore, we do not know if the Candidate is even aware of the opportunity to participate in the Voter Guide, or whether he is aware and chose not to participate.

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THOMAS "TONY" EXUM

Candidate Information

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Occupation/Vocation:	Retired Firefighter, State Representative
Resident of District Represented:	65+ years

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

I've lived in southeast Colorado Springs for more than 60 years. After serving more than 35 years as a firefighter with the CSFD, rising to the rank of Battalion Chief, I retired in 2010. I then won election in 2012 to serve in the Colorado House of Representatives, as the representative from District 17 – covering Southeast Colorado Springs. I won election again in 2016, 2018, and 2020. I currently sit on the House's Education committee and serve as Chair of the House's Transportation and Local Government committee. I also serve on the Board of my church, the Solid Rock Christian Center, and I'm an umpire/referee for youth sports. All of this experience improves my work as an elected state legislator.



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

I'm running for the State Senate to continue representing and helping my constituents: students, low-income families, people of color, the elderly, military personnel, first responders, and everyone in Senate District 11. I've had people tell me they were worried about not being able to drink clean water, which is why I introduced and passed bills to reduce water contamination from toxic PFAS firefighting foams. I listen when people tell me they want safer schools, better education, environmental protections, police accountability, and improved elder care, among other things; and I work hard to support legislation addressing those issues. I believe my legislative record proves that. I'm running again to continue doing this good work.

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 one of the best election systems in the country. People must present a valid form of ID in order to register to vote, and you can register to vote even on election day itself, which is a good thing. Once you're registered, the state mails your ballot to you weeks before election day, so you have time to research the candidates and issues before you vote. You can then return your ballot by mail, or by ballot drop boxes, or by going directly to the county clerk's office. Or, if you don't want to vote by mail, you can vote in person, weeks before the election or on election day itself. Our system is good, secure, and accurate.

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 have always worked to protect vulnerable people from exploitation and abuse. And my legislative record shows it. Over the last 6 years, I've voted on nearly a dozen bills related to human trafficking: helping law enforcement identify and intercept human trafficking rings; increasing the penalties for convicted traffickers; and helping children and women get the services they need to adjust to life after trafficking, among other bills. And with elder care, I've supported bills to increase oversight in elder care facilities, to help prevent abuse; I've passed bills expanding the health and medical services available to elders; and expanded access to state services for the elderly, blind, and disabled. I will continue supporting vulnerable peoples in the State Senate.



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 man of faith, my religion is important to me and a prominent aspect of my life. In fact, it is because I am religious, and because I have faced discrimination because of the color of my skin, that I am against the idea of people using their religion as an excuse to be bigoted, disguising intolerance as religious freedom. I believe it is critical that we continue to fight to protect our first amendment rights, and I believe our community should be a safe, inclusive place for everyone.

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"?

Some guns have a place in American life, for hunting, sport, and home defense. There's nothing inherently wrong with that. When rights are abused, though, that's a problem. I believe military-style weapons have no place in civilian hands or in our communities, and keeping deadly weapons out of the hands of dangerous people should always be our top priority. This is why I've supported bills to close background check loopholes, and why I've also supported bills requiring waiting periods, because "in the heat of the moment" is not when anyone should be given a gun. I've also supported legislation requiring the safe storage of firearms in houses with children in them, among other sensible measures.

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?

There's always a choice to be made between what a government can do and what it should do. A government can use its inherent police powers to protect public health by requiring certain vaccinations, as laws and courts have consistently upheld, but many people believe the government shouldn't do that. A government can find ways to restrict abortion access or gun ownership, but again, many people believe the government shouldn't do that. Every time the government has the legal power to do something, it also has a moral responsibility to decide whether or not to do that thing. How a government should act in any situation depends on the circumstances of that situation.

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?

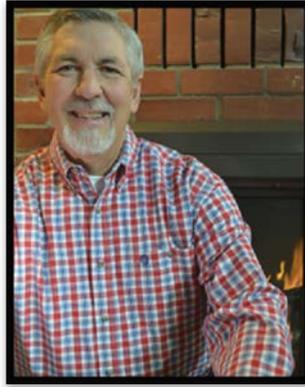
This is not a question which can be answered in just 120 words, so let me say this: As a member of the House's Education committee, I am very aware of the problems facing our public education system – from strained funding sources, to deteriorating buildings and vehicles, to teacher shortages, and curriculum controversies – and I have worked as a legislator to help address these problems, and I've run many bills myself to help solve some of them. If I am elected into the State Senate, as I hope I will be, I will continue working with teachers, students, parents, administrators, and elected officials to improve our whole education system, not just K-12 but also higher education too.

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?

For decades in Colorado, school districts were funded mostly by local property taxes, with some money coming from the State. But for years now, school districts have been mostly funded by the State, with some money coming from local property taxes. These funding ratios have effectively reversed, and that's been bad for public school funding. The State simply can't afford to be the primary payer for all public education in Colorado. We need to find ways to better balance these funding dynamics – and fixing TABOR, Gallagher, and Amendment 23 are three very obvious and effective ways to begin improving the funding situation for public education.

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 public record that as a member of our state legislature in 2019 I supported and voted for the bill which joined Colorado to the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact.



DENNIS HISEY

Candidate Information

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Resident of District Represented:	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.



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.

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.



DARYL KUIPER

Candidate Information

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Occupation/Vocation:	Retired
Military Background:	National Guard
Resident of the El Paso County:	22 years

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

I have a BA in mathematics from the University of Colorado-Boulder and a MA in mathematics from University of Nebraska-Lincoln. I have a master plumbing license in Colorado. I have taught school, owned a business, served as a plumbing, mechanical inspector in Colorado Springs, was the State of Colorado plumbing inspector supervisor, and a charter school administrator. I have 2 children and one wife of 53 years. I am a student of history and philosophy. Presently, I teach a variety of classes for PILLAR Institute.



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

I plan to focus on emphasizing personal responsibility, education and limited government. We seem to have lost track of all three.

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?

The founders of this country anticipated the voters in their states would be educated gentry which left out many. They depended on wise decisions as the source of continued existence. Our present situation is universal voting. The problem is valid voting. When voting is required to be in person at the precinct, many cannot vote because of disability or distance. The present system in Colorado allows for deceitful people to buy signed envelopes with unmarked ballots and mark them as the deceitful ones want and then drop them off. I am in favor of neither.

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?

There is no constitutional mandate for welfare programs. They belong to the states or citizens. Social issues would be better left to individuals and their private social organizations. Who better to know the needs of their neighbor?. We have gotten soft and lazy by pushing off our responsibilities to the government. Our government was supposed to be limited. It cannot serve the infinite needs of our own let alone the world. Roe v. Wade was unconstitutional. An amendment defining when a being becomes a citizen with rights would be legally helpful. Until then, individual morals are the most we have.

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 support the Constitution of the United States and its amendments. The first amendment is the most important in some ways for without it the rest would be more easily taken away.



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 Constitution of the United States and its amendments. That includes protecting oneself. The right to bear arms should never be abridged or violated unless the abuser of this right is found guilty in a court of law. However we need some mechanism to protect citizens from those who choose to do harm. In part that means more one on one dialog with those who might be suspect. Still no rights should be taken from anyone without his/her day in court.

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?

Outside of a court of law restricting my rights, no one can restrict them without my approval. The fate of my body is mine and mine alone.

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 present incursion into education by the federal government is unconstitutional. It belongs in the domain of states and citizens and primarily parents. I fear the universal indoctrination that the federal government is doing. I prefer state supplied vouchers and the freedom to use that money in whatever school the parent(s) choose. Yes, there will be a minority of "wierd" schools that parents might choose, but that is freedom. I trust the vast majority of parents will choose wisely.

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?

The present method used to fund schools is outdated and unfair. I believe in getting rid of property tax to fund schools. To offset the loss of revenue, increase state taxes or better yet get rid of many unneeded programs in state government.

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?

The NPV is unconstitutional, violating at least two sections of the constitution. Furthermore there is no national popular vote. The fifty states each have their own way of voting and selecting their preferred candidate for President. The news people aggregate each state's total and present that to the public. It really has no legal meaning. To have an NVP would require a whole new voting mechanism be built.

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SENATE DISTRICT

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ROD PELTON

Candidate Information

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Resident of District Represented:	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).



TRAVIS NELSON

Candidate Information

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Resident of District Representing:	Whole Life

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

Stepped up for our people

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

To fight against corruption that is rampant in the Division of Natural Resources and local Water Conservancy Districts.

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?

No opinion

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?

Elderly need resources especially with aging baby boom population.

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)?

No

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 not restrict 2nd Amendment

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

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?

More pay and housing incentive for rural teachers and law enforcement.

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?

Depends on need

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?

No opinion

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STATE REPRESENTATIVE

Survey Questions for State Representative District Candidates

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

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

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?

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

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?

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?

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?

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)?

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"?

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

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STATE REPRESENTATIVE HOUSE DISTRICT 14

Candidates listed in ballot order



ROB ROGERS

Candidate Did Not Confirm Receipt

Questionnaire was sent to the Candidate both for the 2022 Primary and General Elections, and he never confirmed receipt, though we sought to contact him multiple times and by various methods. Therefore, we do not know if the Candidate is even aware of the opportunity to participate in the Voter Guide, or whether he is aware and chose not to participate.

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ROSE PUGLIESE

Candidate Information

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Resident of El Paso County:	2 years

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.

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STATE REPRESENTATIVE HOUSE DISTRICT 15

Candidates listed in ballot order





SCOTT BOTTOMS

Candidate Information

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Occupation/Vocation:	Pastor
Military Background:	Navy
Resident of 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.



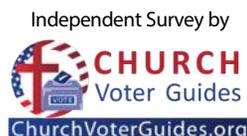
ALVIN SEXTON

Candidate Information

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Occupation/Vocation:	Mechanic
Resident of El Paso County:	2 years

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

I was raised in a Southern Baptist church. My grandmother would make sure that we attended vacation Bible school in the summer and attended church as much as possible during the weekday. I found the teachings of Jesus rather interesting. I loved how he helped people in need and stood up for the poor because I know what it is like to struggle...(continue reading next answer)



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

I saw people in the church filled with this energy that I never felt, they called it the "Holy Spirit." I asked my pastor, "Why don't I feel it also?" He told me God speaks to people in different ways and that I should try listening a little harder. I didn't understand at the time and I stopped attending church in my late teens and figured it wasn't for me. One thing about me is that I have always liked helping people and I have always enjoyed serving. I was in my early twenties when I got involved with nonprofits where I would go out and help people get off the streets...(continue reading next answer)

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 saw the joy on their faces when they saw someone cared about them, I saw the struggles they went through by going to them in their homes under bridges. It touched me deep in my soul when I saw them go from the streets to a stable home. That was when I felt what those people were feeling in my church all those years ago...(continue reading)

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

I knew this was a sign and my calling, to serve people. I can't say I have ever felt the presence of God in a church personally, but I have felt it when helping those who can never pay me back, I felt it when I saw someone broken down on the road in the middle of a snow storm and fixed their car. I felt it when someone reached out for help with their life-saving medicine and I was financially able to help them...(continue reading)

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?

No, I don't go to church or tell people about my faith because I show it by loving people, fighting against injustices, and helping those in need. My faith does not require me to express hate or discriminate against anyone. Unfortunately, there are elected officials, and some that want to be elected, that want to do just this (continue reading.)



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 believe in the separation of church and state and I respect that not everyone believes in what I believe. I will never force my religious beliefs on someone else. I will never discriminate against anyone for any reason. I respect everyone's religion unless it requires you to discriminate or hate. My only purpose if elected is to serve, not spew hate and division...(continue reading)

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 know that I am a Democrat running in what used to be a Republican stronghold and that makes some people uncomfortable. Please don't judge me because of any preconceived notions that you may have about me. Judge me based on my ideas, actions, and heart, not what you hear. Some of my priorities are housing affordability, education, economic development and workers rights. (continue reading)

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 am the only candidate who does not want to take away your rights in House District 15. I am the only candidate that has a plan to fix housing costs, protect workers' rights, ensure our children are safe at school, and ensure that everyday people have a voice that will be heard...(continue reading)

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 not a rich politician. I am a mechanic, I am the working class. I watched my father, who was a carpenter, go through the hardest time of his life during the early 2000s. I saw the government bailing out everyone, but the working class, which angered me. It is not the CEOs that make the country work, it is you and me the electricians, mechanics, construction workers, cashiers, nurses, waitresses, etc. You don't build a house from the top down, you build it from the ground up. The same goes for our economy... (continue reading)



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

We don't need someone in office that has no plans and does not care about preserving our rights. We have real issues here in Colorado and we need someone with real ideas. We cannot have someone running for office that attacks the LGBTQ2+ community or someone that wants to take away voting rights or individual rights. Whether I am a representative or not, I will continue to stand up to people who want to bully others that don't conform to their beliefs. I am a representative for the people, by the people and I am convinced that on November 8th, we will vote out hate. (finished)

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JOHN KAUFMAN

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STATE REPRESENTATIVE HOUSE DISTRICT 16

Candidates listed in ballot order



STEPHANIE VIGIL

Candidate Did Not Confirm Receipt

Questionnaire was sent to the Candidate both for the 2022 Primary and General Elections, and she never confirmed receipt, though we sought to contact her multiple times and by various methods. Therefore, we do not know if the Candidate is even aware of the opportunity to participate in the Voter Guide, or whether she is aware and chose not to participate.

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DAVE DONELSON

Candidate Information

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Occupation/Vocation:	Colorado Springs City Council
Military Background:	US Army Veteran, former Green Beret
Resident of 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.



JOHN HJERSMAN

Candidate Information

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Military Background:	USNR Hon Discharge
Resident of El Paso County:	9 years

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

As head of the engineer department of merchant vessels, I am experienced in using PC programs to track and report tasks and processes. I am experienced in working with and directing diverse personalities to achieve goals. I have always supported the principles upon which this nation was founded. Therefore, I favor limited government and maximum, responsible personal liberty.

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

My cherished goal is to repeal ineffective past laws and vote against all bills whose impetus appears to be emotional or dogmatic rather than logical and responsible. 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?

Voting should be conducted in person by citizens with valid photo identification. Whether by paper or electronics would depend upon a thorough independent audit of any electronic system being considered for balloting. Universal mail-in balloting is too vulnerable to being corrupted by organized ballot harvesting.

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

It is Coloradans' best defense against irresponsible spending by the state government. I enthusiastically support it.

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?

School choice is high on my priority list. Parents have the last word in educating their family, in my opinion. My goal would be to loosen the grip of the US Department of Education on our local 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?

Not in most cases. However, I believe that government has the responsibility to judiciously quarantine certain contagions to protect the rights of others.



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?

In my opinion, the unborn are the responsibility of the person carrying the embryo and her medical advisor. The government has no legitimate role therein. If by trafficked, you mean virtual slaves, then of course they deserve protection. If you mean people engaged in sex work of their own free will, I believe in free enterprise. The first protection for the elderly should come from their families. Lacking that, there is a role for charitable organizations, not necessarily governmental ones, although there should be provisions to help those with no other support.

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)?

Everything in my power! In the interest of separating church and state, I would support the withdrawal of tax exemptions from churches. I would thereafter support a church's right to take a stand on political 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"?

Gun ownership is a civil right. Red flag laws are usually unconstitutional infringements on a right that is not to be infringed. Magazine capacity bans are ineffective attempts to infringe that which is not to be infringed. Gun storage legislation is unenforceable until it's able to be used to abuse an individual who has every right to make his own decisions. An armed society is a polite society.

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

Our roadways are the state's most massive infrastructure. The technology exists to recycle auto tires and incorporate them into road surfacing compounds. The initial outlay is more but its longevity pays off. It is crucial that the compounding is designed for the seasons to which the road will be exposed. The experiment in "the gap" by CDOT failed due to applying the wrong compound, resulting in inadequate traction in winter weather.

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STATE REPRESENTATIVE HOUSE DISTRICT 17

Candidates listed in ballot order





REGINA ENGLISH

Candidate Information

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Resident of El Paso County:	24 years

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

I have served as the past Vice President of Harrison School District Two Board of Education and now serving as Treasurer creating effective policy and responsible allocation of funding has prepared me to serve you, my constituents at the State Legislature and be effective in my role because I have a proven track record of getting results. I serve on many boards and committees across the state of Colorado which has shaped me into the well-rounded leader that I am today. Being a wife, mother of five adult children, and grandmother of 10, founding a non-profit, and being an entrepreneur has propelled my impact and influence to be meaningful and purposeful as a leader in my community.



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

My vision for being a Colorado State Representative is to level the playing field and ensure a better quality of life for our community through creating effective legislation and responsible allocation of funding that will create access and opportunity. I plan to look closely at the state budget and allocate funding for communities to provide more resources that will create generational wealth through entrepreneurship, homeownership, and financial literacy. I will bring economic development in a responsible way creating jobs and keeping tax dollars in our community and work with developers to provide a fair share of affordable housing that everyday hard-working people deserve and establish bi-partisan partnerships by working across the aisle for the betterment of the community.

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 elections should be held with integrity at the forefront with transparency and equal access for everyone to participate in the legislative process. Our democracy is for we, the people. The elections in Colorado have been honest and fair, and we must continue to keep it this way. The system and processes and how we vote should be transparent, and voters should make decisions collectively using a ballot measure and not the government changing the voter system. Inclusivity is vital for a fair democracy and voting system.

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

Tabor allows taxpayers/voters to vote on certain things, for example, mill levy increases and new taxes, to name a few. Still, TABOR in its entirety can be very confusing for voters because of its complexity. Constituents having a clear and concise understanding will help make informed decisions concerning tax dollars for the people when conversations arise on TABOR. TABOR is a large piece of how we govern on a state level, and my position is that taxpayers must have a general understanding to vote in an informed way. The language of TABOR has pros and cons that can be re-imagined as we grow and evolve to govern responsibly and effectively.



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 your state representative, I will take a close look at the education budget and make sure education is adequately funded, ensuring all students have the supplies they need to be successful in school, and increasing funding to pay teachers a higher salary will be a priority. Bringing back home economics, teaching essential life skills, offering trade and vocational back into schools will provide a skilled workforce for students who choose not to attend college right away. I plan to serve on the education committee to make this possible for 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?

I do not believe that government should control nor dictate what a person chooses to do 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?

Every life has meaning. As your legislator I will not force my personal views on anyone and I will make thoughtful and meaningful decisions that are ethical and morally right to protect those who do not have the capacity to protect 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)?

Our democracy, as framed by the founding fathers, requires that we must hold those in power accountable for what they do, and this requires transparency in the exercise of power. I will hold officials in power responsible for protecting our 1st amendment rights. We, the people, can demand transparency and have the ability to choose whom we would like to represent us. As your state representative, I will hold leadership accountable to protect our rights. My personal belief is that we must elect transparent, authentic leaders to represent the people that have shared values and honor and respect life at every level of government.

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 should not have to walk around in fear while people carry military assault rifles and large magazines. Gun ownership is a right, but guns should only be in the hands of responsible people. Smart storage of firearms would save the lives of millions of people yearly. We must re-imagine gun laws by keeping communities, schools, and businesses safe at the forefront by regulating permits to carry and in what arenas guns can be carried.

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

Tax dollars should always be used responsibly. It will require a commitment to standards, time, and money. I believe that safe communities and safe streets are wise investments that we must make to protect our families and ensure healthy and safe living environments. As a mother, grandmother, and business owner, I know that public safety is unequivocal; and essential infrastructure components are imperative for safe living and working conditions. I will prioritize infrastructure during state budget discussions because this is the primary means of connecting disparate parts of the state, strengthening the economy, and alleviating challenges associated with a quickly growing population.



RACHEL STOVALL

Candidate Information

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Political Party:	Republican
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Military Background:	Veteran's Wife/Honorary Commander USAFA
Resident of 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.

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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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STATE REPRESENTATIVE HOUSE DISTRICT 18

Candidates listed in ballot order





SHANA BLACK

Candidate Information

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Political Party:	Republican
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Occupation/Vocation:	Attorney
Resident of 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.

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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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MARC SNYDER

Candidate Did Not Confirm Receipt

Questionnaire was sent to the Candidate both for the 2022 Primary and General Elections, and he never confirmed receipt, though we sought to contact him multiple times and by various methods. Therefore, we do not know if the Candidate is even aware of the opportunity to participate in the Voter Guide, or whether he is aware and chose not to participate.

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GREG LAUER

Candidate Information

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Occupation/Vocation:	Satellite Systems Engineer
Military Background:	Army Veteran
Resident of El Paso County:	21 years

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

I was a member of the city council for the City of Fountain for nearly 8 years. I am an Army veteran, a husband, father, grandfather, satellite systems engineer, and a long-time volunteer at my church. I have held many leadership roles throughout my career including working with senior military leaders (Army, Air Force, Space Force), numerous elected officials throughout the region, and numerous community boards and commissions.



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

I will immediately introduce Defend the Guard legislation to protect our men and women in the Colorado National Guard from being deployed in unconstitutional wars. I will work to reduce the size of the state government. I will strongly oppose any increases in taxes or fees and will work to reduce or eliminate existing taxes and fees. I will strongly oppose any mandates from the governor's office. And I will work to ensure our state government is accountable to us.

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 strongly support and will work to return to single-day, in-person voting using paper ballots and requiring a government issued picture ID to receive a ballot at the polls. Additionally, I strongly oppose same-day voter registration and will work to repeal it.

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

I strongly support TABOR and believe it should be extended to ALL fees being implemented by any state or local government entity within Colorado.

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 strongly support school choice and very strongly support parental authority in education, with the understanding that the parents then bear the responsibility to be involved, as well. I will work to hold school districts accountable for the educational use of the taxpayer funding they already receive.



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 any legal, constitutional, ethical, or moral power, authority, or right to dictate what a person does with his or her own body at ANY time. And I will work to get the government out of our private and personal choices in these regards.

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?

To protect the unborn, I will work tirelessly with faith communities and other pro-life organizations to help them promote pro-life alternatives in ways that demonstrate unconditional love toward women facing these choices. I will work tirelessly with law enforcement at all levels to make Colorado the kind of place that human traffickers do not even dare to operate. And I will work to remove barriers to proper, high-quality elder care as well as strengthening laws against harming 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)?

I will work continually to repeal any portion of the Colorado Revised Statutes that restricts ANY of our 1st Amendment rights. And I will work with our US senators and congressional delegates to do the same at the federal level. I will also work with "big tech" to return freedom of speech on those platforms.

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 includes the words "shall not be infringed" and I believe we ALL have the right to permitless open Constitutional Carry already. I support permitless open carry. I oppose magazine capacity bans. I strongly oppose red flag laws.



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

As a libertarian, I strongly oppose the government taking taxes in any form for any reason and I will seek to privatize infrastructure investment such as having trucking companies invest in road repairs since they stand to benefit the most. In the meantime, I will work to repeal any green-energy subsidies and invest those in our rapidly failing infrastructure instead. And we need to hold the huge chemical companies accountable to remedy the PFOS/PFA problem they created with our water.

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STATE REPRESENTATIVE HOUSE DISTRICT 20



DON WILSON

Candidate Information

House District:	20
Political Party:	Republican
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Occupation/Vocation:	Instructor
Military Background:	Veteran USMC
Resident of 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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STATE REPRESENTATIVE HOUSE DISTRICT 21

Candidates listed in ballot order



KOLTEN MONTGOMERY

Candidate Information

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Political Party:	Democratic
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Occupation/Vocation:	Asset Protection
Resident of El Paso County:	I've lived in El Paso County since the 3 rd grade

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

I am a former small business owner and was also a Detention Deputy Sheriff with the Pueblo County Sheriff's Office. I currently work in Asset Protection where I specialize in limiting and preventing theft from retail companies within the state of Colorado. I am an avid political activist, writer and young member of the LGBTQ community.



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

I firmly believe in a philosophy of "People before Politics" - The duties of a state representative are not just to represent their party and personal political ideologies, but to act as a representative for all constituents within their district. I plan to consistently work with community members to make our state and community stronger. I do not believe in absolutist partisanship where the will of the political party and of political ideology are made to outweigh the interests and concerns of the people - If elected, I will work diligently to ensure that all members of my community are heard and their interests represented and voiced.

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 within the State of Colorado are already conducted safely, securely and efficiently. I do not believe that further election reforms are needed and I believe that the consistent fear mongering of "voter fraud" is only a political ploy aimed towards attacking the very foundations of our Democratic institutions. We should constantly be striving to make elections more convenient and accessible to all. I trust our election officials across the state who have continued to ensure that our elections are fair and secure.

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

In principle, I believe that the Taxpayers Bill of Rights (TABOR) is ideologically sound; however, I also believe that in reality TABOR has placed a consistent chokehold on the ability of our State to act on behalf of the interests of all Coloradans. This legislation makes it nearly impossible for our elected officials to carry out their duties effectively on behalf of the people. Taxes are not inherently evil nor are they unconstitutional, and our elected officials should have the ability to levy them when necessary to ensure that our state infrastructure and resources continue to scale with the massive population growth we've seen over the past few years.

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 firm believer in the power of our public education system to provide our children with the education that they deserve as well as the resources they need to be successful. I believe that we should focus on improving our school infrastructure as well as the resources available to students across the state of Colorado (For example: ALL STUDENTS should have access to FREE mental health and professional counseling programs). We should also focus on better funding our teachers and their classrooms as well as providing enhanced funding for technological innovation in our educational system.

In terms of parental rights, I believe that all parents have an inherent right to 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?

The government does not; in any way whatsoever, have the power to legislate what an individual does to his/her body UNLESS an individual's action can be reasonably articulated to constitute an immediate threat of harm to themselves or others. Government simply cannot infringe upon the civil rights of individuals unless that individual's actions represent a clear and present danger to themselves, to others, or to public order.

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 first amendment is imperative to our society - As a constitutional republic, the rights of individuals MUST be protected by the government (This is why government exists in the first place as dictated by our founding documents). If elected as a Colorado State representative, I will work diligently to ensure that the separation of church and state is established and enforced throughout all systems of state government, that freedom of speech is respected and protected (as it currently is) under Colorado Constitutional law and legislation, that the right to peaceably assemble is protected and free from government infringement, and that the right to petition the government is protected through our ability to recall public and elected officials.

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 an avid supporter of the second amendment and believe that all Americans have an inherent right to protect themselves and others through the possession and (in some cases) use of a firearm. With this being said; however, I DO NOT believe that this right extends to the irresponsible and reckless use or storage of a firearm. All individuals wishing to carry a firearm SHOULD be required to pass a background check including an analysis of any severe mental health ailments or criminal charges that would prevent them from reasonably and responsibly carrying a lethal weapon. I do not believe in Constitutional carry either, and am a firm believer in Colorado's current concealed carry legislation,

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

Tax revenue in Colorado SHOULD NOT be used to support toll roads or other privatized/semi-privatized forms of infrastructure within our state - Our tax revenue should be used to repair, rebuild and expand our current roads and infrastructure. Coloradans should not have to pay to travel and we should work towards continually enhancing our transportation infrastructure throughout the state.



MARY BRADFIELD

Candidate Information

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Political Party:	Republican
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Occupation/Vocation:	Retired
Military Background:	Spouse of Army Veteran
Resident of 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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STATE REPRESENTATIVE HOUSE DISTRICT 22

Candidates listed in ballot order





KEN DEGRAAF

Candidate Information

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Occupation/Vocation:	Pilot
Military Background:	USAF (ret)
Resident of 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.

BLAKE GARNER

Candidate Chose Not to Participate

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MICHAEL GIALLOMBARDO

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STATE REPRESENTATIVE HOUSE DISTRICT 56

Candidates listed in ballot order





ROD BOCKENFELD

Candidate Information

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Political Candidate:	Republican
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Occupation/Vocation:	State Legislator
Resident of El Paso County:	(lives outside El Paso County, as HD56 extends across other counties)

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?

I am a pro-life candidate. I will always vote in support of any reasonable bill that funds programs which protects or helps the most vulnerable. My campaign website clearly explains that I will always fight to protect 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)?

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.

KATHLEEN CONWAY

Candidate Chose Not to Participate

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AMY LUNDY

Candidate Did Not Confirm Receipt

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COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Survey Questions for County Commissioner Candidates

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

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

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

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?

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

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

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?

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?

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?

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EL PASO COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 1

Candidates listed in ballot order





HOLLY WILLIAMS

Candidate Information

Political Party:	Republican
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Occupation/Vocation:	County Commissioner
Resident of El Paso County:	30 years

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

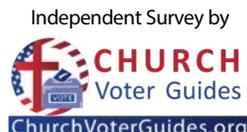
As a Commissioner, I take an oath to uphold the US and Colorado Constitution. My primary responsibility is to represent the citizens of my district and to ensure efficient use of taxpayer dollars. During the COVID emergency, I fought to open closed religious' institutions and opposed mask and vaccine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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



RYAN LUCAS

Candidate Information

Political Party:	Democratic
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Occupation/Vocation:	IT Consultant
Resident of El Paso County:	3 years

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

Besides having worked in electoral politics and issue advocacy for many years, I have worked with and for organizations and companies, large and small, to bring ideas into fruition through tenacious advocacy. I am also an avid promoter and supporter of others, focusing my energy on helping people achieve their goals by converting ideas into action - I've started companies and organizations to lift others' voices.



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

For better or worse, the County is in the midst of significant change. What I believe the County needs at this time is transitional leadership that can help mitigate that change through collaboration - someone that is not afraid to discuss difficult topics with those they don't always agree with. My vision for this role is to be the most accessible County Commissioner.

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

Roles and rights are all well-defined and the power of the County Commission comes from the state - but the duties of the Commissioner I see as being far more malleable as a leader among people. A good County Commissioner should be helping residents to take charge of their own capacity in creating a community that is good for all our neighbors.

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?

Encouraging development and encouraging smarter development are two very different things. If our county is going to continue to grow and we're going to welcome new neighbors, we have to balance current resident promises with increasing demand on community resources. This means holding developers accountable to supporting growth, rather than current need.

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

As an executive for a private company, I have managed multimillion-dollar budgets with complexity around planning for OpEx and CapEx as well as underwriting ongoing and one-time costs. These are all skills/experience that are important in the County Commissioner role.

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

TABOR is the law of the land and while I disagree with it myself, I anticipate no major changes to that in the near future. I would much rather see the flexibility of Commissioners to be able to make decisions with a budget cycle rather than be hamstrung in decision- making by putting those decisions to voters every time. If you don't trust your elected officials to make those decisions for you, what good is a representative democracy?

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?

That would depend on what size of resources suddenly became available. If we're talking large-scale infrastructure dollars, I would begin work on an intercommunity public transit plan that would set up communities El Paso County to become less dependent on personal transportation. With smaller budget, I would focus on improving health and human services to begin to tackle poverty.

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 County Commissioners are, first and foremost, an extension of the State - meaning that those mandates are, by extension, mandates of the County, under current law. It is incumbent on the board to follow those mandates in the same way that a police officer should not inconsistently enforce a seat belt law. Leadership, formal and informal, in supporting the law through education and outreach are the aforementioned duties of a County Commissioner.

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?

Again, Health and Human services become particularly important when it comes to this topic. Providing a prosperous and healthy community that supports our citizens in achieving their dreams in whatever way and timeline they choose while protecting those most vulnerable to abuse. It is the critical juncture of multiple jurisdictions and governmental functions requiring a balance between individual freedoms/rights and appropriate safeguards. It should be the position of any County Commissioner to respect the law for those wishing to avail themselves of it; and use the law for those wishing to break it.

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EL PASO COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 5

Candidates listed in ballot order



JOHN JARRELL

Candidate Did Not Confirm Receipt

Questionnaire was sent to the Candidate both for the 2022 Primary and General Elections, and he never confirmed receipt, though we sought to contact him multiple times and by various methods. Therefore, we do not know if the Candidate is even aware of the opportunity to participate in the Voter Guide, or whether he is aware and chose not to participate.

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CAMI BREMER

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Resident of El Paso County:	20 years

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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EL PASO COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER

Candidates listed in ballot order



Survey Questions for Clerk & Recorder Candidates

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

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

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

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

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?

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?

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?

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



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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?

As a Commissioner on the Colorado Independent Congressional Redistricting Commission, I have helped to redistrict the whole state of Colorado. With the passing of Colorado House Bill 21-1047, the process of redistricting the County Commissioner Districts will align with the process I implemented as a commissioner. This is a vital role the Clerk and Recorder does for El Paso County. With over 15 years in the IT field, I have a strong project management background. The position of the Clerk and Recorder is one that oversees many different departments with constantly moving needs and deadlines. My skill set allows me to easily manage multiple complex situations with transparency and efficiency.



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

As the Clerk I want to acknowledge the successes of the past, while working to bring about more accessibility and transparency to the position. I want to invite others to participate as election judges so they can see the security measures, the tasks being done, and how we protect our data. I would like to work seamlessly within all the wheelhouses of the Clerk and Recorder, following the laws that govern the County's working. We can utilize more technology to make sure that we increase our efficiency for all of El Paso's constituents.

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

The Clerk and Recorder in El Paso County is responsible for overseeing four different departments that all have very important functions within our county's management. One department serves as Clerk to the board of County Commissioners, taking care of all the paperwork and requirements they need to govern the County. Another department is the Motor Vehicles Department, which is responsible for the licensing of our cars and drivers. The Records Department is responsible for keeping, updating, and providing access to all our important records, including birth, death, and marriage records. The final, and some would say most important, is our Elections Department, which is responsible for facilitating smooth, fair, transparent, and accessible elections for the electorate of El Paso County.

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

I would try to bring in more computerization of tasks at the Dept of Motor Vehicles to increase efficiency and reduce wait times for our customers. I would also make voting more accessible with the addition of more drop boxes within our County so that boxes would be in a reasonable walking distance in our metropolitan areas. I would make sure that the County Commissioner Districts are drawn by an independent commission whose members accurately represent the political affiliations of the county, including unaffiliated voters. This step will make voting in El Paso County more fair and transparent.

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?

The El Paso County Clerk and Recorder's Election Department does a detailed look at signatures, which is a good way to catch those who would fraudulently sign their name to someone else's ballot. We then take those cases to the District Attorney. We also work to ensure no person can vote more than one time. I believe the Department is following the laws and is working hard to prevent fraud. The best way to secure our elections is to invite the public in as Election workers so they see the process firsthand. They will then be able to see the integrity that comes with having Mail-in ballots and in-person voting. Transparency is the most important key.

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 job of the Secretary of State is to oversee the work done by the Clerk and Recorders to maintain integrity and to provide a check and balance to the hard work the Clerks are responsible for. The Secretary of State also fields some of the work around non-county candidates and provides a standardization that the Clerks help to maintain. This is all done to facilitate the Clerk and Recorder's performance, and to make for the most transparent, and standardized elections for our electorate. Checks and balances and processes and procedures are there to make sure that all levels of our government uphold the law, regardless of their own personal affiliations.

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?

Our current Clerk and Recorder has spent time expanding the amount of satellite offices, but we still need more options. We could investigate what is possible for a virtual office, see what work could be done with both our staff and constituents being remote. This feature will help people by providing shorter wait times in the comfort and safety of their own home. This is something especially important to keep business moving in unprecedented times, such as with COVID, while still protecting the health of all involved. We need more voting boxes, and small offices with only a ballot box and kiosk could help those that need something done but don't have their own computer.

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

For both Recording and Motor Vehicles the largest improvement would be to provide virtual offices where both staff and customers could get work done with us from the comfort and convenience of their residence.

As for Elections, increasing transparency and accessibility is my main priority. There are many checks and balances that we can advertise. People can see those security functions firsthand by becoming an election judge or staff at election times. We can also increase accessibility by providing more locations within a reasonable walking distance in metropolitan areas. The mail-in ballot option increases the time for voting, but more boxes will help people to be able to potentially walk to a ballot box to participate in democracy.



STEVE SCHLEIKER

Candidate Information

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Military Background:	Veteran / United States Marine Corps
Resident of El Paso County:	47 years

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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EL PASO COUNTY TREASURER

Candidates listed in ballot order



Survey Questions for County Treasurer Candidates

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

Your Vision: What is your vision for being our state's Treasurer?

Investment Returns: Do you believe that the current rate of return on Treasury Pool investments can be improved and, if so, how would you seek to do so?

PERA: As Treasurer, how will you improve the funding of the Public Employees' Retirement Association (PERA) retirement fund?

Debt Management: How do you believe that Colorado's debt policy and debt management can be improved?

Unclaimed Property: Colorado's Unclaimed Property Division has over \$500,000,000 in unclaimed property. What changes would you make as Treasurer to ensure that this property is returned to its rightful owners?

Financial Transparency: How can the Treasury do a better job at both financial transparency and preventing the fraudulent use of public funds?



CHUCK BROERMAN

Candidate Information

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Resident of El Paso County:	34 years

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



RICHARD WILLIAMS

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Resident of El Paso County:	2 years 8 months

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

Computer programmer and computer room supervisor

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

Make sure he taxes are collected properly. Make sure country investments are protected and to ensure all state, county and municipality taxes are accounted for.

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?

New residential and commercial property taxes are collected and that developers pay. Their fair share.

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

Not sure at this time, if any changes are needed at all.

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

To collect owed taxes

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EL PASO COUNTY ASSESSOR

Candidates listed in ballot order



Survey Questions for County Assessor Candidates

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

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

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

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?

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?

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

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



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Military Background:	Retired Veteran, Former Army Wife
Resident of El Paso County:	20

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

A retired veteran and former active-duty Army wife, I have a Masters in Public Administration and bachelor in sociology. My background includes military and civilian sector experience, past volunteer experience includes the El Paso County Placement Alternative Commission, the Fountain Planning Commission, and the Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity Interfaith Coalition Unity Build Committee. Past work experience includes elementary school secretary, temporary positions in human resources at the sheriff's office and Matrix Design Group. I understand the importance of forging local dialogue, and the veteran in me has the energy and life purpose to serve our community.



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

My vision is to ensure the smooth continuation of this professional office for internal and external customers, staff and the public alike, and to continue the important efforts of our current county assessor.

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

The assessor's office studies the market and collects information about properties to estimate their value, and makes assessments of all properties within the county for taxation. Taxes are then distributed in accordance with the value of each taxpayer's property (business and residential).

*NOTE: The Assessor's Office Does Not Set Tax Levies or Establish Mill Rates.

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 will work to ensure that the Senior Homestead Property Tax Exemption and Disabled Veterans Property Tax Exemption programs are funded annually, and that they are improved to allow seniors to use this exemption more than once (if they want to downsize into a smaller home, their exemption eligibility continues in the next primary residence). In addition, the taxable amount of their homes should be reevaluated. I will collaborate to overturn tax plans that benefit only the wealthy, to implement progressive estate taxes on the wealthiest residents, who must pay their fair share to support the society that they live in.

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?

Colorado Statute 39-1-104(12) Dictates the data-gathering period used to estimate the value of properties. Since the assessor's office is statute-driven, I expect that all processes, including reappraisal, are evaluated ongoing.

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

- School property tax is established and levied by the District School Boards.
- County property tax is established and levied by the County Commissioners.
- City and Town property tax is established and levied by City and Town Councils.
- Water, Sanitation, Fire Protection, Special Improvement, Metropolitan and Miscellaneous District property taxes are established and levied by their respective boards.

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

Like any other legislation, we often see that the results in practice may be different than intended, or there may be other unintended consequences. That doesn’t make the legislation necessarily good or bad. Life is fluid, and so we should be re-evaluating outcomes regularly and modifying the legislation as needed. In the Army we conducted AARs, or After-Action Reports to determine what went well, what went wrong and what we need to change to improve an outcome. We don’t necessarily eliminate entirely if there are problems; we evaluate to see what can be modified or improved.



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Military Background:	Army and Air Force Veteran
Resident of 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. Deference to property owners when there is any doubt about the accuracy of an assessed value is a core 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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EL PASO COUNTY SHERIFF

Candidates listed in ballot order



Survey Questions for County Sheriff Candidates

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

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

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?

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?

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?

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?

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?

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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Resident of El Paso County:	11 years

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

My experience as an intelligence officer working with the FBI, US Treasury and DEA has directly led to aiding successful counter drug operations. My intelligence team provided groundbreaking information to the DEA and FBI, exposing at the time, the largest drug smuggling network operating on the US east coast. Later, while deployed to Operation Iraqi Freedom, I served as Senior Intelligence Officer, 5th Special Forces Group and as Senior Intelligence Officer for a Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force. My skills in counter terrorism operations will be added value to the Sheriff office. On the person side as a NRA firearms instructor, I work with youth groups on the safe handling and use of firearms.



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

To be Colorado's premier law enforcement organization; professional, trained, ready to fight crime, and protect the citizens of the community. A proactive Force, responsible to the community, and committed to US Constitution and the American values of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

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?

Elected sheriffs are accountable directly to the citizens of their county, the constitution of their state, and the United States Constitution. Their #1 priority is Public Safety for the people of El Paso County. Sheriff's office performs many functions to achieve this mission. Rural patrols, criminal investigations, countering drug trafficking, the county detention facility, conceal carry program, support to school security, wildfire and emergency management, crime reduction through education, K9 units, and tactical units. Plus much more. This is a hard job that required tough leadership and a commitment to public service.

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?

Safeguarding our senior citizens, is critical and suffering due to personnel shortages within the sheriff's department. Addressing this shortfall requires a rural revitalization effort, which is currently lacking. Once I fix our personnel shortages, we can increase our senior wellness checks. Since seniors have a higher rate of victimization by online criminals, I will establish a collaborative relationship with the National Cybersecurity Center (NCC), located here in Colorado Springs, and partner to provide a senior citizen awareness campaign to address online threats. Additionally, my background working with Homeland Security, I'm the best qualified sheriff candidate to tackle the issue of Human Trafficking. This is crime that requires a sheriff with experience attacking networks, be they criminal or terrorist networks.

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?

As someone who has sworn to uphold the US Constitution for his entire adult life, I hold sacred all 27 amendments to the Constitution. As an ardent Federalist, I will use my experience with the Federal law enforcement, such as the FBI, to investigate and counter all anti-Constitutional entities such as the Oath Keepers, Three Percenters, and others. Although I'm not a big supporter of No-Knock Raids, there are rare and special circumstances that may require its use in a tactical situation, but that will be my call. The current Red-Flag law is already used in EPC. It has been used nearly forty times by local Law Enforcement and my Republican opponent has failed to disclose this fact.

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?

Recruiting and retention is a significant challenge. The personnel shortages have an exponential and negative impact the department. Deputies are overworked due to manning shortfalls. These shortfalls make ALL missions more difficult by adding more work on the backs of fewer people. This leads to personnel quitting often going to other departments or seek private sector security jobs. As for the jail, it's the largest mental health facilities in Colorado, and this needs to change. We need to get out of the mental health business and focus on fighting crime like illegal drug networks. I will use my counter terrorism experience to go after the dangerous cartels and drug networks.

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?

Leaders are sensitive to the perceptions, needs, and concern of all their people. Recruitment and retention are fundamentally broken in the sheriff's department. As a leader, I will use my experience as a senior leader in Army Recruiting to fix this issue. I will design a coherent and robust strategy for recruitment and retention of only the best qualified deputies and officers. This requires a purpose driven strategy with modern recruiting objectives that leverages network centric recruiting. This will include both internal networks, and external networks. I will also use Army market research and advertisement planning techniques tied into a synchronized public affairs program. My experience in Army recruitment over a 12 state area ensures success for our department.

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?

The recruitment and retention problems are also plaguing all local law enforcement within El Paso County. As such I will assist the other departments, by including them in our new recruitment drive. By allowing them to tag along or participate on our recruitment effort, we all win. Law enforcement is like a team sport, and if I can help with my expertise and aid other local departments recruit it is an added advantage to the community and the public safety workload. Additionally, I also will seek out any opportunities to use my advance intelligence background and experience in improving police intelligence operations and fight criminal networks. My inter-agency background will greatly assist in making Public Safety a priority.



JOE ROYBAL

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Military Background:	USMC
Resident of El Paso County:	49 years

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 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 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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EL PASO COUNTY SURVEYOR

Survey Questions for County Surveyor Candidates

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

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

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?



RICHARD MARIOTTI

Candidate Information

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Resident of El Paso County:	35 years

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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EL PASO COUNTY CORONER

Survey Questions for County Coroner Candidates

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

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

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?

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?

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



LEON KELLY, M.D.

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Resident of El Paso County:	19 years

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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