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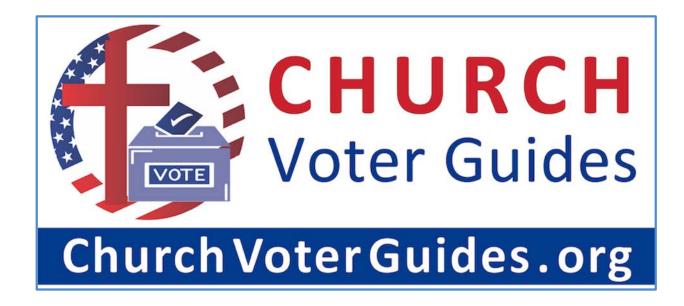


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El Paso County, Colorado - Republican Candidates

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Introduction to the Voter Guide

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

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We are based in Colorado Springs, and the April 2021 City Council election in our hometown was our inaugural project, followed by Voter Guides for the 2021 Pikes Peak Region School Board Elections (and again in 2023), the 2022 State and El Paso County Assemblies, the 2022 Statewide and El Paso County Primaries and General Election, and the 2023 Colorado Springs Municipal Elections for Mayor and City Council, including the Mayoral Runoff Election. 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, as they are (supposedly) running for their office in order to represent you. Please make sure to show great respect toward each candidate and his/her time, especially to those with whom you disagree. Running for office is hard, stressful, time-consuming work, and these are your fellow citizens who have lives, families, jobs...and feelings (just like you!)



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

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

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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 and text, as well as by phone and their website contact form when determined necessary, to all registered candidates running in the Primary Elections for U.S Congress CD5, Colorado Senate SD10 and 12, Colorado Representative HD 14-18, 20-22, and 56, District Attorney JD4, and El Paso County Commissioner, and 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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Church Voter Guides will be back for the 2024 El Paso County General Elections, as well as training and supporting others around Colorado to produce their own local voter guides too! Help our efforts statewide by (1) getting the word out, (2) working with us to produce local guides, and (3) financial support.

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Tell your friends and neighbors. Post on social media. And ask your Pastors to promote it to your congregation (we'll even provide you/them with the announcement info and the PowerPoint promo slide.)

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Survey Questions for All Candidates for U.S. Congress, State Senate and Representative, and County Commissioner

Your Experience, Priorities, and Vision: What experience (personal, professional, other), priorities, and vision do you have for the elected office that you seek that will benefit your constituency?

Ethics and Accountability: What are your beliefs on ethics, accountability, and transparency in government as they relate to the position that you are seeking? Also, what is your position on accountability measures voted into law by Colorado's electorate, such as the Colorado Sunshine Law and the Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR)?

1st Amendment: If elected, what will you do to protect your constituents' rights to freedom of religion, speech, peaceable assembly, and petitioning the government for a redress of grievances?

2nd Amendment: What is your position on gun legislation regarding topics such as mandatory gun insurance, an increased minimum age to purchase a gun, so-called "assault weapons" bans, and creating various new "sensitive spaces" (additional "gun-free zones")?

Anti-Americanism and Anti-Semitism: Over the past year there has been a sharp rise in the expression of anti-Americanism and anti-Semitism both across our nation and in Colorado, especially among youth. What do you view as the cause(s) of these sociopolitical issues, and what if anything should be done to address them?

The Economy and Resources: As an elected official, what initiatives would you champion to improve the local economy, and what are your priorities for addressing policies on water, energy, and other resources?

Education: If elected, what would you do to help improve the educational outcomes for students in our area? What is your position on parental authority in K-12 education, including school choice, parental notifications, etc.?

Protecting the Vulnerable: If elected, how will you seek to protect the lives of the most vulnerable in our community, including the unborn, victims of trafficking and abuse, senior citizens, and those experiencing mental illness?

Crime: What are your thoughts about crime in Colorado and our community? If elected, how will you work to reduce the impact of crime on your constituents**?**

Immigration: Do you believe that illegal entries into the U.S. have led to problems for our region? If so, what would you do if elected to improve the situation? Also, what is your view of sanctuary cities/counties?

Election Security and Confidence: Do you believe that elections in Colorado should be conducted differently? (For example, should people be required to show proof of citizenship and residency for registering to vote in Colorado, and should Government-issued identification be required to vote?) If elected, what specifically will you do to help improve Coloradans' confidence in our elections?



2024 Primary Election Voter Guide Democratic Candidates for

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 5





RIVER GASSEN

Candidate did not confirm receipt of our Questionnaire, 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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Democratic Candidates for

STATE SENATOR SENATE DISTRICT 10

There are no Candidates for this office



Democratic Candidate for

STATE SENATOR SENATE DISTRICT 12





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2024 Primary Election Voter Guide Democratic Candidates for

STATE REPRESENTATIVE HOUSE DISTRICT 14





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Democratic Candidate for

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Democratic Candidate for

STATE REPRESENTATIVE HOUSE DISTRICT 16





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Democratic Candidate for

STATE REPRESENTATIVE HOUSE DISTRICT 17





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Democratic Candidates for

STATE REPRESENTATIVE HOUSE DISTRICT 18





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Democratic Candidate for

STATE REPRESENTATIVE HOUSE DISTRICT 20





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Democratic Candidates for

STATE REPRESENTATIVE HOUSE DISTRICT 21





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Democratic Candidate for

STATE REPRESENTATIVE HOUSE DISTRICT 22





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Democratic Candidate for

STATE REPRESENTATIVE HOUSE DISTRICT 56



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ALESSANDRA NAVETTA

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Resident of El Paso County and/or the District Represented	10 years

Your Experience, Priorities, and Vision: What experience (personal, professional, other), priorities, and vision do you have for the elected office that you seek that will benefit your constituency?

I am a mother and grandmother. I am currently retired. My professional career was spent as a registered nurse and attorney. As a nurse I taught in a school of nursing. I have worked in a psychiatric hospital and a neonatal intensive care unit. I held management positions at a major city hospital, as a nurse recruiter-relations coordinator and employment manager. I attended law school and practiced law specializing in medical malpractice, until my retirement.

My priorities are addressing the lack of accessible, quality healthcare in the eastern portions of HD56, the lack of internet connectivity and the lack of affordable educational opportunities for post high school students.

I intend to meet with as many citizens as possible.



Ethics and Accountability: What are your beliefs on ethics, accountability, and transparency in government as they relate to the position that you are seeking? Also, what is your position on accountability measures voted into law by Colorado's electorate, such as the Colorado Sunshine Law and the Taxpayer Bill of Rights (TABOR)?

I believe that citizens need to know the pros and cons of proposed legislation so that they can make informed decisions. There are never any perfect answers. But knowing how certain legislation will effect various segments of the population may result in a compromise, with the most favorable outcome.

1st Amendment: If elected, what will you do to protect your constituents' rights to freedom of religion, speech, peaceable assembly, and petitioning the government for a redress of grievances?

The First Amendment gives citizens the right to peacefully air their grievances. It does not give persons the right to engage in activity that violates the law or threatens those who do not agree with them. Peaceful protest yes. Unlawful protest no.

2nd Amendment: What is your position on gun legislation regarding topics such as mandatory gun insurance, an increased minimum age to purchase a gun, so-called "assault weapons" bans, and creating various new "sensitive spaces" (additional "gun-free zones")?

The Supreme Court, through it rulings, has interpreted the Second Amendment as allowing citizens to possess and use guns for lawful purposes. However, the legislature has the right to enact legislation designed to protect citizens from injury due to the possession and use of guns, as long as the legislation is consistent with the Constitution.



Anti-Americanism and Anti-Semitism: Over the past year there has been a sharp rise in the expression of anti-Americanism and anti-Semitism both across our nation and in Colorado, especially among youth. What do you view as the cause(s) of these sociopolitical issues, and what if anything should be done to address them?

The Constitution protects religious freedom. The government may not promote or prohibit the practice of religion. The role of government is to attend to the common good of its citizens, not to favor one belief over another. Citizens should be allowed to worship according to their beliefs.

The social unrest that is taking place is related to a lack of understanding of history and the complexity of the situation giving rise to the unrest. There is a lack of respect and understanding for the beliefs of those of different faiths. A belief should not be the basis for controversy and disagreement. Meaningful dialogue among those of differing religions might help to address the current unrest.

The Economy and Resources: As an elected official, what initiatives would you champion to improve the local economy, and what are your priorities for addressing policies on water, energy, and other resources?

This is a capitalistic nation. Persons who are interested in participating in the local economy should be allowed to do so, depending on zoning regulations and other business regulations within a particular community. Knowing that resources such as water and energy are valuable and limited commodities, and that their utilization has an impact on the the environment, business entities should be encouraged to act in such a way as to preserve these resources for future generations.

Education: If elected, what would you do to help improve the educational outcomes for students in our area? What is your position on parental authority in K-12 education, including school choice, parental notifications, etc.?

I believe in a strong educational system. Children need to be exposed to a large body of knowledge and taught skills that will prepare them for the future. Curriculums should be left for experts in the educational fields, such as teachers and principals. Parental support of their child's education is welcomed and beneficial and should be encouraged.



Protecting the Vulnerable: If elected, how will you seek to protect the lives of the most vulnerable in our community, including the unborn, victims of trafficking and abuse, senior citizens, and those experiencing mental illness?

This question cannot be meaningfully answered in one response. The approach to protecting the vulnerable depends on the cause and type of vulnerability. The approach varies significantly in each example cited. Currently there are social, governmental and legal entities attempting to address these issues. Success is not assured, but a civilized society must protect the most vulnerable among us.

Crime: What are your thoughts about crime in Colorado and our community? If elected, how will you work to reduce the impact of crime on your constituents?

I believe in the rule of law. Laws should be equally enforced regardless of the identity of the perpetrator. Due process must be afforded all potential criminals. The punishment must reflect the crime.

Police must be provide with equipment and training to not only assure their safety, but also the safety of citizens and the potential criminal. The presumption of innocence until proven guilty applies to everyone.

Immigration: Do you believe that illegal entries into the U.S. have led to problems for our region? If so, what would you do if elected to improve the situation? Also, what is your view of sanctuary cities/counties?

We need an immigration policy that allows for legal immigration. This nation needs workers. There are workers interested in coming to America to improve their economic situation. They should be allowed entry, but only in an orderly, legal manner. Businesses who need workers should be enlisted to address this problem along with the government. Workers must not be exploited, nor must the jobs of Americans be impacted.

There must be a system implemented for admittance of asylum seekers that allows them to remain in their country of origin while applying for admittance. Consulates should be established in various nations to facilitate the process. Asylum seekers who are in imminent danger should be allowed supervised entry while documents are being processed.



Election Security and Confidence: Do you believe that elections in Colorado should be conducted differently? (For example, should people be required to show proof of citizenship and residency for registering to vote in Colorado, and should Government-issued identification be required to vote?) If elected, what specifically will you do to help improve Coloradans' confidence in our elections?

Having served as an election judge, I have confidence in our election system. Given the current technology it is possible to determine a person's voting status. All ballots are reviewed and counted jointly by an election judge from each party. Of course, there are always individuals who will try to bend the rules, and so we must be diligent and investigate irregularities.



Democratic Candidate for

DISTRICT ATTORNEY DISTRICT 4



Survey Questions for All Candidates for District Attorney

Your Experience, Priorities, and Vision: What experience (personal, professional, other), priorities, and vision do you have for the elected office that you seek that will benefit your constituency?

Crime: What are your overall thoughts about crime in both Colorado and El Paso County, and how can all three branches of government better approach making our communities safer?

Ethics and Accountability: What are your beliefs on ethics, accountability, and transparency in government as they relate to the position that you are seeking? How would you ensure your team maintains ethical standards in all prosecutions?

Fair and Impartial: What strategies would you employ to ensure fair and impartial prosecution, balancing the need for justice with the rights of the accused in a case? How would you handle a situation where you believe the defendant is innocent, but the evidence points towards their guilt?

Protecting the Vulnerable: If elected, how will you seek to protect the lives of the most vulnerable in our community, including the unborn, victims of trafficking and abuse, senior citizens, and those experiencing mental illness?

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Election Security and Confidence: Do you believe that elections in Colorado should be conducted differently? (For example, should people be required to show proof of citizenship and residency for registering to vote in Colorado, and should Government-issued identification be required to vote?) If elected, what specifically will you do to both assure election security and improve voter confidence?

High Profile Cases: Can you discuss a time when you had to handle a case with significant public interest or scrutiny? What is your approach to dealing with high-profile cases that attract media attention?





JEREMY DOWELL

Candidate did not confirm receipt of our Questionnaire, 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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EL PASO COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 4





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