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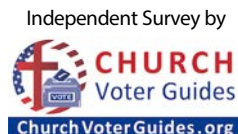


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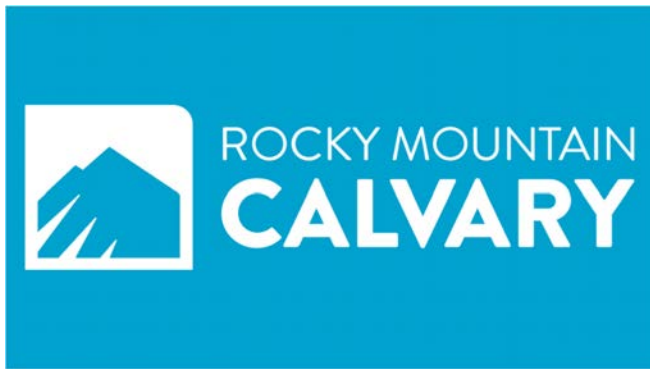
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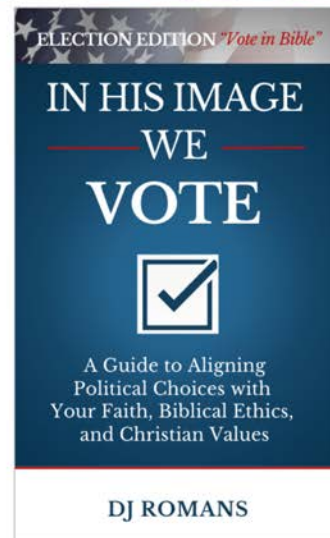


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El Paso County, Colorado - Ballot-Listed Candidates

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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 Guides for all local elections since, including the 2021 Pikes Peak Region School Boards, the 2022 El Paso and Colorado State Assemblies, the 2022 Colorado Primary and General Midterm, the 2023 Colorado Springs Municipal Elections, including the Mayoral Run-off, the 2023 Pikes Peak Region School Boards, and the 2024 El Paso County Primary (Democratic and Republican parties).

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

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

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

To be fair and impartial, we reached out by email and text, as well as by phone and their website contact form when determined necessary, to all registered candidates running in the General 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 Commissioners Districts 2 - 4, 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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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 Colorado General Election
Candidates for

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Listed in Ballot Order

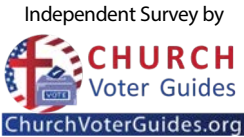


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JEFF CRANK

Candidate Information

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Resident of El Paso County and/or the District Represented	26 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 have fought for our community as a native Southern Coloradan living in El Paso County since 1998. I fought to keep Fort Carson open and to improve the lives of our military serving here. During my 14-year tenure as a radio host, I have supported conservative policies and have steadfastly supported limited government, individual freedom, and opposed tax increases. As past President of the Pikes Peak Firearms Coalition, I have persistently defended our Second Amendment rights. The bedrock of my life is my Christian faith, which has accordingly shaped my political beliefs. A board member and recipient of Life Network’s Champion of Life award, I will always advocate for the voices of the marginalized and unborn.



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)?

Transparency is key for a government to keep the public trust. As a member of Congress, I will fight to return Congress to regular order and work to end the bloated omnibus spending bills and their hidden pork-barrel projects. I will push for open debate on spending bills and up or down votes on amendments to cut spending. I will put any stocks that I own into a blind trust to ensure my integrity as an elected official. I will hold regular town hall meetings where citizens can share their concerns. I support expansion of Freedom of Information Act provisions and I support the Colorado Sunshine Law. I have been a steadfast defender of the Taxpayer Bill of Rights.

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 is the cornerstone of the Bill of Rights and must be protected at all costs. In recent years, individual free speech has alarmingly come under attack by the government and by the tyranny of popular culture. Similarly, the left and a weaponized government have targeted religious freedom and expression of people of faith and infringed on our First Amendment rights. I will always defend the bedrock principles of freedom of speech and of religion and the other freedoms in the First Amendment. Government has no right to infringe on these God-given rights of the people. Upholding the Constitution, and fidelity to it, is the first obligation of a member of Congress.

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")?

What is it about the Second Amendment that politicians don't understand? It explicitly states that "the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed." An avid hunter, outdoorsman, and gun owner, I staunchly support the Second Amendment. I oppose mandatory gun insurance, assault weapons bans, additional gun-free zones, and believe that any law-abiding citizen 18 years of age or older possesses a constitutional right to bear arms. Crimes are committed by people – not guns. Depriving law-abiding citizens of their constitutional right to bear arms does not reduce crime, but strips them of their ability to defend themselves. The Second Amendment was not only necessary in 1791, but remains indispensable to our rights and protections today.

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 upsurge of anti-Americanism and anti-Semitism among youth is primarily due to the influence of the liberal media and educational indoctrination by people with liberal agendas. Certain individuals in our schools have distorted history by inaccurately portraying America's founding and advancing a corrupt and inaccurate narrative of the current Arab-Israeli conflict. Too many Americans are misinformed by liberal propaganda, and citizens must be taught the truth- that the Arab world refuses to acknowledge Israel's right to exist. An alarming concern festers in America – if we lose our understanding of good and evil, then we will lose our society. I will always stand with the nation of Israel and I support U.S. aid to Israel.

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?

Along with border security, the renewal of our nation's economy is among my top priorities, and locally I am uniquely qualified to help protect local military installations and grow the defense sector of our economy. I have decades of experience working with community leaders to grow our defense and technology sectors and expand existing military missions. As a native Coloradan, I value protecting our state's natural resources while advocating for a free market "all-of-the-above" energy policy. Government bureaucrats should not pick winners and losers in our energy policy. Government mandates of electric cars and renewable energy standards lead to higher prices for Coloradans – so individuals, not government, should make decisions about what products they want to use.

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 will sponsor legislation to abolish the federal Department of Education and empower parents through educational choice. The Federal government has no business directing our children's education. This is the role of local school boards. I've spent 35 years working to limit government intervention in education by championing school choice and parental empowerment and using my radio show and endorsement page to help elect pro-school choice candidates to office. Free market reforms will improve our nation's K-12 education, and eradicate the damaging woke agenda of educational bureaucrats. Only when the system is given back to the customers (parents and children) will we see academic performance improve. I support all options including private, public and homeschool. Parents, not politicians, should decide.

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?

I respect life and believe as a society that we must create a culture of respect while advocating for the vulnerable - including the unborn, elderly, and those with disabilities. I am endorsed by Susan B. Anthony Pro-life America PAC and have earned Life Network's "Champion of Life" award. I am 100% pro-life, oppose abortion and oppose all federal funding of abortion. This belief stems from my Biblical worldview and my Christian faith. I have visited the U.S./Mexico border twice, witnessing firsthand the government-caused humanitarian crisis. Getting control of the border means that we help stop human trafficking, crime and fentanyl infiltrating our communities. I will confront the irresponsibility of the Biden-Harris administration's current policies and hold them accountable.

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 have a long history of supporting law enforcement and backing strict measures against criminals preying on our community. I am endorsed by current El Paso County Sheriff Joe Roybal, the Colorado Springs Police Protective Association, former Sheriff Bill Elder, former District Attorney Dan May, former Colorado Attorney General John Suthers and former CSPD Chief Lorne Kramer and many other law enforcement leaders throughout Southern Colorado. To counteract crime and protect our citizens, I oppose drug legalization, which leads to more crime within our community. I also advocate for more severe penalties for drug dealers, who corrupt the streets of our communities and kill people with fentanyl and other dangerous drugs.

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?

Illegal immigration is the most serious crisis that our country faces and our border must be controlled immediately. We don't know who is coming to the U.S. and illegal immigrants are not fully vetted, and their admission - including into sanctuary cities/counties in Colorado - burdens every aspect of our communities, from our education system to healthcare, welfare, safety, law enforcement, and more. We must build Trump's wall, increase the number of border patrol agents, deploy sensors, drones and other technology. Most importantly, we must listen to the American people and end the Biden disaster at the border - and hold him and his administration accountable for their reckless dereliction of duty.

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?

I believe that not only in Colorado, but across the United States, voters must present government-issued proof of citizenship and proof of residency to be eligible to vote, as well as photo identification to cast a vote. Voters' faith in America's election process is the foundation of our democracy. The integrity of our democratic system is diminished when the voters' confidence in the election process is weakened. America was founded on a government of the people, by the people and for the people and for this to matter, they must have confidence that their vote is counted and not diluted by illegally cast votes. I oppose electoral schemes like rank-choice voting which further undermine confidence in our electoral process.



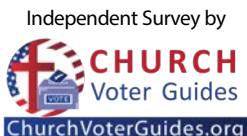
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Resident of El Paso County and/or the District Represented	24 years

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?

As a longtime resident of Colorado Springs and registered with the American Constitution Party, Christopher Mitchell is running for Colorado's 5th Congressional District. Based out of Colorado Springs, he works 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 and 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.



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)?

Congress has self-regulating mechanisms for ethics, accountability, and transparency, such as the House of Representatives Committee on Ethics, which provides ethics training to House Members, investigates and adjudicates any alleged violations, and reviews financial disclosures of House Members. I support and will vote for the One Subject at a Time Act introduced by Senator Rand Paul. It requires legislation to be simplified to "One Bill, One Issue, One Page" for transparency, accountability, and eliminating omnibus spending bills. The Colorado Sunshine Law 1972 (modified 1996) and the Taxpayer Bill of Rights 1992 (TABOR) are similar to Congressional mechanisms in intended purpose and should be maintained.

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?

Overall, We live in a time of increasing Government Overreach and Institutional Intimidation against American Citizens. I will work to reverse the trend and champion the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights in everyday service in the U.S. Congress. I will work to defend individual rights including, but not limited to, Religious Freedom, Freedom of Speech, Private Property Rights, and the Right to Bear Arms. In Congress, I will reflect on my commitment to the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights, which, in every vote cast to pass or block legislation, is guided by the Founding Fathers' Original Intent.

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 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 all attempts to prohibit ownership of firearms by law-abiding citizens and any laws that require the usage restriction of firearms or ammunition, such as arbitrary red flag laws, mandatory gun insurance, and mandatory lock boxes.

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 rise of anti-Americanism and anti-Semitism is a result of Generational Indoctrination and non-assimilation-based immigration policies. Generational Indoctrination is entrenched in Government schools and public universities/colleges (e.g., Critical Race Theory, Gender Ideology, and Neo-Marxist curriculum). Non-assimilation-based immigration promotes cultural disharmony in a nation. Generational Indoctrination can be addressed by leveraging institutional funding mechanisms. Non-assimilation-based immigration can be addressed through enhanced immigration policies and the promotion of National Patriotism. A key component of American Patriotism is Our unwavering support for Israel. More than just an ally, Israel is Our ironclad partner in promoting Freedom, Strength, and Safety on the world stage.

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?

On a national level, I will support and vote for America-First policies such as extending the Trump-era tax cuts for individuals, reducing regulations and taxes on small businesses, fiscal responsibility in Government, and achieving U.S. Energy Dominance with Natural Gas resource development at the forefront. In Congressional District 5, I will champion working with commissioners and mayors to attract, retain, and expand a variety of technical and non-technical business organizations to the region, in addition to the defense and service industries already present. Nationally and locally, I am committed to terminating failed and unsubstantiated climate mandates and regulations on small businesses, industry, and utilities.

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 support and will advance legislation such as the Parents Bill of Rights Act to ensure the rights of parents are honored and protected in Government schools. I will work to decentralize Government education and promote more effective school choice options. Since children are the most vulnerable members of society, I will work in Congress to protect them from abusive modalities in educational settings, including Gender Ideology, Critical Race Theory, grooming, and sexually inappropriate learning materials.

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?

I believe in the God-given legal personhood of all human beings, from fertilization to natural death, without exception. The first duty of the law is to protect innocent life created in the image of God. I am against abortion in any form, for any reason. Since children are the most vulnerable members of society, I will work in Congress to protect them from abusive modalities in educational settings, including Gender Ideology, Critical Race Theory, grooming, and sexually inappropriate learning materials. I oppose all Government legalization of euthanasia, infanticide, and suicide. In summary, I realistically champion the cause to preserve human life at every opportunity within a Constitutional and lawful framework.

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?

Colorado ranks as the third most dangerous state in the United States. At the same time, Colorado Springs, in El Paso County, ranks third overall as the best place to live in the United States. To advance our standing and quality of life in El Paso County, I will work to maintain our Non-Sanctuary County status and push back on the crime encroaching on El Paso County from the Denver Metro Districts. Likewise, I will support and vote for legislation to empower law enforcement officers in all jurisdictions, County, and Municipal, including ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement), to effectively do their job without hindrance.



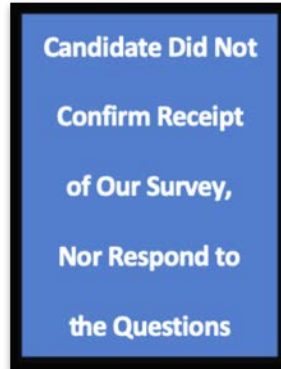
Immigration: Do you believe that illegal entries into the U.S. have led to problems for our region? If so, what would you do if elected to improve the situation? Also, what is your view of sanctuary cities/counties?

The Denver Metro area, a Sanctuary District, is a case study of the ill effects of the unfettered invasion of illegal immigrants into the United States. The Denver Metro area has seen significant increases in the local crime rate, homelessness, fentanyl drug trafficking, and a collapse of public services such as police and hospital care. To minimize these issues in El Paso County, I will work closely with local commissioners and mayors to enforce non-sanctuary policies. In Congress, I will firmly support National America-First policies for securing sovereign borders, defunding sanctuary cities, and deporting illegal immigrants. Likewise, I firmly support placing military assistance units on the border to quell drug cartels and human trafficking activity.

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?

Election Integrity is one component of Our National Sovereignty. Election Integrity means transparency, fairness, and validity of the end-to-end election process. Transparency means that all processes are clearly defined and open to examination (e.g., voting systems, electoral rolls). Fairness implies that all socioeconomic groups of legal citizens registered to vote have equal access to the voting process. Validity means that all processes follow Federal, State, and Local election laws that ideally should be standardized to emphasize in-person voting with a requirement for photo voter identification. To that end, I support and will advance legislation such as the SAVE Act requiring documentary proof of U.S. citizenship to register to vote in federal elections.



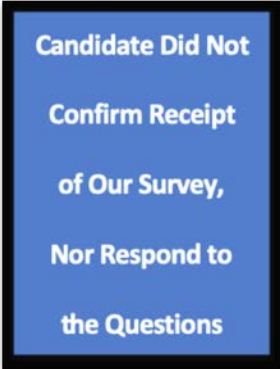


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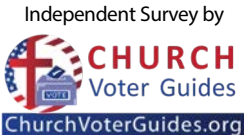


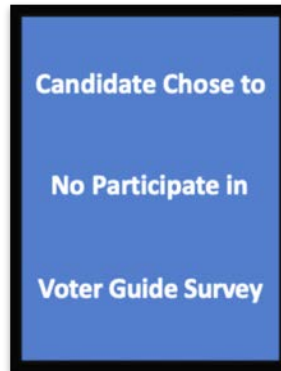
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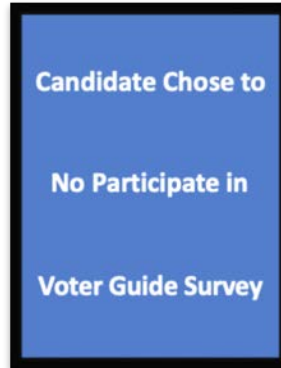
2024 Colorado General Election Candidates for

STATE SENATOR

SENATE DISTRICT

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Candidate Chose Not To Participate

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Resident of El Paso County and/or the District Represented	57 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 bring 31 years of business experience in business and finance here in Colorado. I have been in the State House for 12 years and the Senate for 4 years. I have a wealth of experience in the CO. Legislature as the ranking member of the business committee and sit on the appropriations committee as well as the Veterans Committee.



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 am a strong supporter of TABOR and have voted consistently to uphold its principles. People in my Senate district know me well as I have been very accessible and open to their views and opinions. We may not agree on everything, but people KNOW me, they TRUST me and consistently have voted for me SEVEN times over the years.

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?

Being an elected official in the legislature, I have always encouraged my constituents to call me anytime on my personal phone or email me as well. I have an open door policy and have always advocated for my constituents.

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")?

As a LIFE member of the NRA and an active member of the PPFC here in Colorado Springs, I am very proud of my strong support for our 2nd amendment rights. Since 2006, I have always been endorsed by the NRA and this year, I was endorsed again with an A+ rating by the NRA. My support for our rights is unmatched by anyone!!!!!!

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?

There is no doubt that younger people have lost confidence in our country and some actually greatly dislike America, which deeply saddens me. I think much of this can be attributed to our public school system and the lack of education about our country and the principles that we were founded on: Life, Liberty and personal responsibility. I strongly support home schooling, Charter schools and school choice.

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?

1: support TABOR 2: work to keep taxes low 3: revamp our property tax system 4: as to water, increase our reservoir capacity 5: continue my longstanding support for the O&G industry 6: I am actively working to introduce nuclear energy to Colorado

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 strongly support parental involvement in our educational system. Parental notification is essential and I have always voted for it in my tenure. As I mentioned earlier, I am a strong advocate for school choice, home schooling and Charter schools.

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?

I am a pro-Life legislator and my record proves it. I also have a proven voting record of dealing harshly with human trafficking . As a senior myself, I have voted to improve and modernize the Senior/Veterans Homestead exemption program. In fact, I lead the effort in 2022 and 2023.

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?

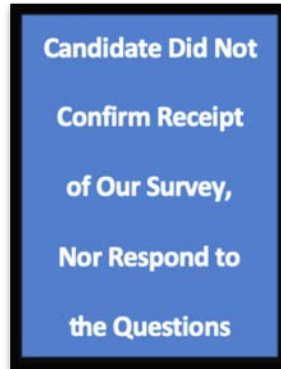
I am a tough on crime legislator!!! I believe in giving certain offenders a second chance, but hardened and habitual criminals should be dealt with severely. My record on crime speaks for itself as I have been endorsed in 2016, 18, 2020 and again this year by the Fraternal Order of Police for my support of the men and women in Blue!!!!

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?

Yes, I do believe that some of our crime is due to our lax border policy. I strongly believe that we need to protect our borders and build a wall along our southern border. I strongly oppose “catch and release “ policies and illegal entry into our country is wrong! It is illegal and NO other country in the world would tolerate what we allow in this country. I do not and have never favored so called sanctuary cities, just look at what it has done to Denver!!!

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?

Yes, we should go back to voting on Election Day with certain provisions for some early voting, such health reasons or being out of town. I do not like mail in ballots; I want voting to be a matter of conviction, not a matter of convenience. I also support voter Identification; you can't do much of anything these days without legitimate ID. You shouldn't be able to vote without an ID.



JOHN HJERSMAN

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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2024 Colorado General Election Candidates for

STATE SENATOR

SENATE DISTRICT

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Military Background:	Veteran, 28 years
Resident of El Paso County and/or the District Represented	19 years - two military terms for total of 6 years, 13 years from 2010 to today

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?

Experience - Nearly 40 years experience from my military service and nearly 8 years as an El Paso County Commissioner. I have extensive experience in public budgets, policy development, programs, infrastructure, public safety, economic development, energy production, and political issues. All will serve me well as Senator. Priorities - Public Safety, Economy and Jobs, Illegal Immigration, School Choice, Free People, Free Markets

Vision - American is a great country and needs to be defended. Free people and free markets must be supported. God designed us to be free. Free markets deliver cost effective goods and services and give us jobs so we can take care of our families.



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)?

Every elected official should be honest, ethical, accountable, transparent, and empathetic. They should love service to others, believe in our country and our way of life, and put God, family, community, and nation before self. Elected officials also need a deep understanding of the State and Federal Constitutions, and they need wisdom, experience, knowledge, patience, communication skills, and determination. I support both the Colorado Sunshine law and the Taxpayer Bill of Rights. In recent years, the State legislature has introduced bills at the end of session thus limiting public testimony and committee and floor debate. I will push for much more time to increase public debate on proposed legislation.

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 Declaration, Constitution, and Bill of Rights are essential documents that protect personal rights including freedom of religion, speech, peaceable assembly and more. Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are given to us by "Nature's God", a quote from the Declaration. I will relentlessly protect our rights and the documents that secure our rights. Our state legislature has recently passed several laws that have infringed on those rights. While I will belong to the minority Party, when elected to the Senate I will work with all willing legislators who want people and markets to be free. The State has grown immensely in the last few years causing enormous regulatory burdens.

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")?

Colorado's current legislature has introduced dozens of anti-gun bills in the last few years and most of them have been passed into law. Unfortunately, these misguided laws almost exclusively harm law abiding citizens and make our State less safe. All items mentioned in the question above plus more will only result in more crime because criminals will not follow these laws. I will oppose future laws like these and try to get those already passed reversed. Instead, we should be working on strengthening families, communities, fighting gang violence, and working on mental health issues. It should be easy for law abiding citizens to arm themselves because they contribute to making our communities safer.



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?

I am an American and will always support our way of life. Anti-semitism is an ideology of hate and needs to be opposed everywhere. Unfortunately, there are anti-religion, anti-community, and anti-family forces that try to divide us, label us, and create controversy and division for the purposes of gaining and keeping power. I reject all of this. We need to stand together against this. We need to love our neighbor to stamp out hate. Our education system has also been highly politicized. Politics need to be taken out of our schools and civics classes need to be returned. We need to reinvigorate the study of history.

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?

By far, the highest priority is reduction of regulatory burden. I am uniquely qualified to address this challenge by degree (Industrial engineering) and practice (modeling to find more efficient approaches to operations). All forms of energy need to be supported. Cheap energy is key to a strong economy and putting food on the table. Water is also a critical resource for Colorado. As a Senator, I will work to reduce regulatory burden, expand energy production, and provide reasonable measures to conserve water. Keep in mind, the United States is already a better steward of the environment than anyone else. We don't need extreme measures to continue. Colorado has done a lot already to conserve water.

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.?

We need to expand school choice, re-allocate funds from administrators to teachers, remove politically motivated curricula, and properly fund schools. School choice is essential so parents can provide the best option for their children's needs. Charter schools, trade schools, private schools, and public schools should all be available. I needed this for my own son who required an advanced academic education. He excelled at it, got a college degree, and now has a great job. We have grown administrators extensively but not teachers. For every administrator let go, we can hire two or maybe three teachers. We should remove all politically motivated coursework and focus on the key things kids need to be successful.

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?

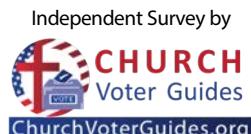
The Declaration of Independence states that life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are inherent "Natures God" given rights. I am a pro-life candidate and will do everything I can to protect the lives of the unborn. Likewise, our Bill of Rights compels government to protect these rights for everyone including the most vulnerable. Human trafficking, elder abuse, and child abuse are serious crimes that need to be enforced. Mental illness is a community challenge that can and should be supported by government. Government should reduce legislative burdens on businesses and families so they can have their own resources to better support the most vulnerable and people suffering from 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?

It is critical for people and businesses to have law and order. Colorado has become a high crime State but El Paso County remains one of the safest places in the State. The state legislature keeps writing laws making it harder for law enforcement to do its job. I will work with other Senators to reverse this trend, increase penalties for criminals, improve prosecution rates, AND work to enhance alternative courts which are effective in reducing drug and alcohol addictions, a major source of crime. I will also enhance laws to fight human trafficking, a modern form of slavery. I will support police and sheriff offices and will fight any policy designed to defund them or otherwise restrict their ability to keep us safe. I support law enforcement.

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?

Illegal immigration has been a challenge across the country. My fellow Commissioners and I declared El Paso County to be a non- sanctuary County. This has helped reduce the number of illegal immigrants overtaking our public services. This is in contrast to Denver which had declared itself to be a sanctuary City. That policy has cost Denver \$100M and counting, harming other programs including public safety. The Federal government needs to close the border and deport or incarcerate those who broke our laws to enter our country. I will work to change the Colorado law that prohibits law enforcement, like our Sheriff's office, from working with ICE to remove illegal immigrants from our communities.



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?

Presently, no person may vote in Colorado unless they are both a US citizen AND a resident of the State registered to vote. For people that violate these laws, they should be prosecuted just as our 4th Judicial District does. I do support early voting to include placing ballots into ballot boxes. This works in Colorado because we have sophisticated signature validation which some other states do not have. I also support the continuous scrubbing of the voter rolls presently being done by our El Paso County Clerk and Recorder. In El Paso County, we also place on a website, photographs of all ballots (which are still paper in Colorado) to allow any citizen to count those ballots and verify.

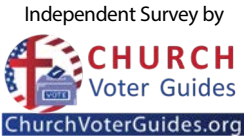


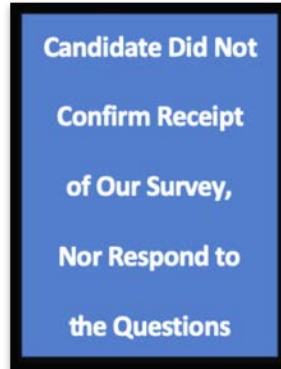
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2024 Colorado General Election Candidates for

STATE REPRESENTATIVE HOUSE DISTRICT 14

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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?

It was my great honor to serve House District 14 in my first term and am seeking re-election. I was privileged to have been elected Minority Leader in January as a Freshman legislator. The legislation that I have passed has focused on strengthening families, protecting parental rights and increasing affordability. I sit on the Education Committee and have worked on and passed several education bills, as well as advocated for school choice. My statewide work has enabled me to grow my grassroots network and develop relationships across the state with legislative, local government and state leaders.



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 have always operated honestly, ethically and transparently with my constituents and most importantly, own my mistakes. It is my belief that the public must have access to documents and especially budgets under the Colorado Sunshine Law. 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.

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?

As a State Representative, I will always fight against censorship in all forms and protect our First Amendment rights. I have fought with my caucus against censorship by the Majority and their attempts to silence the Minority in the House Chamber this session. 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: 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")?

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, which stated that we not only supported the Second Amendment but would defend our constituents against unconstitutional laws. As a State Representative, I voted against all of the anti-gun legislation.

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?

Unfortunately, we have seen Anti-Americanism and Anti-Semitism in the House Chamber. There are legislators who will not say the Pledge of Allegiance. In my opinion, it appears to be more of these sentiments among Millennials and Gen Z potentially due to social networks and social norms that lead them to accept Anti-Americanism and Anti-Semitism. We must continue to fight against all forms of hate and hate crimes.

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?

I have championed legislation that helped address the affordable and attainable housing crisis by giving local governments additional tools and incentives. I also passed an income tax reduction bill to keep more money in the pockets of the people. Water is a very important issue and protecting Colorado's water and our agricultural communities is a high priority. We all want clean air and water for our families. I will continue to fight against taking choices away from consumers, such as gas stoves. Wildfire management and resources are also necessary to protect our residents.

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 sit on the Education Committee and have fought to protect school choice and parental rights, especially charter schools and parental notifications. I have passed legislation for remote testing and giving parents and schools additional resources to help achieve higher math scores. As a mother of two children in public schools, it is incredibly important that parents make all decisions related to their children and their education.

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?

As a State Representative, I have voted 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, during that time, 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.

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?

Crime has increased in Colorado because the legislature has stopped putting criminals in jail and making them serve out their full sentences. We need Truth in Sentencing legislation to be passed as well as legislation supporting law enforcement. We also need to make auto theft a crime again the first time; not after multiple thefts.

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?

As a First-Generation American, I believe in the need for a functional legal immigration process. As a legislator, I have fought against incentives that support illegal immigration into Colorado. It has caused strain on our schools, hospitals and government services and millions of taxpayers' dollars have been used to help illegal immigrants. The legislature needs to help law enforcement to work with ICE to deport violent criminals. I do not support sanctuary cities/counties in relation to illegal immigration.

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?

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.



KATHERINE GAYLE

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2024 Colorado General Election Candidates for

STATE REPRESENTATIVE HOUSE DISTRICT 15

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Resident of El Paso County and/or the District Represented	9 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 Father, Husband, IT Professional, and Veteran trying to do great things for my community. I am a military brat born in Oklahoma and raised all over the world -- both of my parents were military. I learned the importance of walking a mile in someone else's shoes as I grew up in cultures dramatically different from my own. Working with others is a vital tool in a strong democracy and a skill I will bring to the Colorado state legislature. As an IT professional critical thinking and problem solving determined the future I would build with my co-workers and those under my command when I served in the military.



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 everything that will not endanger the public should be shared in an easy to understand format for all to see so long as the sharing of that information does not damage the good faith execution of policy to improve the lives of Coloradans. As I currently understand the sunshine law that requires several things including sharing when a meeting will occur and what the meeting will be about is a great way to maintain transparency and accountability.

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?

I will simply maintain and expand the protections for people's rights to all of the above and do my utmost to block measures to infringe on those rights.

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")?

As a military veteran who owns a gun, my position on gun legislation is that the laws that currently exist should be better enforced than they are now. Once those laws are uniformly enforced, additional measures should be considered and passed as well. The moment the leading cause of death in children became guns should have been a wake up call that something needed to change in the way guns are regulated, but my goal is to make it harder for bad actors to have access to guns. Speaking specifically on assault weapons bans and the like, those types of measures so long as they are not excessive or penalizing responsible gun owners, should be considered.

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?

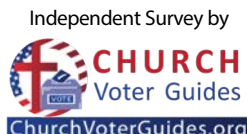
I believe people who voice concerns or outright frustration with the way America as a country is run ebbs and flows with the tides of the winners of elections, choices made by the government not resonating with the people, salaries not rising as quickly as costs of living and locally things like housing not being available or being so prohibitively expensive young people especially don't even want to try to own a home. To address these issues I would suggest: Not vilifying each other by party lines and refuting based on merit and fact, being more clear about the processes that governments use to come to their decisions and teaching those processes in schools as tools to inform the electorate.

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?

I would seek to pass laws around making life simpler and less expensive for the working class. For water, I would mandate things like more comprehensive filtration of harmful chemicals and plastics. For energy I would raise incentives for renewables like home based solar and virtual power plants. For other resources like groceries I would push for more locally grown farms and locally sourced products to help bring down costs associated with transport and storage and require that these savings be passed down to the consumer.

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 would increase transparency and accountability of how funds are spent and what is being taught in schools. That accountability will allow parents to have a better grasp on what their children are learning and how the money that they are paying to public schools through taxes is being allocated. These tools will help us pinpoint things we can do as a community to improve schools for all of Colorado. Besides those things, I would increase teacher pay. This will reduce the turnover rate for teachers in the state and take a lot of stress away from teachers worried about making ends meet.



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?

The first thing I would do is increase funding to programs designed to minimize child poverty. Most of the child related problems outlined in this question are often a matter of finance and ability to provide a good life for your child. For instance, one of the most common reasons people seek abortion care is fear that they would not be able to provide for their child. Increasing funding to programs that help struggling new parents and making sure they are widely known would eliminate a vast majority of the cases of abortion. For the issue of trafficking and abuse, giving kids access to better education about the signs to look out for when it comes to traffickers is key.

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?

Crime in Colorado as a whole has increased compared to the national average. What I believe will be most effective in reducing this crime is better training and funding of the police force and more transparency and accountability for the reasons behind these increases and decreases in crime rates.

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?

I have not personally noticed nor have I spoken to anyone who has noticed any large scale problems or effects of immigration in El Paso county besides the additional strain caused by more people looking for housing. While this does not mean other problems don't exist, it could mean that the problems are fairly minimal or not wide reaching. I am absolutely willing to speak to law enforcement in the area when I am elected to better understand the situation and what needs to be done.

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?

No. When I registered to vote, I had to verify that I was a citizen of the U.S. and that I resided at the address I claimed. Everyone whom I have spoken to regardless of their background said the exact same thing. Requiring proof of citizenship and residency at the ballot box is redundant. Showing a government ID when you vote is a reasonable measure. To increase Coloradan's confidence, I would simply make the resources available to check ballot counts known and make sure that false claims and information are debunked with evidence.





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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 have been a pastor for 34 years. I served in the Navy for 8 years. Having served on many boards and leadership groups for many years I know I have the leadership abilities for the office. Most important is this arena is my relationship with God. Children, parents, and morality are under attack. I defend and fight for children and life. The family is still the backbone of this country and I will not let it be destroyed.



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)?

My relationship with Jesus Christ is the beginning and ending of everything for me. I am a person of integrity and biblical moral values that will never be compromised under any circumstances. I stand for transparency in government and my personal life. I have, and will continue, to fight the governor and the democrats as they try to destroy our electoral process, the caucus process and TABOR. They are coming after everything that represents our freedoms and I will continue to RESIST.

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?

I have fought for hours on end to defend our 1st Amendment in the House of Representatives. The marxists in the Colorado government cannot let us speak freely. When we do it reveals their evil intent. They hate truth and prefer darkness. I have been attacked by the democrats for speaking truth but nothing will stop me or shut me up. Everyone must exercise their 1st amendment rights daily.

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 reason they are coming for your guns is they are coming for your freedoms. The 2nd amendment right to bear arms is the only thing standing in the way of this present government from putting all of their opponents and enemies in jail. This is no longer a conspiracy theory, this is happening from the inquisition of President Trump to parents trying to speak out at school board meetings. I have, and will continue to fight this Marxist attempt to take out 2nd amendment right to defend ourselves against the government.

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?

Anti-semitism has been around for thousands of years. The Jews were chosen by God in scripture as His children and Satan has hated them since. Satan uses the evil and hate inherent in the hearts of humanity to attack the Jews. The Jews are the race that everyone is allowed to hate and get away with it. We see this strongly across America right now. This is not new it was just quiet until the right time. The Jews are the most persecuted people in history and "the river to the sea" is the continuation of this evil hate. The anti-Americanism is some of the same.

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?

I strongly believe in local control. That has also been under attack. The governor wants everything to be under state control. The local housing and economy is under attack. This is a much bigger subject because it has to do with Marxist control of all things. Water and energy are being pulled into state control. I stand strongly against the ever increasing taxation. The governor controls the House and the Senate in Colorado. There is supposed to be separation of powers but the governor is pushing to keep taxes high and raise them more. TABOR is a thorn in the side of the democrats. They do not want you to keep your own money. All of this is to control everything.

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.?

Parental rights are under direct attack by many laws passed the last few years in Colorado. One democrat representative said many time, "they are not your children, they belong to the state," this last year. That is abhorrent. God gives us our children to rear them in Him and guide their lives. Our children DO NOT belong to the state or to the public school system, they belong to the parents. Parents have the right and the responsibility to put their children in the school they deem best or home school or any other decision they deem best. The governments responsibility is to support the decisions of the parents. The state and the public school systems has become far to overreaching and needs to be pushed back.

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?

I stand for LIFE and for children. I have defended the right of the unborn to life the same as a born person. Life begins at conception and abortion is murder. Everyone that partakes in that murder should be held accountable. If all mothers stopped having abortions there would be no abortions. This must stop. This lack of respect of life is the factor behind human trafficking. Humans are trafficked because they are not important. This is an evil mentality. Eugenics is strong in our country right now because of this ideology. We just passed a new law this year in CO that makes it much easier for older people and people with terminal illnesses to commit suicide.

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?

We must empower our police force and elect strong District Attorneys. We have become so weak on crime. Many democrats have voiced the opinion that all jails should be done away with and the we also do not need police. This is craziness and this is how the streets are ruled by the criminals. We need stronger enforcement of laws and the penal system needs to be reassessed also. Recidivism is a serious issue because the sentences are to lenient and the system favors the criminal not the victims We are getting worse in CO right now. CO leads the nation in many statistics on crime. CO was just recently rated the 3rd most dangerous state to live in.

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?

Illegal immigration is the biggest problem we have in the US right now. Open borders are leading to higher crime rates and growing violent crimes. Illegal immigration has exponentially increased human trafficking. The growing anti-semitism on college campuses has been fueled by illegal immigration and funding from groups WITHIN our own country that are trying to tear to our country. This has directly affected CO and specifically El Paso county. We are seeing illegals being bussed and flown into our state and also to Colorado Springs. I have followed the busses and see the illegals myself. Then our government officials lie to us about this. We must close our borders and send illegals back to their countries.

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?

Our elections are broken, corrupt and manipulated by both parties. This has been proven many times over. Now people all over the US are being put in prison for corrupting the election process. CO has led the way with this from the moment we introduced Dominion voting machines to the state. We were the testing ground for these machines. Our Secretary of State keeps saying CO is the gold standard of voting. This is a blatant lie. We are corrupt and we need to reject the system and build a new one. NO machines. NO internet involved. NO direct control from the SOS. We are looking like a third world country with our present voting.

2024 Colorado General Election Candidates for

STATE REPRESENTATIVE HOUSE DISTRICT 16

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REBECCA KELTIE

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Resident of El Paso County and/or the District Represented	8 years El Paso County HD16

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 retired military with 21 years of leadership. My background includes both military and civilian leadership, national and international negotiations and strong direct communication experience. I was a Junior executive for Ross Perot, worked with multiple Department of Homeland Security agencies such as Border Patrol, Border Protection, FBI, ICE, Local and State Law Enforcement and I've also owned my own business. Personally, I was a wife and am a mother of two strong intelligent men who have both served our country in the U.S. military. I am a well-rounded candidate that understands and has felt the impact of decisions made by good and bad legislation and will bring common sense communications and actions to our Denver Capitol Hill.



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)?

Ethics, accountability, and transparency are of the utmost importance for this position. The title of the position I seek is "Representative" and that means just that. We are to represent and be accountable to our constituents, period. "We the People" are not only the beginning words of our Constitution, its meaning is clear. I am in full support of Colorado's Sunshine Law and TABOR. TABOR must be protected at all costs. Both of these measures allow the people of Colorado to have a voice and hold control over their rights and power.

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?

As a Representative, my job is to bring the voice of the people with me in everything I do and decide at Capitol Hill. Holding town halls and keeping communication open between myself and my constituents are the key to making sure they are heard and represented. The most important Right we have as Americans is our 1st Amendment and that is why it is listed first in our Constitution. Our First Amendment must be protected and honored at all costs.

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")?

As an American who believes and lives by our Constitution, our 2nd Amendment must be protected. Our first and second amendments are first and second for a reason. Without those the rest of the U.S. Constitution is undefendable. I disagree with the attempt to disarm Americans through legislation such as mandatory gun insurance, increasing the minimum age and restricting guns from additional areas, especially churches. The ability to protect our people is paramount. These laws will cause more harm to the innocent as bad guys will always find a way to harm and don't care about laws. In the end, these types of laws will negatively impact law abiding citizens and not criminals. Common sense must be applied.

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?

As a Veteran who has served this country for 21 years it saddens me to see the Anti-American unpatriotic mindset and teachings of our young Americans. I believe this starts in our schools. We must bring back our true American values and patriotism. We do this by revisiting school curriculum and in class teachings. We must bring our true untainted history to the forefront especially that related to the understanding of true American struggles and spirit. We learn from our past to build a stronger future. Understanding our relationship with others and guarding against negativity including anti-Semitism is a must. We are the greatest country in the world, we must protect against those trying to destroy it from within.

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?

I believe getting back to the basics when it comes to our economy and businesses is imperative. We are a free-market capitalist country. As a business owner, my understanding of fair and economical practices is first and foremost. Colorado has so much potential to become the greatest state in America, we must look at realistic, positive and sustainable growth overall. Looking at alternative measures to harness our control over water, energy and resources will be an all hands on deck effort. We must understand what our people want for the future of Colorado and work accordingly. We have many experts in the field, we must work together to make us the Colorado, we Coloradans, envision. Common sense is the key.

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 working with the local school boards, superintendents and teachers is the key to success for our K-12 schools. They are the boots on the ground that can give direct impact analysis on legislation. This will provide guidance on how to improve legislation to help secure their success. Parental authority should be of utmost importance and protected as they are their children. Schools are a vehicle of education that should respect parental authority. School choice allows parents options for their child's education as no one knows their child better than a parent. Schools have two jobs, education of textbook curriculum and keeping the parent informed. Rearing of a child and their beliefs is the job of the parent.

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?

As a prolife advocate bringing forth common sense legislation that protects both the unborn and mothers is very important. As for trafficking and abuse, this is an area where we must also fight to stop no matter what. Our senior citizens and their issues are those that have been sadly ignored and must be brought to the forefront of legislation to be passed. There are many ways we can bring better assistance and protections for our Seniors, we must make it a priority. As for mental illness, this must be handled immediately with stronger laws. Bringing forth long term institutions that will provide effective medical programs for our mentally ill and safety for the public is a must.

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?

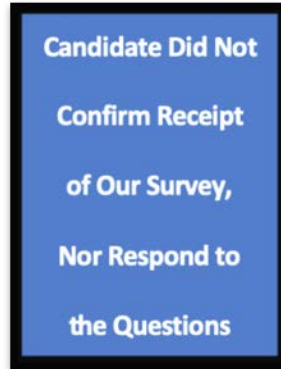
It's no secret that our crime has increased tremendously in Colorado. We are 4th in the nation for crime. This is not good. I believe this is partly due to the border issues we have for our country along with bad legislation passed recently that protects criminals over law abiding citizens. Again, not good. I believe revisiting previous laws passed and correcting them is key and necessary. Taking away the power of those agencies specifically meant to protect our citizens is a bad move and must be rectified. Working with these important agencies and getting their expert input on laws to protect us will help turn our crime problems around. Again, common sense is key.

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?

Illegal entries into the U.S. is a major problem for our country and state. We must work with our local agencies and give them the power to do their job in protecting our state and local areas. Recent legislation passed by Colorado has prevented our ability to protect our citizens from dangerous individuals. This must be fixed. We have the ability to turn our crime issues in this state around, however, our laws are preventing it. Colorado and El Paso County should not be a sanctuary state/county. We must get back to putting America and Americans first. We can help people in need in their own countries without allowing ours to be overrun and basically pilfered.

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?

I believe our elections should be as secure as possible, including in person voting with ID and proof of citizenship/residency. We have more security getting into Costco than our own elections. When elected I will visit options to help secure our elections. I view our election security as important as I view our military security, which is of absolute necessity. Without ensuring that our voting system is tamperproof and ensuring the American confidence, we will never have a perceived or viewed “honest” election. We have many experts in the field of data security to utilize and follow through with whatever measures necessary. Our elections should have zero doubt. We do not have this today and it must be fixed.



STEPHANIE VIGIL

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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2024 Colorado General Election Candidates for

STATE REPRESENTATIVE HOUSE DISTRICT 17

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Resident of El Paso County and/or the District Represented	45 plus years in Colorado Springs, lived in HD17 for the last 25 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've had the honor and privilege of living in El Paso County for more than 50 years, and during that time I have served in the county Republican party as a precinct leader, division leader, HD17 Vice-Chair, and SD11 Secretary, as well as in other leadership roles. I have also actively participated in several local Republican clubs. As 17 representative, my goal is to be the voice for everyone in 17, including those who often lack a voice. With my door open, I intend to listen to all voices and input from our community, and to be present, engaged, and constantly ready to serve my neighbors in 17.



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 place high value on integrity, justice, and fairness. Being trustworthy, honorable, open, and brave are absolutely essential qualities in any leader. I believe a good leader is ready to stand for what is right, even when it is not easy, ready to stand up to the bullies of the world, and always ready to place the needs of others above oneself. I want to be completely transparent, with no secrets or hidden agendas. I want those who live in 17 to feel comfortable coming to me with their needs and concerns, knowing that I share their commitment to a safe, happy, strong community.

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?

Protecting our 1st Amendment rights is fundamental to everything I believe. My belief in these basic, *God-given rights* stems in part from my belief that every person is a unique gift to the world. We all have uniquely amazing stories and backgrounds. In our diversity, we should all feel secure in our right to assemble peacefully, to practice and share one's religion without fear, to speak one's opinion, and to live together in mutual respect and safety. I intend to do everything in my power to protect our *freedom of religion, speech, and peaceful assembly*.

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")?

I believe that you have the right to bear arms. We all have the right to protect our families, land, and property. The government's authority over this right is constitutionally limited. I don't believe the government has the right to mandate insurance on one's firearms. I do, however, believe that gun owners should be held accountable for owning those weapons. Weapons should be locked up, regardless of the age of residents or visitors to a home. As a gun owner, I feel we need to take the responsibility of owning a strong and potentially dangerous weapon seriously. Such weapons should not be in the hands of children or those who have violent or unstable mental health challenges.



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?

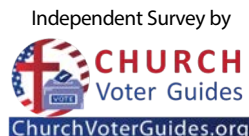
I believe in America. I am proud to be an American. Too often today we don't see *loyalty and pride in our nation*. Our youth aren't taught the value of patriotism and gratitude for living in our incredible country--a land where all people can live in mutual respect and freedom. We all deserve a community where we feel safe from hate and/or harm--where we respect and learn from each other, young and old.

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?

Inflation is dragging down our economy and the quality of life for individual families. We need lower costs across the board. In our area, the cost to live in a house or townhome or apartment has become especially exorbitant. But the costs of water, of electricity, and, of course, of food, have forced all of us to make difficult decisions. We need to lower these costs across the board by addressing policies on water and energy, and by encouraging the building of new affordable housing.

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.?

We need to remove the government from our schools and let our incredible educators do their jobs. We need to encourage more parent involvement in schools. While technology is a vital part of our children's futures, we need to make sure our children's education is grounded in science, math, history, language arts, economics, finance, and civics. At the same time, I believe there's great value in schools offering a variety of tracks to give kids the best foundation for all important careers, including trade schools and other forms of higher education.



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?

All lives matter. Even the smallest explosion of life being created deserves life. We need to protect life and not treat unrestricted abortion as nothing more than a family planning option with no consequences. We need to protect those being trafficked and abused, from the youngest to the oldest. Life matters no matter how new, how young, or how old. We need more support for those with mental health needs. Every agency involved in the protection of life, children, and the most vulnerable members of our community is shorthanded, and we need policies to attract to our community capable and caring professionals in these fields.

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?

Crime is a significant challenge in our community, and one part of the solution is more well-trained law enforcement officers. As we support our officers, they will be better equipped to support our communities, and crime will decline. I also believe that regular criminal offenders need stronger sentences, rather than slaps on the wrist and the freedom to threaten our community again and again.

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?

I believe that the heavy influx of unauthorized immigrants to the United States has, in fact, been the cause of a number of serious problems, including an increase in crime. I think we need to use compassion and care in addressing the needs of every human being, especially young children. But the US is not a refuge for those who don't want to respect American citizens and American law. First, we need to close the borders. We need to deport to their country of birth all individuals who fail to respect US rule of law. And there should be no place in our country that provides sanctuary for undocumented immigrants with criminal records.

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?

I have always said we need to return to more secure voting methods. **Yes**, going to a polling station on election day can be challenging. But showing your official ID, even if it means standing in line, is not an insurmountable obstacle. In-person voting increases security and reduces costs. Voting in person requires effort, but effort isn't always bad. In fact, I believe it gives citizens a chance to sacrifice just a little for their country. There's value in that. We need to be proud to stand for the flag and pray at the cross.

Candidate Did Not
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REGINA ENGLISH

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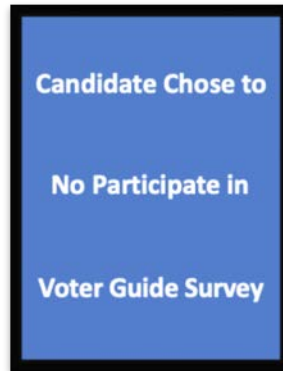
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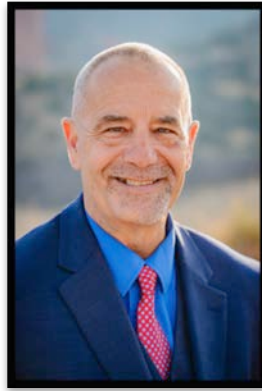


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Resident of El Paso County and/or the District Represented	20 years

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?

Blue collar small business owner. vocational education, life skills education not indoctrination. Pro Small business pro small government, Prolife. I represent the people, not special interests.



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)?

You do what you say after you get elected and you should be accountable for your voting record. If you do what you say you should embrace transparency. If you have something to hide it's probably not a good thing. For politicians transparency is not always good, and I believe citizens should be involved with decisions when it comes to their tax money. I am a Statesman not a politician!

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?

I will never vote to silence our citizens! It is a God given right endowed by our creator!

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")?

I am an Endowed Life member of the National Rifle Association. Shall not be Infringed!

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?

Education, our children are not being taught proper history or civics! Proper education!

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?

Over building is going to cause a rise in water pricing, it's also having an effect on housing prices. Allowing energy companies the free market to produce in our state is a plus to the economy, not only for jobs , but for less expensive energy. Energy is the heart of all economies.

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.?

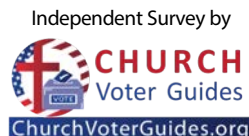
Parents should have the say in any decision a school is making. Schools should teach essential education, not teach opinions. Transgender identification is not essential to a child learning. Stop indoctrinating our children on social issues, and teach subjects that they can use when they enter adult life. THE PARENTS ARE VITAL IN THE EDUCATION OF THEIR CHILDREN! School choice is keeping our schools accountable!

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?

I believe the person committing any crime should be accountable and not made to be the victim. Pedophiles are not victims! Many of our seniors are on fixed incomes and should be given certain benefits such as property tax relief. Social security is not an entitlement , it's earned and should rise with inflation. I am not a mental health expert , but would support common sense legislation to address the issue.

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?

Certainly not defund the police. Our borders need to be closed. I think inflation is a big part of higher crime. And accountability is a big part of discouraging crime. Criminals should be held accountable not portrayed as victims, especially violent crimes!



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?

Open borders are a huge problem in the region , it affects wages, jobs and the safety of the community. We need to take away the incentives these illegals are receiving, and fine employers for hiring undocumented workers. Remove funding from a city or county the declared themselves to be sanctuaries.

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?

I love the caucus process, I don't like mail in ballots unless there is a good reason. you should always provide state identification. I would like a holiday just to vote.

2024 Colorado General Election Candidates for

STATE REPRESENTATIVE HOUSE DISTRICT 20

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JARVIS CALDWELL

Candidate Information

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Resident of El Paso County and/or the District Represented	5 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?

As Christians, we must always remember our rights are God-given, not government-granted. We need to restore Faith at our Capitol. As a father of two boys and charter school vice chairman, school choice and parental rights are a priority at a time they're both under attack at the state level. As a former USAF JAG Corps member, law and order is a priority given our state ranks in the top 3 unsafest states nationally. The two years I spent working as the Colorado House Republicans' communications director at the Capitol (2022- 2023) gave me a unique insight into the current issues HD20 is facing and the experience in knowing how to combat the radical agenda of the progressive leftists.



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 am a staunch supporter of both TABOR and government transparency laws. TABOR keeps a check on government growth and returns to us what we overpaid. It's not a slush fund for more government pet projects. Regarding transparency, government officials work for We the People and should be held accountable for their actions, whether it be morally, ethically, or legally. Any elected official violating this oath is bringing distrust and disgrace to those they represent. As the former House GOP communications director, I strongly emphasized with our elected Republicans to be active in transparency with their constituents via social media, newsletters, town halls, op-eds, phone calls, and any other method. I will do the same as your representative.

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 government has shown, especially during COVID, that it will infringe on our 1st Amendment rights in the name of "safety." As was the case then, I will be an outspoken advocate to educate the House that our rights to freedom of religion, speech, assembly, and redress are not granted by the government, but rather a God-given right we are born with. Currently, at the Capitol, there is a trend by the Majority of silencing our elected officials. Our constitutionally elected officials represent us, and they should not be silenced in their representation of us. HD20 residents deserve a representative who will speak for them honestly even when it hurts the sensitive feelings of the Majority. I'll do that.

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")?

It is my opinion the 2nd Amendment is the most important of all our rights because it protects and ensures all of our other rights. It's what makes us citizens, not subjects. That right to keep and bear arms is under attack like never before at the state level. When I worked at the Capitol in 2023, it was the biggest attack ever on our 2A rights in Colorado. 2024 was even worse. I'm a veteran of the Afghanistan war where I carried an M-16. At home here in the USA, I defend myself, my wife, our children, and property with every type of firearm you can think of. I do not and will not ever support gun control.



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?

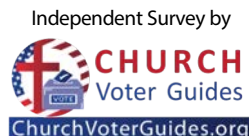
What we are seeing unfortunately is what happens when a society loses its sense of faith, community, and purpose. Those voids were once predominantly filled with local community institutions, mainly our churches. Now, it's largely Universities. The anti-Americanism and anti-Semitism this country is facing right now is because young people have lost sight of a higher power/purpose and replaced it with the religion of [enter new trending issue]. It is on us as parents, Christians, community leaders, and others to show our youth that there is a higher purpose in life that fills the void they feel is empty. Personally, as a follower of Jesus Christ, His teachings are what I instill in my two young sons.

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?

First, we are taxed, fee'd, and regulated to death. It has driven up costs in literally every aspect of our lives. I'm endorsed by the Colorado Chamber of Commerce due to my position in fighting against such new taxes, fees, and regulations. Given the Republicans are a super-minority, the best way to get many of these things changed is through statewide ballot initiatives. There are upcoming initiatives I support, such as capping and cutting property taxes. I will work to pass Senior Property Tax Exemption Portability so our HD20 senior citizens can take their tax exemption status with them if they move houses. For water, energy, and other resources, it's primarily an overburdensome of regulations that are affecting prices.

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.?

School Choice is essential to my platform. Giving our children options to attend a school that best fits their needs is crucial. Charters, private schools, and homeschooling are important aspects of our education system that are constantly under attack, yet they often outperform district-run public schools. Parental Rights are also imperative to my platform. As a father and charter school board member, I recently testified before the House Education Committee against HB1039, the radical "Non-legal Name Change" bill. This bill is a direct assault on the rights of parents to be involved in decisions affecting their children and places the government between parents, their children, and schools. I have and continue to fight for our children and parents.



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?

I am staunchly pro-Life. Every baby in the womb is a life with potential, not a potential life. We are each made perfectly in His image. I worked for our former representative in 2022 when the most egregious abortion bill in the nation was passed. Our Republicans set a record for filibustering the anti-life legislation for 24 hours straight. I'll fight with just as much passion to protect our unborn. The criminal sentencing minimums need to be raised so that traffickers can be locked away for as long as possible and never harm anyone again. As a law & order representative, I'm in favor of increasing criminal penalties on those who harm children, seniors, and those with 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?

Crime is at crisis levels in Colorado. We need to start putting the needs of victims over the wants of criminals. I have 5 years of criminal justice experience in prosecuting criminals while in the Air Force. I know our local District Attorney Michael Allen and have made it clear that I want to work with him on addressing the fentanyl crisis, increasing criminal penalties for certain crimes, and fighting any soft-on-crime policies put forward. I strongly support the upcoming ballot initiative "Truth in Sentencing" which requires violent criminals to do at least 75-85% of their sentences. Right now, they're only doing on average 43% and then re-offending after released when they still should have been in prison.

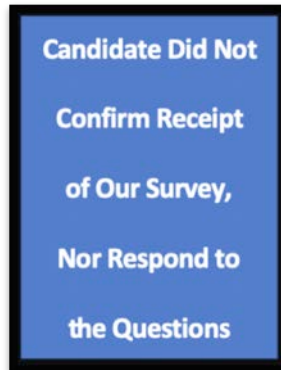
Immigration: Do you believe that illegal entries into the U.S. have led to problems for our region? If so, what would you do if elected to improve the situation? Also, what is your view of sanctuary cities/counties?

The illegal alien crisis in Colorado is directly attributable to Democrats' sanctuary state/city policies. Not only has it taken tax money meant to fund our police, fire, and roads, but we have lost Coloradan lives due to crimes committed by illegals. We must end our Sanctuary Status, deport illegals, and stop incentivizing them to come here illegally. There's a right way and a wrong way to immigrate. State House Republicans attempted to repeal our sanctuary status this year but failed. We have to pressure our local officials like commissioners, mayors, and city council to not use any of our local tax dollars on this issue. HD20 residents shouldn't suffer and pay for terrible Denver and Boulder Democrat policies.



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?

You should have to show an ID and prove you're legally allowed to vote when you vote. I'm not in favor of universal mail-in balloting because there's no way to know for sure who completes/drops off the ballot, and there are times when ballots get delivered to people they don't belong to. In states like Florida, if you want to vote by mail, you need to submit for an absentee ballot and give a reason, such as military status or disability. With reasonable early voting available, there's no reason someone can't find the time to vote within a couple of weeks of election day at a polling station where they'll have to show their ID and prove who they are.



ARIK DOUGHERTY

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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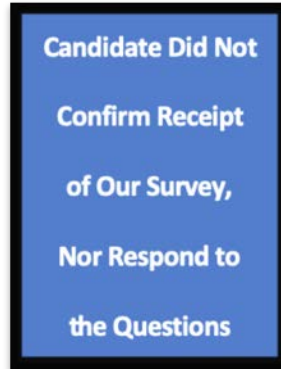
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STATE REPRESENTATIVE HOUSE DISTRICT 21

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Resident of El Paso County and/or the District Represented	40 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 retired middle school teacher, member of the House Education Committee, and have sponsored bills that benefit the school districts in Colorado. As a military spouse, I understand the issues that active duty and retired military face. My district has a large population of military personnel, so my focus is always on what would benefit them. As a member of the Health and Human Services Committee, I have been able to assist in senior citizen issues, mental and behavior health, and anyone with a disability.



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)?

As a state representative I believe that ethical behavior is paramount. Each representative must be accountable to all others for their actions/activities/statements and behavior to others. The Colorado Sunshine Law is to bring transparency to any meeting of two or more people. This law is one that makes every one aware that all that is said, done, or planned must be open for all to observe and examine. The Taxpayer Bill of Rights is being chipped away at by the opposing party. It must be preserved as it is also an accountability factor. When the citizens of Colorado pay their taxes and the state has a surplus, this surplus should be returned to the citizens.

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?

In the last session and in the House Chamber, the first amendment right of freedom of speech were withheld on multiple occasions. That behavior is not right and our party were very vocal about our rights being violated. The other freedoms in the First Amendment may not have been suppressed in the session, they are very important. We must let anyone take these rights away from us.

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")?

For all the four years I have been a representative, I have spoken multiple times and have brought forth many amendments to counter the anti Second Amendment bills the opposing party has sponsored. I do not believe that a single one of these bills will ever make a community safer or keep firearms out of the hands of criminals. Law-abiding citizens going to "sensitive spaces" will not be safer because the criminal who sees no need to obey the law will bring their firearms.



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?

I am personally quite disappointed in this rise of anti-Americanism and anti-Semitism. While I can't really know the cause of this behavior, I can suggest my thoughts and views. I do see a decrease in the pride of our country and an increase in tolerance of nay- sayers about the USA. To change this behavior, I think the families have to get involved. Pride of your family, community, and country begin at home. I do not believe that schools are doing a good enough job teaching about the greatness of the USA and why we are great. Back to the Basics is my advice. Focus on what is important, and What our Country is Important.

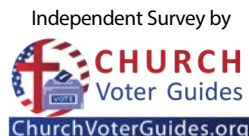
The Economy and Resources: As an elected official, what initiatives would you champion to improve the local economy, and what are your priorities for addressing policies on water, energy, and other resources?

I believe that the state government is becoming too large. I see bills that are just for a select area of the state but all the state will be affected. I see bills that assess a fee on a function of government that should have been paid for by the taxes we send to Denver. I see a concerted effort to kill the oil, gas, and coal industry because those industries create too much pollution according to some. I see too many regulations and restrictions being placed on businesses that end creating more problems than solutions and sending these businesses to other states.

I feel it is important to be a good steward of the environment.

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.?

As a retired teacher, curriculum developer, and staff development manager, I feel very strongly that education is slipping backwards. The pandemic did not help, but education was already on a downhill slide. I believe that education must focus on basics, focus on high standards of achievement, and have universal expectations of student success. I have spoken frequently against bills that take away parental rights. I believe that school choice is a way for more students to achieve their potential. Parents know their children best, and the school has no right to go behind a parent's back to promote an idea or policy. But i can not let the parents off the hook - they are responsible for their children.



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?

I believe that vulnerable of our communities must be protected. Fortunately, I have been able to pass legislation to help this special population. Among the bills I am proud to have sponsored I have focused on senior citizens, mental illness, and students with disabilities. I plan to continue my work with this population.

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?

Crime is on the rise and will be that way until we can change some of the recently enacted laws. Some of the laws that need to be reversed: the crime is rated at a lower level of felony, jail time is significantly reduced for any crime, no or very little consequence for not showing up to court, defunding the police, putting so many restrictions on law enforcement to do its job, and any of the recently passed firearms bills.

I would champion any of the reversals I listed above.

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?

I am against illegal immigration. Letting in millions of people with no vetting process is a problem we will deal with for a long time. I am not in favor of sanctuary cities or counties.

I am in favor of closing the borders. I believe the HUGE task of identifying every immigrant must begin. I am not in favor of sanctuary cities taking money from services that residents have a right to expect to give to illegal immigrants.

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?

For the most part I believe the election process in Colorado is good. I believe if you vote in person, a driver's license or other photo ID is necessary. I don't think we need 15 and 16 year old people registering to vote before they can legally vote is necessary. Since we have a mail-in ballot type election, we need to stress that the signature on the ballot envelope is critically important for voter verification.

I believe that voter rolls need to be cleaned up - remove people who have moved out of district, remove people who have deceased, and assist people who have moved but not changed their address.

2024 Colorado General Election Candidates for

STATE REPRESENTATIVE HOUSE DISTRICT 22

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Military Background:	Retired
Resident of El Paso County and/or the District Represented	11 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?

My goal is to reverse the trend of government towards taking increasing chunks of our Liberty and Prosperity. While some politicians will promise to return to you a fraction of what they took, I will work towards government taking less. I have been to many countries have been able to reflect on what has taken our country from a backwater of 13 loosely affiliated colonies to a global superpower in less than 200 years. It is the values found in our Declaration of Independence and Constitution. After 30 years being a part of the military holding the line against the foreign enemies of our Constitution, I am trying to regain ground taken by the domestic adversaries of our founding principles.



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 agree “that to secure these Rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.” The galleries above the General Assembly testify to the need for citizen engagement in making laws. There is a very limited box in which government can govern without lapsing into tyranny. Our government operates mostly outside the constraints of that wisdom.

The Taxpayer Bill of Rights is a brilliant way to keep spending in check and has been continuously undermined by those with an insatiable appetite to wantonly spend taxpayer extracted money. The GA should develop systems and processes that return us to the Gallery level of oversight of legislative actions instead of trying to limit citizen access.

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?

Protecting 1A Rights should be an absolute of anyone taking on the role of Representative. Sadly, most elected officials take on the role of “Legislator,” which invariably leads to micromanaging away the liberty and prosperity of those they purportedly represent. “He who dares not offend cannot be honest,” and honesty must be the basis of our discussions and policy. Suppressing speech is purposed to control thought, making compelled speech anathema to our 1A.

The process of petitioning for grievances should be facilitated and have barriers removed—the “just powers” of government are “derived from the consent of the governed,” and the suppression of citizens cannot be considered “consent.”

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”)?

If the actual intent is a reduction in gun violence, then Constitutional Carry would be the focus as it has an actual record of doing so. “Shall not be infringed” is very clear. The purpose is the self-defense against the denial of “life, liberty, or property” by another individual, or the tyranny of government. Instead of looking for more ways to harass and prosecute law-abiding citizens for resisting the victimization, the government should be focused on securing our Rights by separating those who violate them. Then people will be less inclined to be armed. The “good intentions” to classify criminals as victims, creates a “hell” for the less fortunate especially and degrades society in general.

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?

This delves into 1A questions, but fundamentally the government is failing “to preserve these Rights,” among which are “Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness” for “all,” specifically those of Jewish descent at this time. 1A recognizes “the Right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.” The campus rent-a-riots are neither. Given the general ignorance of the participants, it seems they are actually the efforts of those wanting to Sun Tzu the Judeo-Christian West out of its position of global dominance by other-than-military means. Citizen-extracted money should not be funding institutions that propagate anti-Constitutional indoctrination and action. This issue has been amplified by centralized education by leftist activists.

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?

There’s no problem the government can’t make worse with a solution. The majority of legislators operate from emotion with very little analytical basis and less experience with economics. Taxes & burdensome regulation need to be drastically reduced to keep more money in the economy. The war on hydrocarbons destabilizes our economy, eliminates jobs and drives up prices. (HB23-1163 & HB24-1246) Energy costs can be reduced by eliminating the unscientific policy used to promote vulnerable & unreliable displaced-emission diffuse-energy sources. Nuclear options must also be explored for a reliable electric grid. Restorative agriculture improves water-retention in the soil, and sound forestry practices promote conservation and industry. Most Greenism is economically and environmentally degrading; unsurprising since it is based on untruths.

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.?

Parents have the absolute responsibility in the raising and education of their children. Centralized authority in any area will result in centralized corruption (www.RatedBooks.org/books). Unfortunately, institutions with control over children attract not only upstanding educators, they also attract those eager to use children for their personal or political agenda. Publically funded schools, however, are an extension of our Representative Republic, so by extension schools should be representative of the values of the parents of the children. If an average student:teacher ratio is 20:1 and an average of over \$18k is spent per student per year, then an average classroom is worth over \$360,000 per year. Schools must be transparent & accountable.

HB23-1079 would improve accountability by returning control to parents.

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?

Denying the protection of the individual is the antithesis of our founding values. Those values to which we took an oath and daily pledge our allegiance. Government is tasked with protecting the Rights of All individuals, but not providing it. Government only functions on money extracted by force from citizens, and there are too many examples of mischief that have emerged from government purporting to provide for the well-being instead of protecting it. When the government takes on the role, too often people abdicate their responsibilities. Now, government has taken so much from people that people have little left to take care of their responsibilities. Government programs also drive up the cost of private medical options amplifying the problem.

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?

There are sufficient laws on the books, but local governments need to actually enforce them in securing the “Life, Liberty (and) Property” of Coloradans. I will work to oppose the trend of correcting bad legislation with more legislation, or efforts to disarm law-abiding citizens. Citizens need to exercise more oversight into municipality operations and hold elected officials accountable. Without citizen engagement, government lapses into graft & cronyism. Ultimately crime is the result of citizen passivity in daily operations and elections. Public servants who discourage citizen involvement need it the most. Being in the super-minority means most of what I can do is expose bad legislation, but it is up to the citizens to remove bad legislators.

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?

As 4% of the population, the US cannot solve global tyrannies by even accepting illegal migrants to the point of our collapse. Illegal migrants become an exploitable and expendable slave-caste trafficked in violation of their Rights, and the billions of dollars they send home prop up the despots they fled. Governmental support for illegal activity is immoral because it repurposes the prosperity extracted from citizens by force and uses it for a purpose contradictory to the best interests of the citizens from whom it was extracted. We would be better off exporting our Constructional values, but first we must elect representatives representing those values. The threat of millions of military-aged-males of adversarial countries cannot be ignored either.

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?

The election system determines our economy, foreign policy, and the use of military force, and is therefore the highest value target in the nation. Yet we focus on convenience over security. The “gold standard” is premised on readily hacked, foreign-built computers with inaccessible code connected to the global internet through wireless devices and DoD-banned flash-drives with unproven “signature verification” as a pretense. Drop-boxes provide no legitimate chain of custody, and the remote voting promotes ballot harvesting, theft & coercion. That ballot boxes are required to be accessible through the dark of night belies their actual purpose.

I have presented HB’s 23-1170, 24-1279 & 24-1145 to clean up voter rolls and make our ballot system auditable and verifiable by individual voters.



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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 spent 32 years serving my country, 20 years as an active-duty US Air Force officer and another 12 as a federal civilian official where I maintained the Air Force’s relationship with local and state elected leaders. I’ve lived in this district since 2006. My children graduated from Doherty High School. Through my volunteer work with Care and Share Food Bank of Southern Colorado, The Space Foundation, and the Peterson Air and Space Museum Foundation, I have learned the power of the non-profit sector in helping improve everyone’s quality of life. Most of all, my experience taught me to work with everyone to find common-ground solutions that benefit everyone.



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 elected officials and anyone who takes an oath to serve the public must prioritize the well-being of the people they serve above themselves. This means listening to and considering a wide range of opinions from a wide range of people. You don't go into service to push your beliefs on others, no matter how deeply held. You certainly don't go into service to insult or belittle anyone. I support Colorado's Sunshine Law because it requires transparency so that people can make up their own minds whether government and their elected officials are operating in their best interest. I support TABOR in so far as it forces the state government to make hard choices within a balanced budget.

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?

I first swore to uphold and protect the Constitution when I was commissioned as an officer in the US Air Force in 1989 and I will continue to do so as an elected official. I believe that all rights come with responsibilities and that often means to protect and defend these rights in the long-term, we must find common ground when those rights come into conflict.

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")?

I'm very familiar with firearms from my military career. I've been trained on a variety of weapons and carried firearms on my military deployments. I fully support requirements for robust firearms training, which must include live-fire experience, safe storage, safe carry, and a review of applicable state and federal laws.

Rights come with responsibilities. I believe every law-abiding adult has the right to reasonable self-protection. I also believe everyone has the right to be safe from violence and intimidation, especially in sensitive spaces such as courthouses, hospitals and schools where people are especially vulnerable, and tensions run high. These spaces should already have security measures in place, decreasing the danger for everyone.



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?

Unfortunately, hate has always been a part of human culture. It's easy for political leaders to use hate to divide people against one another while presenting themselves as warriors against "the others." This is why the Bible and other religious texts constantly council us not to give in to hate but to stand up for each other with love and compassion. Tragically, we have political leaders across our nation, and right here in Colorado, who use hate as a weapon against their fellow citizens. As voters and neighbors, we need to fight back against this hate by calling it out when we see it and not supporting politicians who sling insults and dehumanize their fellow Americans.

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?

Affordable, attainable, safe and sustainable housing is the dominant social and economic crisis in Colorado this decade. I would champion innovative solutions, including modular homes, 3D printed construction, repurposing office space, multi-family housing construction and encouraging more "in-fill" to build more, denser, housing within the current limits of our cities. This will improve how we utilize our utilities. Every new development on the outskirts of our cities means new schools, firehouses, police stations and more. Costs often outstrip the tax base created by new homes. Denser communities are also more conducive to older residents who enjoy supporting their communities, and for young families, especially new transplants to Colorado, who enjoy the support they can get in walkable neighborhoods.

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.?

Our investment in education is an investment in the future. Without a highly educated population, we can't maintain our social, economic, and military leadership in the world or maintain our standard of living. I support parents' ability to send their children to schools of their choice. However, public money should be reserved for public schools. Parents who are not satisfied with the quality or responsiveness of public schools, or who feel the schools are not properly serving them or their children, have the right to place their students in other schools or in other educational environments. Parents also have influence over public schools through school boards and old-fashioned personal relationships with teachers and administrators.



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?

We must ensure that our seniors and their caretakers receive support and protection. That support can be provided through government programs or through charities and non-profits. The state can set rules that protect seniors from abuse and discrimination, allowing our seniors to be fully valued and productive. Our most vulnerable neighbors deserve all the attention, respect, dignity and resources we can afford to give them. Those suffering from addiction and mental illness are especially vulnerable; I will support state-wide efforts to diagnose and treat our neighbors, and to support their families. We also must attack human trafficking wherever it happens and provide support and protection to victims.

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?

Crime is a major issue in Colorado. I'm hearing dissatisfaction in my district over the response time of local law enforcement and the perceived lack of follow-up for less violent crimes such as car theft. Our law enforcement agencies must be well-trained, equipped and funded to be responsive and need the support of the courts to convict and punish offenders properly.

I will support the CSP and CBI in a campaign to build a multi-agency task force to take on vehicle theft. I also will support state grants to agencies that provide steering wheel locks to those who cannot afford them.

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?

The US immigration system is broken. It's overburdened and underfunded. We need to pressure our federal government to get its act together and find ways to give migrants their immigration hearings within weeks, not months or years as is currently the case. Immigration is a federal issue, but migrants are a local and state issue as our communities host a wave of newcomers. Colorado needs to care for and protect migrants and do all we can to include them in our society, and our workforce, until they achieve citizenship or are sent back to their country of origin. By the way, mine is the same position that Presidents George H.W. Bush and Ronald Regan took on immigration in their day.

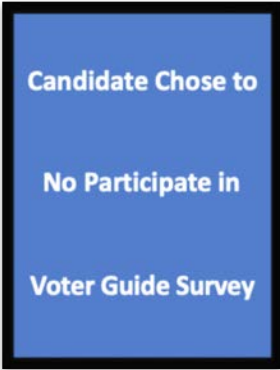


Election Security and Confidence: Do you believe that elections in Colorado should be conducted differently? (For example, should people be required to show proof of citizenship and residency for registering to vote in Colorado, and should Government-issued identification be required to vote?) If elected,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

It is illegal for non-citizens to register to vote in Colorado, or to try to vote, and penalties are high. Colorado uses a national database to flag non-citizens who attempt to register and there has been little proof that non-citizens have attempted to vote in our elections in any meaningful way. Requiring people to “show their papers” at the ballot box is unnecessary, dangerous to poll workers, and discourages people from voting.

Colorado’s elections are secure and well-managed. I will support our county clerks, the Secretary of State, and the Attorney General’s efforts to ensure our elections remain secure and support public education campaigns aimed at showing people what steps are taken to ensure election security.



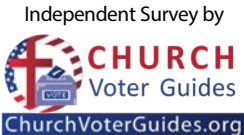


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STATE REPRESENTATIVE HOUSE DISTRICT 56

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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.



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.





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Resident of El Paso County and/or the District Represented	14 years, plus 5 years during prior military assignments

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?

A proven conservative leader, I'm guided by the optimistic republicanism of Ronald Reagan and steadfast principles of Rush Limbaugh. With two decades of military service, from leading an Infantry Platoon in Desert Storm to Brigade Command at Fort Carson, I've seen many forms of government and all the good and bad our world has to offer. Nothing exceeds the results of our American experiment in self-governance. From school board to county commissioner, I've worked to keep government off the backs of The People. Colorado is ruled by those seduced by the idea that government can provide everything, if it is just big enough. I will continue my fight against that notion so we can Make Colorado, Colorado Again.

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)?

Honesty, integrity, and open communication are critical in all positions of public trust. I have held such positions for over 30 years – in selfless service as a U.S. Army officer, as an elected School Board Director, and through two terms as County Commissioner. Many legislators truly believe that, “its constitutional, until the courts say it isn’t.” When the people speak at the ballot box their decisions are disrespected. TABOR is steadily and purposely weakened through the imposition of new taxes called “fees”, new enterprises are openly established in a manner that skirts limitations voted on by the people, and the legislature has excused themselves from sunshine laws. This needs to stop, and it needs to be reversed.

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 Five Freedoms, inalienable rights recognized and protected by the constitution, are the foundation of American Exceptionalism. Protecting the rights of citizens is the primary role of government. I have fought to defend them in uniform, and at the board table. As a Commissioner, our county designated worship as an “essential public function” and protected our churches during the COVID shut- downs. When the state allowed rioting in Denver and threatened local gatherings, we declared our “Meat-in” to be protected political speech. Our meetings are open to all, every item of discussion and action allows for public comment. Government was formed to serve The People. That must be respected and honored always.

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”)?

My position on all of the above is, “NO!” “Shall not be infringed” has a very clear and specific meaning. I am an NRA Patriot Life Member and member of the Colorado State Shooting Association. Our founders understood that tyranny exists and the basic right to defend yourself and your loved ones is essential for maintaining a free society. As a Commissioner, I have testified against all of these measures. Our county abides by the Constitution. We bar use of public resources to enact red-flag orders, we refuse to use any authorities granted to restrict Second Amendment Rights and, have enacted an ordinance reversing the infringements of the new “sensitive spaces” law in our county.

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?

Our house is divided. "One Nation Under God," our country's motto, and "E Pluribus Unum" (Out of Many, One)" our founding credo, has given way to a celebration of diversity which has led to separatism, disharmony, and ultimately designation of classes of people, and Marxist class warfare. Starting in the 1960's, the Obama-era "apology tours" and "leading from behind" accelerated the process. Political power was granted to those committed to a distorted history of our great nation and its allies. A perhaps well-meaning effort to combat "islamophobia" after 9/11 blossomed into antisemitism. The 1619 Project and Critical Race Theory elements have infected our schools and colleges. We must recommit our founding ideals and teach our children well.

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?

I commit to protecting capitalism and the free market. Legislative and regulatory assaults on Colorado's lifeblood industries of Oil & Gas/Mining, Agriculture, and Outdoor Recreation are unrelenting. The first two have been under sustained attack for years leading to a flight of investment capital and producers. This isn't sustainable and must be reversed. We must support those remaining who are willing to operate in our state and eliminate existing legislative barriers. These primary industries support the medium and small businesses that employ most Colorado workers, and they struggle too – harming communities and families. Rather than strangle the drivers of our economy, we need to unleash them. The revenue gained will allow us to address long-term water and infrastructure issues.

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.?

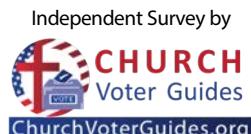
As a former school board member, I firmly believe parents have the ultimate authority and bear the fundamental responsibility for raising their children. This includes educating them. The legislature needs to respect this. Schools need to respect this. Education dollars should follow the child and be applied to support traditional public, chartered public, private, religious or home schooling as the parents direct. Funding is important, but more money doesn't necessarily mean more learning. Improving educational outcomes starts with parental expectations of their own children's performance, that of the schools they attend and their local school boards. State standards should focus on the three "R's" – not the relentless pursuit of social engineering and sexual/moral indoctrination that is harming our kids.

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?

Citizens are entitled to equal protection under the law and cannot be deprived of their rights without due process of law. Based on these two principles, the protection of the lives of the unborn and restoring liberty to those trafficked and abused are clearly a responsibility of government. Those who cannot defend or claim their rights- such the elderly, or the mentally ill- also deserve protection. While self-reliance is prized, realistically it is not always possible for every individual to fend for themselves. Private charity is not able to support all in need. When necessary, government action should always focus on restoring independence and dignity. When using tax dollars, a hand-up will always be preferable to a hand-out.

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?

Shamefully, Colorado is listed as the 48th of our 50 states in terms of public safety- number 44 in violent crimes and 49th in property crimes. Poor public policy has turned Colorado from a state full of proudly independent citizens to a state full of potential victims. Legalization of drugs, reduction of serious offenses from felonies to misdemeanors, reductions in sentencing, release of repeat offenders without bail, failure to address violent and destructive protests- all have emboldened criminals. Simultaneously, law enforcement officers have been targeted by legislation that increases financial risk to them and families and makes their jobs harder, and citizens' ability to defend themselves is weakened. All of this is unacceptable and must be reversed.



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?

Jurisdictions that provide “sanctuary” are guilty of accessory after the fact – they aid and abet those who have broken our immigration laws. As a Commissioner, I voted to formally resolve that our county shall not be a sanctuary for those entering our nation illegally. My county is party to a lawsuit seeking to reverse state laws preventing our Sheriff from coordinating with federal officials on immigration matters. If this suit fails, I will reintroduce legislation to repeal those laws. My county has suffered the impacts of trafficking of humans and drugs along the highways that pass through our communities. While I can sympathize with the plights of individuals, we cannot place their needs above those of our own citizens.

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While the Secretary of State claims that Colorado’s elections are the “Gold Standard”, it very well may be fool’s gold. The standard for every election should be that every valid vote received is accurately counted with auditable results. A valid vote is one cast legally by an individual that is verified as eligible to vote and who’s identity has been verified. The current system needs improvement badly. Changes I propose include: (1) Ballots should be mailed only to those who request them or available at the polling place, (2) Same day voter registration should end so residency can be verified, or provisional ballots issued, (3) improved signature verification, and (4) elimination of any wireless devices in voting machinery.

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?

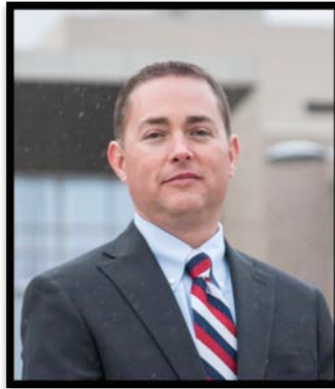
High Profile Cases: Can you discuss a time when you had to handle a case with significant public interest or scrutiny? What is your approach to dealing with high-profile cases that attract media attention?

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Resident of El Paso County and/or the District Represented	Colorado native, resident in El Paso County since 2011

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 have been a prosecutor for 20 years and have worked tirelessly to hold evil doers accountable for the crimes they commit. Through the years, I have seen what works and what doesn't work and I strive to enact policies and initiatives that best address the needs of our community. As an example, I have a 100% conviction rate on homicide cases and have twice been named Homicide Prosecutor of the Year in 2015 and 2017.

The District Attorney's Office, under my leadership, routinely leads the state in jury trials, prosecutions of career and violent offenders, and securing restitution for crime victims. At the same time, we work hard to give second chances to those who deserve the opportunity.



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?

Evil never rests, and the best defense against those who choose to do evil in our community is committed, professional prosecution. I know how to achieve justice having worked in prosecution since 2004 and here in the 4th Judicial District since 2011.

All of Colorado has experienced a surge in crime thanks to “criminal justice reform” efforts from the legislature and governor’s office. In recent years that “reform” has resulted in decriminalization efforts that have left Coloradans increasingly vulnerable to crime. The DA’s office, under my leadership, leads the state in our fight against crime – we refuse to compromise on public safety.

We need to restore balance in state government to reverse the negative impacts of “criminal justice reform.”

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?

As District Attorney I have worked hard to hold the entire office to a high ethical standard to ensure that we are accountable to the community we serve. I ensure strong ethical standards are maintained by requiring year-round training for all staff.

I have also committed to improve transparency into the criminal justice system and the District Attorney’s Office. In 2022, I launched a first of its kind transparency effort when I unveiled our data dashboards. This gives citizens unprecedented insight into the work we do every day. The data is highly accurate, is available 24 hours a day, and it replicates in real time so that the most up-to-date data is always available.

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?

The US and Colorado Constitutions require fairness and impartiality of government and specifically of prosecutors. I work closely with leaders in law enforcement to ensure law enforcement is trained on relevant laws and that they have appropriate access to our attorneys during investigations. This ensures that suspects constitutionally protected rights are observed, while also building a case that can survive the rigors of the court system.

As District Attorney, I ensure we are guided by the law and evidence while we exercise our discretion. It is our duty as prosecutors to refuse to file a case if there is insufficient evidence and to dismiss a case when the interests of justice demand such action.

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?

As District Attorney, I oversee prosecution units that serve the most vulnerable. The Special Victims Unit prosecutes child and adult sex assault and other related cases, as well as elder abuse, human trafficking, and failure to register as a sex offender. The Organized Crime Unit prosecutes large scale organized crime, and drug cartel related cases. These two units, in collaboration with community partners, lead our specialized effort at serving vulnerable victims.

I have also prosecuted a case involving violence against a pregnant woman, that included an attempt to kill her unborn child. That case presented unique challenges that were overcome in trial and the offender is currently serving a life in prison without parole sentence.

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?

The President has chosen to leave the border largely uncontrolled, leaving American citizens at risk. Elected leaders who designate their cities as sanctuary cities only further encourage illegal border crossings. Cartels and human trafficking organizations have taken advantage of this vulnerability by preying on people trying to reach the United States and by flooding our country with deadly fentanyl. We are experiencing the effects here in El Paso and Teller County, and the best example of that impact is the hundreds of people who have died from fentanyl that is brought here by Mexican drug cartels.

As District Attorney, my office has led the state in our fight against cartels and fentanyl death dealers by achieving lengthy prison sentences.

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?

During the COVID pandemic there were impacts on the 1st amendment across the country and locally. Most concerning involved states restricting the ability of churches to hold services while allowing marijuana shops and liquor stores to remain open and operating with minimal restrictions. There were also efforts to encourage the DA's office to prosecute businesses who chose to open. I resisted those efforts by refusing to criminalize business owners who chose to open their doors.

As District Attorney I will protect people's 1st Amendment rights. At the same time, I will also prosecute when appropriate instances where "peaceable assembly" devolves into lawless rioting and property destruction.

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 2nd Amendment is a cornerstone of our social contract with our government. Each person has inherent human dignity that includes the right to self-defense. Legislative efforts that attack the 2nd Amendment are misguided, and only serve to make victims of crime more vulnerable to violent criminals. I have opposed legislative efforts like those mentioned here, including testifying against them in the Colorado legislature.

At the same time that the state government has attacked lawful gun owners, they have made it easier for violent criminals to legally possess firearms.

As District Attorney, I have also refused to file homicide or other criminal charges where it is clear that a law-abiding citizen was exercising their right to defend themselves or others.

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?

As a veteran of the United States Navy, I cherish our relationship with Israel. They remain our strongest ally in the Middle East.

Anti-Americanism and Anti-Semitism have been on the rise and have only risen sharply since October 7, 2023, when Hamas viciously attacked innocent Israeli citizens. Since that attack, we have seen unlawful takeovers of college campuses across the United States, and shameful responses from college administrators. People of good conscience must speak against Anti-Americanism and Anti-Semitism at every opportunity, while working to engender patriotism.

As District Attorney, I am committed to protecting our way of life. If hate crimes are committed against any group or place of worship, we will prosecute to the fullest extent of the law.

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?

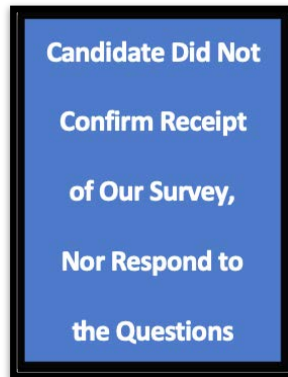
Our form of government relies on fair election processes and outcomes that reflect the will of The People, and it is up to elected leaders to ensure the results are accurate.

As District Attorney, I work closely with the Clerk and Recorders in both El Paso and Teller Counties to ensure the integrity of our election process and accuracy of outcomes. That includes conducting criminal investigations and prosecutions when voter fraud occurs. Unfortunately, our election laws have been eroded over time, making it harder to prosecute voter fraud. I would prefer in-person voting that includes ID verification. To achieve that goal and to strengthen our election laws, we need to elect strong legislators that will be committed to that effort.

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?

I have been the lead prosecutor on two high-profile cases and successfully navigated the pressures those cases present by achieving maximum prison sentences in both. I am currently the lead prosecutor on another high-profile case that is still pending. Cases like these attract intense media coverage.

My approach is to provide as much information as possible to ensure the public is kept abreast of important developments, while also protecting our ability to successfully prosecute the case. This approach also involves providing much needed support to victims and other impacted groups to ensure they have a voice in the prosecution effort. Ultimately, victims in cases, whether high-profile or routine, deserve a prosecutor committed to achieving justice on their behalf.



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.

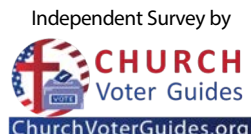
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2024 Colorado General Election Candidates for

EL PASO COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 2

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Military Background:	Military Spouse
Resident of El Paso County and/or the District Represented	12 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?

As a current commissioner I have focused on the proper role of government, ensuring tax dollars are prioritized for core services such as roads and infrastructure, and public safety. I take seriously my responsibility to work for the people, honor the family values and patriotism that we share, and work within the budget the taxpayers have set.

As a military spouse I respect our military, and have supported improved access to veteran services. I have also worked to make sure tax dollars are not used to undermine families and parental rights, and worked to restore our institutions to reflect the values of our community, not radical left ideology. I would be honored to continue that work.



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)?

Government should serve the people. That requires transparency so voters can hold their representatives accountable and make choices as voters when they do not believe government is working as it should.

Colorado Sunshine Laws are important to ensure voters have the ability to get information they need, including access to live meetings, documents, etc. in a timely manner. Though these are important laws, doing what's right is always a requirement of my faith, and that means going above and beyond what is required by the law in many cases.

I support TABOR and have defended it with my votes and my voice as a commissioner. TABOR has been instrumental in restraining government growth in El Paso County.

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?

I will always stand up for the God-given, constitutionally protected rights of citizens. Whether it is churches ability to meet, the right of citizens to speak their mind regardless of their viewpoint (including criticizing their government) peaceful protests, or appeals to decisions and processes, I will use all of the abilities of my office to protect citizens from overreach.

During COVID I defended the right of citizens to attend worship, make their own choices about vaccines, and consistently used my office to call out those who silenced free speech that was counter to the narrative that many government agencies preferred.

I will continue to protect those rights, including against Colorado's attempts to force citizens into the transgender pronoun charade.

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”)?

“Shall not be infringed” is what the constitution states. The 2nd Amendment is necessary for a free nation. Our founders knew that. These laws are an attempt to make it more difficult to obtain and maintain a firearm because Democrat lawmakers know they cannot outright ban guns as many would prefer. The Supreme Court has been clear in upholding these rights.

In addition, county buildings were recently included in one of these anti-gun bills, disallowing concealed carry for permit holders in county buildings. I voted for, and the resolution passed unanimously, to uphold the right for permit holders to continue to carry concealed in our buildings. This protects our staff and other citizens who want to exercise this right.

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?

DEI, CRT, and other divisive programs and theories have divided our society and undermined the truth that all men are created equal. As a christian and patriotic American I reject any ideology or policy that suggests individuals should be treated differently based on their skin color or other immutable characteristics. Rather, they should be judged by their character, as Martin Luther King Jr. suggested.

Your tax dollars fund many of these programs at all levels of government both directly and through grants the government gives to non- profits. We must demand that discriminatory, anti-American programs focused on tearing down our society stop receiving this funding.

Recently, I voted against funding an organization that supported “race-conscious” decision-making in education.

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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?

Crime in Colorado is out of control, primarily because of decriminalization efforts and soft-on-crime laws passed by our majority Democrat legislature. That makes it difficult to combat rising crime, but we can continue to do better locally than areas like Denver by enforcing our laws and holding criminals accountable.

I have worked to inform policy at the state legislature, but a big role that commissioners play in public safety is prioritizing funding for our Sheriff's office and our District Attorney's office so they have the deputies and prosecutors necessary to do their jobs well. I have supported these offices and I am proud to have the endorsement of both District Attorney Michael Allen, and Sheriff Joe Roybal.

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?

The simple solution to the problems all of America is facing is to close the border. I have emphatically lead the charge for El Paso County to declare that not only are we not a sanctuary county, but Denver's policy failures are a threat to our community as well.

Unfortunately, our federal and state governments have failed us. They have the ability to fix this problem. Instead, the state of Colorado has made things worse by tying the hands of our local Sheriff to deal with these issues rather than empowering him to do his job for residents.

I voted for El Paso to join a lawsuit against the state over these dangerous policies. That lawsuit is currently pending.

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?

Proof of citizenship and residency should absolutely be required to register to vote in Colorado. Showing identification is a common- sense way to increase election security.

Though the Board of County Commissioners does not have a direct authority over elections, I support the efforts in progress at our local level to clean up the voter rolls and make sure only those legally able to vote have the ability to do so.



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2024 Colorado General Election Candidates for

EL PASO COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 3

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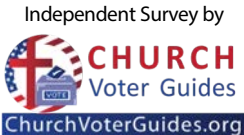


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BILL WYSONG

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Military Background:	US Navy, Honorable Discharge
Resident of El Paso County and/or the District Represented	38 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 have been involved in community service for most of my life, earning my Eagle Scout, serving in the Navy, working in the corporate business world and volunteering in various organizations. Currently, I own a small business and am President of the Mountain Shadows Community Association and WestsideWatch. The basic skill set of listening to client or citizens' concerns remains the same whether in private or public enterprise. My last 4 years have been supporting the Westside and other neighborhoods for lower density infill development and emergency evacuation planning. Planning is the foundation for and is paramount to the success of any organization, whether private or public. My extensive skill set will help with supporting the citizens of our county.

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)?

The most important characteristics or principles for an elected official center around integrity. An official with integrity is honest, transparent, and accountable. They make decisions based on ethical considerations, not personal gain, ensuring their actions reflect the best interests of the public they serve, and demonstrate consistency between words and actions. I believe that the government should represent the people, and when they do not, measures such as TABOR and the Colorado Sunshine Law are needed to reign in on politicians who forget who they are working for. I also find it appalling that the games they play to find loopholes subverting the intent of Tabor, such as fees instead of taxes.

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?

I am in full agreement of our first amendment. In fact, I am part of a group that has filed a lawsuit in Federal Court against the unconstitutional HB24-1107 bill that was signed into law which removed the ability, equality and fairness against citizens groups petitioning the government for redress of grievances on residential land use issues.

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")?

I am Pro 2nd amendment. I own firearms and will fight any restrictions against gun ownership. Mandatory gun insurance is a restriction which I am against. Having it available as an option is agreeable to me. I do not believe that there should be any ban on the assault weapon style rifle. The minimum age issue to purchase guns needs to be equal to voting, to purchase liquor, or join the military. Gun free zones are an open advertisement for those who want to commit crimes.

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?

Anti-Semitism has spread rapidly in recent years. We fought a very costly war against anti-Semitism, and our youth seem to have forgotten this history. Colleges which permit students to promote terror groups such as Hamas, vandalize and overstep the boundaries of free speech should no longer receive federal funding. As a veteran, I find Anti-Americanism to be an assault against our country. Societal permissiveness and social media have broken down the lines between right and wrong, moral character, and personal accountability. Many parents seem to lack the fortitude and wisdom to discipline their children in appropriate behavior. This is seen in schools, in stores, and in their choices. Parenting classes such as Love&Logic might help to educate new parents.

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?

The Board of Commissioners have minimal oversight of the economy, however keeping taxes low will assist those in most need. Water is one of the most pressing resource concerns in our community and must be taken into consideration with concern for increasing development. I believe there is so much more that can be done by reclaiming storm water runoff. In addition to the need for park maintenance across the city/county, we must ensure that parkland is included with all development and not allow developers to give money in lieu of parkland. Guardianship of our open spaces needs to be preserved and protected for all citizens. Conservation should be the watch word be it water, or other materials and natural 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.?

Parental rights are crucial, and notifications regarding their child are essential and must be protected by statute. Schools are not the place for “woke” policies including determining pronoun choice. All students deserve a learning environment free of political indoctrination. Being married to a retired public teacher has increased my awareness of the problems facing public schools today. Teachers are continuously asked to do more with less, attend more meetings, work with large classes, handle out of control students, etc., with expectations of higher standardized test scores. Charter schools have more flexibility in their operations, including curriculum, fiscal management, and discipline. However, I believe in parental choice in determining what educational setting best suits the needs of their own child.

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?

The vulnerable must be protected, including seniors and those with mental health issues. Personally, I am pro-life and believe in the sanctity of life. However, I also recognize that this is a deeply personal and divisive issue, and I respect the views of those who may not share my perspective. Mental Health is a growing concern. The alarming suicide rates are increasing, and on my website, I have put forth a proven model with evidence-based interventions for our community to adopt. Trafficking has increased exponentially with the increased influx of illegal immigrants into our country. I will actively work with the county and city to ensure that our tax dollars are spent on our citizens and addressing their needs.

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?

Unfortunately, the state of Colorado has decriminalized many crimes and it is not surprising that we are number one in the country for auto thefts. I will work with my fellow county commissioners to support legislation to change this. Our law enforcement should be fully staffed, however Sheriff Roybal shared with me the county needs an additional 10 deputies as well as additional staff personnel to provide a much-needed boost to his coverage of the county. Homeless encampments have increased regardless of the of the city's assertion that homeless numbers are falling. Rising theft, drug paraphernalia and increased fires are a result. While funding is always an issue, public safety of our community is a must.

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?

The open and porous borders of our country is an outrage. We have an untold number of terrorists, gang members and other criminals being allowed in from 90 countries. Denver should serve as a warning of what happens in sanctuary cities where illegals flood in and cost taxpayers millions of dollars annually. They are given hotel rooms while we have Colorado citizens living out of their cars due to economic conditions. Their increased presence in our community will lead to similar scenarios locally if we allow it. El Paso County is not immune, and I stand with city/county officials denying sanctuary status and will work with fellow commissioners to ensure this applies to the entire county as well.

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?

Identification is required in all aspects of our daily life except in voting, which is the cornerstone of our constitutional republic. Due to issues with voter fraud, ballot harvesting and many other nefarious ways that negate the one person – one vote rule, everyone should have to show their ID when voting and dropping off their ballot. While mail in ballots are convenient, there is no way to determine citizenship or harvesting. I would call to remove mail in ballots (military deployed or stationed overseas are exempt) as the current lead time allows people plenty of time to submit their ballot at an approved repository that is staffed for ID checks. Purging of inactive Voter Rolls is critical.

2024 Colorado General Election Candidates for

EL PASO COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 4

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Resident of El Paso County and/or the District Represented	18 years, longer than anywhere else

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 currently Fountain city council, ward 3. I have been on council almost 3 years. I have the experience making executive decisions and helping constituents. Before I was on city council I was a planning commissioner for the city of Fountain. I learned a lot about land annexation in that time. That experience will help on the County Commission. The 3 biggest issues I am focused on is public safety infrastructure and water. The immigration crisis at the border is also a huge issue as of late. Let's be honest. The federal government and state government is not going to fix this crisis.



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)?

Ethics and transparency are vital in order to govern effectively. I think every single tax increase voted on should have some type of sunset to it. TABOR is important and the citizens should have the final say in what is done with a surplus in revenue. On Fountain city council I have always voted to send TABOR back to the people. I will continue to do so on the county commission.

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?

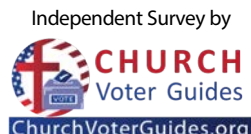
The El Paso County Commission has made sure that everyone's voice is heard. I will continue to make sure everyone has the same 1st amendment right.

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")?

What the state house is doing currently is nothing short of tyrannical. I will push back against the unconstitutional measures in the state house whether by ordinance or resolution. El Paso county should lead the charge with lawsuits that threaten our 2nd amendment .

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?

Taking God out of schools was the first step. Secondly, we butchered the history books to paint America out as bad. Finally, once all the books had changed and prayer was banned, the children were indoctrinated by the left about their sexuality. The best step any parent can take is to get their child out of the public school system. Don't let them become woke.



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?

I want to bring more trade work to El Paso County. There needs to be more warehousing and microchip type jobs. Jobs that pay more than minimum wage to start. This will grow the local economy. I also want to see more oil production in our county. Loosening restrictions from the state will free up oil companies to drill. I want to continue to exercise the 300 year rule the county has for water. If the water isn't set aside, we won't build until water is acquired. Also the continued effort to clean up our water supply from PFOS/ PFAS is vital.

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 am all for school choice. I would like to see more districts have vocational programs in this county. I want to work with the districts on this. College isn't for everyone and some people work really well with their hands. I think a school district that doesn't respect parental authority isn't good for anyone. Parents should have the final say where their child goes to school and should always be notified of any changes to curriculum or emergency updates.

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?

I am 100% pro-life. El Paso County needs to continue to provide resources to help the vulnerable in our society. As Fountain city council, we have been able to work with the senior center in Fountain. The Fountain police department started a program called BHCON where depending on the type of police call, a psychiatrist not a cop was able to take the lead. This program has not only saved lives and avoided arrests but provided resources to mental health patients in time of crisis.

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?

Crime is starting to become an issue in our county. I want to work with our county sheriff to ensure the community stays safe by giving them the resources they need. A satellite station on the east side of the county will improve response times.

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 are starting to see problems in our county due to illegal immigration. Already there are more homeless than a year ago. When elected I want to make an ordinance for non-sanctuary status for El Paso county as well as get the sheriff's office an ICE detainment agreement. Sanctuary cities/counties should not exist in this country.

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?

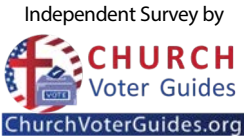
Yes. An id and proof of residency should be required to register to vote. A government issued id should be required to cast a vote. The county commissioners need to make sure they are following all the audit laws. I want to ask for a 3rd party forensic audit of the machines we currently use on our county to ensure the voting process is safe.



DETRA DUNCAN

Candidate Information

Commissioner District:	4
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Occupation/Vocation:	Small Business Owner
Military Background:	Spouse of an Army Veteran
Resident of El Paso County and/or the District Represented	35 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?

Currently serving as Fountain City Council Member at Large (2nd Term). A wife of an Army Veteran, mother and a small business owner. Graduate with a degree in Human Nutrition and Food, master's in public health administration, and a Doctoral Degree in organizational management/leadership. I have a proven track record of advocating for small businesses, safer neighborhoods, and mental health services for our veterans. My experience serving on the Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments, Fountain Creek Watershed District, Legislative Committee for the Colorado Municipal League, and the Fountain Legislative Committee, Director of the Fountain Youth Council; past Board President of Cross Creek Regional Park Metropolitan District have all prepared me for increased Public Service responsibilities.

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)?

County Commissioners wield a significant amount of land use power, as well as stewardship of significant federal dollars that can lift up the entire community. I believe that Public office is a public trust. Transparency and ethics are essential pillars for effective and reliance governance. When people elect you into office they expect you to do what you said you would do for them and I plan on doing just that. Transparency ensures that government actions, decision-making processes, and use of resources are open and accessible to the public. It fosters confidence and accountability and prevents corruption.

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?

I will uphold the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution that protects many of the civil rights associated with life as an American, including free speech, freedom of religion, freedom of speech, and freedom of the press.

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”)?

I support the 2nd Amendment.

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?

We need to look at antisemitism not in theory, but in practice. We must combat it whether it’s being propagated by a white nationalist marching with tiki-torches or by a fervent anti-Zionist harassing students on campus. More than that, we need to wake up to the generational shift happening, make clear that antisemitism is never acceptable, it was never accepted, and redouble our efforts to educate them on how the virus of antisemitism can infect an entire society, hurting not just the Jewish community, but ultimately all of us.

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?

City and County governments can participate in community development projects, such as the revitalization of urban areas, improving public services, and investing in education and healthcare. By addressing both the business and residential aspects of the community, the economy is reinforced for sustainability and resiliency.

1. Support Local Businesses
2. Promote Tourism
3. Invest In Infrastructure
4. Offer Business Development Incentives
5. Encourage Entrepreneurship
6. Hold Career Workshops
7. Support Local Agriculture
8. Foster Collaboration
9. Revitalize Commercial Areas

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.?

As a parent of a 2024 graduate from the best charter school in the Colorado Springs Area, I believe in school choice. I have a doctoral degree in Organizational Management and support our teachers.

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?

As County Commissioner and part of the strategic plan for the Department of Health I will cultivate strategic partnerships to expand access to needed services, reduce disparities and barriers to care, and improve the overall health and wellbeing of our communities.

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?

To reduce crime we have to address the root causes of crime which are often directly related to health and social challenges like mental illness and substance use disorders. As County Commissioner I will support budgets for every law enforcement agency in the county including the District Attorney's office.

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?

El Paso County is not a sanctuary County.

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?

As County Commissioner, I will support protecting our elections' integrity and safeguarding our voting process. The right to vote is one of our most important privileges as Americans. Colorado has a voting model comprised of mail ballots and Voter Service and Polling Centers (VSPCs). According to the City Code, Chapter 5 Elections, Article 1 General Elections, the City Clerk is required to take all necessary steps to ensure ballot security at each stage of the mail ballot process, to protect the confidentiality of the ballots cast, and to maintain the integrity of the election.



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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?

My vision for the future prioritizes people over politics, ensuring that decisions are made with the well-being of our community in mind, not just party agendas. As a young entrepreneur, I bring fresh ideas and valuable experience working closely with youth and parents in our community through a local nonprofit business. My strong leadership mindset drives my commitment to fostering positive change and collaboration for the benefit of all residents.

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 individuals elected to public office should be held to the highest standards of transparency and accountability. The Colorado Sunshine Law is an excellent measure for ensuring that those in power are held accountable to the public, fostering trust and integrity in government.

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?

If elected, I will uphold the laws that protect my constituents' rights to freedom of religion, speech, peaceable assembly, and petitioning the government. I am committed to ensuring that these constitutional rights are not infringed upon by the government, regardless of party affiliation.

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The rise in anti-Americanism and anti-Semitism, particularly among youth, can be attributed to a variety of factors, including misinformation, social media influence, and a lack of understanding of American history and values. To address these issues, it is essential to promote a sense of American patriotism and educate young people about the complexities of our history. We must emphasize the idea that it is the greatest country on Earth. By supporting initiatives that celebrate American values and history.

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?

If elected would champion initiatives that focus on supporting local businesses, attracting new investments, and enhancing workforce development to improve the local economy. Priorities for addressing policies on water, energy, and other resources would include promoting sustainable water management practices, investing in renewable energy sources, and ensuring equitable access to resources for all community members. By collaboration between local leaders prioritizing sustainability, we can create a thriving economy that supports both our environment and our residents' needs.

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.?

If elected, I would work to improve educational outcomes by increasing funding for schools, enhancing teacher training, and promoting innovative learning programs that cater to diverse student needs. I believe in the importance of parental authority in K-12 education, supporting school choice options and ensuring that parents are informed and involved in their children's education.

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?

If elected, I will work to strengthen laws against the unborn, trafficking and abuse, ensuring that victims receive the support and protection they need. Additionally, I will promote programs that support senior citizens and provide resources for mental health care, fostering an inclusive environment where every individual is valued and protected.

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?

Crime in Colorado and our community is a growing concern that affects the safety and well-being of residents. If elected, I will focus on enhancing community policing efforts, increasing collaboration between law enforcement and community organizations, and investing in prevention programs that address the root causes of crime. Ensuring that the laws in the books are being enforced, by our court system.

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?

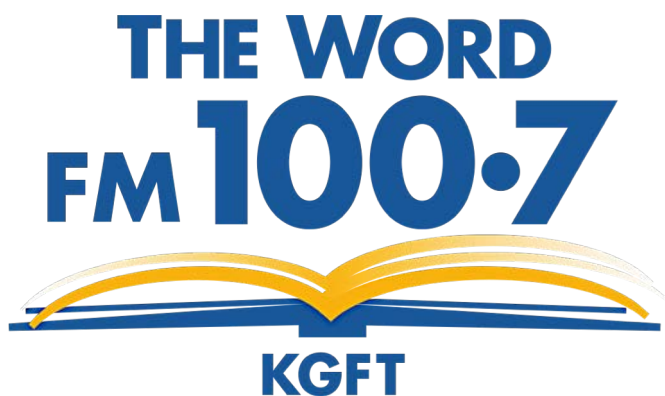
I believe that illegal entries into the U.S. can lead to various challenges for our region, including strain on resources and public services. If elected, I would advocate for strict enforcement of immigration laws. Additionally, I do not support the idea of sanctuary cities or counties, as I believe we must uphold the laws already in place to maintain order and accountability within our communities.

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?

I believe that El Paso County has done an excellent job in conducting elections, and I am proud of the work they have accomplished. I have great confidence in our electoral processes here, as they prioritize transparency and voter ID and security. If elected, I will continue to support and promote the successful practices already in place to ensure that Coloradans maintain their trust in our elections.

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