

CANDIDATE SURVEY VOTER GUIDE NOVEMBER 2018

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This is an ALL-MAIL election and ballots must be RECEIVED by November 6, 2018 by 7pm.

Candidates were asked eight questions. Visit www.citizensproject.org to read all of their responses. Candidates are listed in alphabetical order.

	<i>What are the two most pressing issues facing your district and how will you address them?</i>	<i>What should your district's budget priorities be and how will you fund those priorities?</i>
CO SENATE DISTRICT 9		
 GIL ARMENDARIZ (D)	The two most pressing issues in my district are going to be the future of water availability and the rapidly expanding growth in Colorado Springs as there is an interplay between these two items. Given the fact that we have state laws that allow the selling of one gallon of water 3 or 4 times over does not make good sense for our future. Our water laws need to change to accommodate climate change. The rapid growth is causing stress on the average worker, housing has become a huge budget drain on the hourly worker, this cannot continue if we want a healthy economy.	State budget priorities, for me, are being addressed by amendments 73 and Amendment 110 but I feel modification of the interplay of Tabor Gallagher amendments 19 and 23 need to be addressed to untie the bottleneck we have with providing funding for State projects.
 PAUL LUNDEEN (R)	Education. Drive more dollars into classrooms to better serve students and pay teachers more. Transportation. The state budget grows by more than a billion dollars each year. We must change our public budget paradigm from consumption to investment. Prioritize taxpayer dollars in ways that promote opportunity and economic growth like investment in roads and bridges.	The state budget grows by more than a billion dollars each year and has for more than a decade. During that decade almost none of the income taxes and sales taxes the people of Colorado paid have gone to roads and bridges. We must prioritize taxpayer dollars in ways that promote opportunity and economic growth like investment in education and roads and bridges. An expanded commitment of general fund dollars should be shifted to roads and bridges because transportation infrastructure is an appropriate and recently under funded job for a properly limited government.
COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT 1		
 FRANK DELALLA (D)	The most pressing issue facing our county is the adequacy of water resources to support both current community needs and future development. I will ensure that this resource is protected and not over-committed as our county grows. I will also work to integrate the various water providers into a better and more efficient system to serve our long-term needs. The significant growth our county faces means we also must ensure that land use decisions are well planned and sustainable for the future. I will strive to ensure that any new development includes the appropriate infrastructure; provides sufficient fire department, sheriff, EMS, and other public safety resources; and protects our environment, open spaces, and natural resources.	The primary budget priority must be the health and safety services for our citizens. This is followed closely by repairing and maintaining the infrastructure that our citizens depend on, particularly our degraded roads and bridges. We must also improve and expand our bus service to serve more citizens throughout the county, providing needed transportation for elderly and lower income citizens. Lastly, we need to get serious about implementing a light-rail system between Colorado Springs and Denver. These can be funded through better management of our existing county finances, and in the case of light-rail, through a public-private partnership.
 HOLLY WILLIAMS (R)	<i>Transportation infrastructure</i> including roads and bridges and <i>water resources</i> . I will work to ensure existing transportation revenue streams are used wisely and advocate for additional funding to relieve traffic around our military bases including Fort Carson, Peterson, and Schriever. Powers needs to be widened and extended north to Interstate 25. Additional north-south routes and east-west routes need to be completed as planned to reduce impact of local vehicles on rural roads through Black Forest and northern El Paso. I will support a citizen vote to extend the Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority sales tax to fund additional projects. I will advocate for long-term water needs through the Pikes Peak Regional Water Authority and for regional agreements that share pipelines (and the building of pipelines) and storage facilities. I will also closely monitor water decisions at the state level and model proposed solutions based upon other regional solutions in Colorado.	First, funding for transportation issues in El Paso County through existing revenue streams, including the road impact fee for new subdivisions and a renewal of the PPRTA sales tax. Second, I support the Public Safety Funding renewal and will prioritize funding to public safety to protect our community and to prosecute illegal marijuana grow operations. Third, additional jail space if necessary through funding separate treatment facilities for detox and inmates with mental health issues. Fourth, continued funding of parks and trails to maintain our quality of life. Finally, additional support for statutory functions.
CO HOUSE DISTRICT 19		
TIM GEITNER (R)	Did not participate in the survey	
 ASIA ZANDERS (D)	In House District 19, we currently have interest in infrastructure and environmental concerns. Fortunately, it is a funding matter for both. I would address the infrastructure issue by supporting Proposition 110 to ensure our roads and infrastructure are paid for without taking away from education and Medicaid. Also, in response to the additional lanes on I-25, I would suggest providing residents who already paid into the toll road a pass for traveling the road once built. In response to the environmental concerns, we must work towards a more sustainable environment by ensuring clean water for those out in desolate areas, focus on ways to conserve water and wildlife, and working with the community to decide what is best in the agriculture businesses.	The state should always prioritize resident's interest over that of businesses. Therefore, education, affordable health insurance and medical drugs, infrastructure and affordable housing, and our lands/environment must be our top priorities. I would suggest rearranging our budget and taxing where we (residents and legislators) agree to be the way we go about funding these priorities. Taxes aren't our enemy, rich people who wish to decide what is best for us without our input are. We must be willing to do our research and support what is best for all.

Ballot Issues Explained

Colorado voters will be voting on 13 statewide ballot measures.

For full ballot measure language and explanations in support of and opposition to these measures, visit www.citizensproject.org.

Lewis Palmer School District 38 Issues 4A and 4B

4A Increases taxes \$1 million per year for 7 years to fund additional safety and security staff and training for D38 schools including charter schools.

4B Authorizes \$36.5 million in bonds to construct a new elementary school and convert Bear Creek Elementary back to a middle school, in addition to security improvements for all D38 schools, including Monument Academy.

SUPPORTERS say: These measures will help address capacity needs created by growth in the district. All students and schools will benefit from improved security and safety.

OPPONENTS say: Property taxes would increase. Proposed improvements are not correlated to increased academic achievement.

ADDITIONAL CANDIDATE SURVEY QUESTIONS

Visit www.citizensproject.org to read all responses.

- What are your qualifications for this position?
- What is the role of the state in the provision of affordable and universally designed housing?
- Are you in favor of the Colorado legislature adopting legislation that gives businesses the right to refuse service of customers when such service conflicts with the business owner's religious beliefs?
- What will you do to bolster systems and increase access to essential services for traditionally underrepresented and underserved communities, including public transportation, health care, and job training programs?
- What role does a vibrant and well-funded arts and cultural sector play in the overall vitality of our local/regional economy?
- What, if anything, should be done to increase access to voting for all eligible voters?

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