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Introducing Your Arapahoe County Republican Party New Officers







Chair John Temple

Vice Chair Robin
O'Meara

Secretary Jean Baugh

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12-Point Plan for Arapahoe County

Arapahoe County Chairman John Temple has hit the ground running. Here is his 12-point plan for the party:

- 1. Fill the empty precinct leader and district captain positions by using good data, enabling us to recruit people. Engage in active recruitment to build the party.
- 2. Fill all positions including House and Senate districts.
- 3. Appoint people to all committees. We support these people and hold them accountable by having regular meetings.
- 4. Move from a closed meeting and management environment to an open and transparent environment, fostering participation and engagement.
- 5. Increase fund-raising by encouraging small donors to donate on a recurring basis. The state party has been successful with this, bringing in 2.4 million dollars.
- 6. Create new energy and enthusiasm by team building.
- 7. Engage and support the disillusioned members of our party who have resigned positions due to lack of training and inclusion. We will "provide consistent training to eliminate resignations."
- 8. Improve data management.
- 9. Hold educational events to educate and inform all Arapahoe Republicans so we can grow and learn together.
- 10. Secure an appropriate place for county offices to allow meetings and gatherings of all types.
- 11. Support the Republican platform.
- 12. We will use a nationally recommended system to do a paper ballot hand count method in all our meetings, just as was done in the February 1st, 2025 reorganization meeting.

Following this 12-point plan, the first Executive Committee meeting on February 25th was opened to precinct leaders. The

meeting included a challenge to those interested in standing committees to go ahead and start work, and report back to the Executive Committee.



Election Integrity You Do Count! How to Have Fun Doing Your Civic Duty

The basic problem with our current election machines is not that they are electronic but that they are literally and figuratively opaque. We physically can't see inside them, and even if we were allowed to open them up, very few of us have any idea what all the hardware and software means.

Instead imagine a crowd-sourced human computer. Imagine a flash mob assembling to count ballots. Imagine an election machine we all could see the workings of – because we ARE the machine.

You don't have to imagine any of this, because that's what was on display at the Arapahoe County Republican Party reorganization meeting, February 1st, 2025. For the cost of the paper, pens, and a few office supplies, the Arapahoe County GOP led the way in demonstrating transparent elections anyone can join in counting, and have a party doing it!

Read the full article...

Elections Belong to the Citizens Mark Cook Explains

Point 12 of the 12-point plan is critical in outreach to voters of all parties. As the party which stands for the right of voters to know elections are conducted freely, fairly, and transparently, Republicans aren't saying "trust me" but rather, "here, I'll show you, and you can ask any questions you have."

Along these lines, national-level election integrity expert Mark Cook recently visited Arapahoe County and spoke for three hours (which went by like 15 minutes) on where election systems get subverted, and he identified principles to keep elections simple and clear. He will be posting the video and slides on the event page (meanwhile you can get a feel for what he said with the slides and video from a previous talk.)



Committees and Volunteers

At the February 25th Executive Committee meeting, Arapahoe Republicans were invited to jump in and get busy on any committees where we see a need, especially the standing committees mentioned in the bylaws:

- Audit
- Budget
- Fundraising
- Training
- Credentials
- Delegate Selection
- Bylaws
- Special Events
- Rules
- Awards
- Media
- Outreach
- Election Integrity
- Legislative Liaison
- Social Media

Neighborhood Outreach Ideas

Watching our president take a chainsaw to government fraud, waste and abuse, we Republicans have never had a better opportunity to reach out and show neighbors why freedom and small government result in the best outcomes for everyone. Here's an idea for starting conversations and connections:

Eggs – a natural source of protein – are priced artificially high by government regulations for which Coloradans didn't ask. However, backyard chickens make egg prices irrelevant, and spring is a good time to get started with chicks and a coop. Reach out to your neighbors – maybe you have chickens and can share eggs with them. Maybe they have chickens and can share knowledge with you. Maybe none of you have chickens but someone nearby is interested, and you can organize to help them get started now, in return for eggs later.

In any case, it's a great opportunity to discuss how even this small area of independence from government control saves money and tastes great!



Improve Your Community

You will have the most effect if you start at your local level. Begin today, attending public meetings regularly – you will learn who the people are, whom to trust, and what motivates them. Don't get overwhelmed by the number of meetings – in many areas you could attend all the meetings up through the county level for an average time investment of just six hours a month! If you have nothing to say, listen – you'll almost certainly find something to say soon!

Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners

- 9:30am Tuesday, March 11, 2025
- 9:30am Tuesday, March 25, 2025
- 9:30am Tuesday, April 8, 2025

East Hearing Room, Administration Building 5334 S. Prince St. Littleton 80120

Committees you can sign up for in Arapahoe County

Cities and Towns of Arapahoe County

What does your city council do all day? Is your city free of fraud, waste, and abuse? How do they vote on local issues you care about? Did you know that your local council is a springboard to state or national office? See what your city is up to and get to know who is on your council by watching council meetings.

Meeting Info for Arapahoe cities and towns

School Boards of Arapahoe County

This year is a school board election! What better time to get to know who is making decisions about the daily activities of all the local students? You don't have to have children to be interested in what the school board does - just an interest in what's happening with the next generation! Remember, new Republicans graduate from the school system every year.

Meeting info for Arapahoe school boards

Arapahoe County Republican Party- *Upcoming Events* -

ACGOP Executive Committee Meeting

The next ExComm meeting will be March 25th. Voting members include county officers and district captains. Precinct leaders, although not voting members, are welcome to attend.

Colorado GOP Centennial Dinner

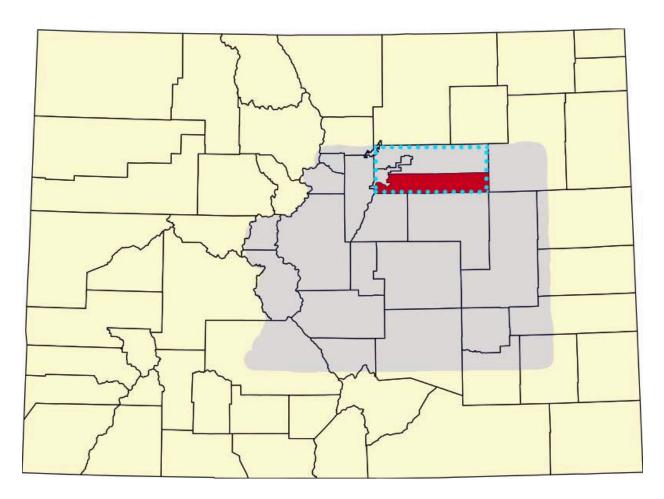
Friday March 28th, "A Golden Age Gala" in Colorado Springs, with special guest Steve Bannon. <u>Tickets on sale</u> now.

Colorado State GOP Reorg Meeting

Bonus members (we have 26 in Arapahoe!) and the ACGOP chair, vice-chair and secretary will vote on the new state chair, vice-chair, and secretary on March 29th.



Arapahoe First! November 1, 1861



Red: Arapahoe County today Blue: Arapahoe County 1876 Gray: Arapahoe County 1860 Arapahoe County is first of all the Colorado counties because it pre-dates Colorado itself. Arapahoe began as part of the Kansas Territory, named of course for the Arapaho tribe that lived in the area. Arapahoe County's <u>original borders</u> were the Arkansas River on the south, the North Platte on the north, the Continental Divide on the west, and Kansas on the east. There were three sanctioned punishments in Arapahoe County of the 1800s: <u>flogging</u>, <u>banishment</u>, and <u>hanging</u>.

A gold rush in Englewood brought miners who in 1859 voted for the never-federally-official Territory of Jefferson, and Arapahoe County shrank into just one of 12 counties in the new territory, with Denver (named for the Kansas territorial governor, but that's another story) as the county seat. Then Kansas became a state at the beginning of 1861 leaving this western area as unorganized territory. But on November 1, 1861, it became one of 17 counties in the new Territory of Colorado, which became the Centennial State in 1876. In 1901 Denver and Adams split off to become their own counties, and in 1904 Littleton won over Englewood to be county seat by a vote of 1310 to 829.

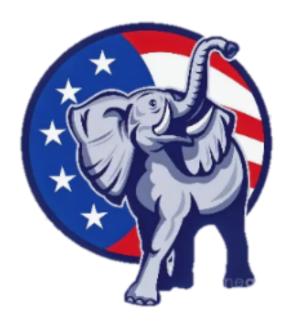
Arapahoe is now the 48th (of 64) largest county in Colorado by land area, but the third in population (655,070) according to the 2020 census.

You can make Arapahoe great again with your ACGOP <u>recurring</u> <u>donation of \$18.61!</u>



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Thanks and Stay Tuned!



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