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ARAPAHOE COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

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Message from the Chair

Dear Fellow Arapahoe County Republicans,

As we approach the final stretch before our municipal elections, I want to speak to you directly about the importance of **voting in your local races** — particularly for **City Council and School Board**. These are the elections that most directly affect our daily lives, our safety, and the future of our communities.

We've all witnessed what happens when cities drift away from sound, conservative leadership. Just look to Denver — rising crime, homelessness, deteriorating infrastructure, and runaway spending. We cannot allow those same policies to take root here in Arapahoe County.

Local government is where conservative values have the greatest impact. Republican-led councils and boards stand for **fiscal responsibility, public safety, parental rights, and local accountability** — the very principles that keep our communities

strong, our families secure, and our local economies growing.

This election, **your vote truly matters**. Too often, local races are decided by just a handful of ballots. Every Republican vote — **your vote** — helps ensure that our cities remain safe, well-managed, and guided by common sense.

Here's how you can make a difference right now:

- **Vote in person** and encourage your friends, family, and neighbors to do the same.
- **Reach out** to fellow Republicans in your precinct and remind them that local elections are just as vital as national ones.
- **Volunteer or support** our [endorsed Republican candidates](#) through canvassing, phone calls, or social media outreach.
- **Promote conservative leadership** by sharing positive messages about our candidates and values within your community.

[City council and school board races](#) may not grab the headlines, but they **set the direction for our county's future**. Together, we can ensure that Arapahoe County remains strong, prosperous, and rooted in the principles that make our communities the best places to live, work, and raise a family.

Thank you for your continued dedication, your service, and your belief in the values that unite us. Let's finish strong — and keep Arapahoe County thriving under Republican leadership.

With gratitude and resolve,
John Temple
Chairman, Arapahoe County Republican Party



2025 Candidates

While the local elections in November are "non-partisan" since candidates aren't identified with a specific party, we certainly want to promote the candidates in our party. In some races without Republicans we may suggest like-minded candidates who could help Republicans build a coalition. Keep checking [our website](#) for more information and the latest updates.

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AURORA

City Council Ward 2 - Steve Sundberg

City Council Ward 3 - Marsha Berzins
City Council At Large - Danielle Jurinsky
City Council At Large - Amsalu Kassaw
School Board - Nino Pepper

AURORA VOTES
ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH

AURORA'S WINNING TEAM

VOTE FOR
THESE
AURORA CITY COUNCIL
& SCHOOL BOARD
CANDIDATES
WHO WILL
STAND UP FOR
AURORA'S FUTURE!

DANIELLE JURINSKY
for City Council,
At-Large

AMSALU KASSAW
for City Council,
At-Large

STEPHEN ELKINS
for City Council,
WARD I

STEVE SUNDBERG
for City Council,
WARD II

MARSHA BERZINS
for City Council,
WARD III

NINO PEPPER
Aurora Public
Schools

TATYANA STURM
Cherry Creek
Schools

AMANDA THAYER
Cherry Creek
Schools

VOTE "YES" on these
AURORA
BALLOT
initiatives: **3D** **3E** **3F**

CENTENNIAL

Mayor - Don Sheehan
City Council District 1 - Robyn Carnes

City Council District 2 - Carrie Penaloza

City Council District 3 - Patty McKernan

City Council District 4 - Jeffrey Gilliam

ENGLEWOOD

Mayor - Rita Russell

City Council District 4 - Kim Wright

LITTLETON

Mayor - Patrick Driscoll

City Council District 3 - Curt Samuelson

BALLOT QUESTIONS

NO on LL and MM

(more attempts to undo TABOR)

Push back on "Vibrant" proposals

[across the metro area](#) which push a high-density, big government agenda in the name of "affordable" housing:

- Increasing debt in [Denver](#)
 - Opposing Republicans in [Englewood](#)
 - Attacking single-family housing in [Littleton](#)
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Best Practices for Voting

- Vote! The more real people who really vote, the harder it becomes to pull off the fraud.
- Make Election Day Great Again! Vote [in person](#), on paper, on Election Day, as late in the day as possible, and don't use the Ballot Marking Device - FILL IN THE OVAL WITH YOUR OWN PEN unless you flunked coloring in kindergarten. All these things will make it harder to steal your vote.
- Don't try to out-cheat the cheaters: you're not going to harvest more ballots than the Democrats (because we have to actually be legal about it!) Use your time and energy to expose and stop all the methods of cheating.

- When-not-if Arapahoe County tells you our citizens love taxes so much we just voted for more of them, make them PROVE IT...as they could do very quickly and easily if we had paper ballots, hand counted, where cast at the precinct level, in person. The burden of proof is not on us, but on them, to:
 1. PROVE voter rolls are clean enough for a valid election. ("Actual [election results are unknowable](#) in entire states.")
 2. PROVE that all mail-in ballots are filled out by an eligible elector as required by CRS 1-1-104(1.7). (They can't. It's not possible to know whether the ballot was filled out by the envelope signer.)
 3. PROVE chain of custody for our votes through the election machines. ("Unlike physical hand-counting of ballots, [electronic tabulators do their counting hidden from public view](#).") There is no PII on ballots - why not have livestream cameras, as many hand-counting methods do?



Election Fraud Updates

- [Dominion is not dead](#), just changing names in an effort to rebrand itself, shortly after a [Venezuelan whistleblower gave sworn testimony](#) about where the software originally came from and why. The guy who bought it may be a Republican, but with some [quite odd connections](#). Remember, some of the people who originally [brought election machines to Colorado](#) were Republicans.

- If Nevada does not come up with a technical expert witness to oppose Ed Solomon's allegations of mathematical patterns in Nevada cast vote records that match [Arapahoe County cast vote records](#), his case will win by default in a few weeks.
- Tina Peters is [still in prison](#).

Comment on County's Proposed Rental Rules

It seems odd, that at the same time developers are trying to loosen zoning elsewhere, "[Arapahoe County is proposing](#) a new licensing program and set of rules for Short-Term Rentals (STR) in unincorporated areas." Citizens in Englewood and Littleton are concerned about parking, density, and noise associated with high-density housing; is the answer really in more rules for **unincorporated** areas?

Arapahoe County frames this program as providing "property owners the opportunity to earn income by renting their homes responsibly" although they admit there are already existing STRs. So property owners were already able to earn income by renting, but they were not responsible renters, because they weren't paying \$550 for Arapahoe County's permission?

Some of the rules raise eyebrows. The license "must list a designated local responsible agent who can be reached within 15 minutes"...and what happens if you are out for a 30-minute run with no electronics? This agent must "be able to be on-site within 60 minutes to address concerns"...so no more trips to the mountains?

Some of the rules appear to be reiterations of existing codes and statutes for no added benefit (except the benefit to the county of charging a fee): "Amplified music or other noise must not exceed levels allowed by Colorado Revised Statutes."

You can review the drafts [here](#) and [comment here](#). You can also comment at the public hearing October 21st in Centennial, or attend the Board of County Commissioners hearing in coming weeks.

If approved, the licensing program goes into effect next spring.



Opt Out of Open Primaries

Last year, the COGOP State Assembly voted overwhelmingly to require the COGOP State Central Committee (SCC) to opt out of open primaries. In the [\(SCC\) meeting held September 27th](#), a majority voted to do so. Here is the [five-minute explanation](#) recorded shortly afterward of who said what when. But COGOP Chair [Brita Horn](#) [says people misunderstood](#) what the meeting voted on. Current status: [a lawsuit](#) has been filed to compel compliance with the votes of the SCC and State Assembly.

It is interesting to note in the chart below the number of elected Republicans who voted NO, voting against the will of the State Assembly.

1	County	Title	Fname	Lname	Vote
2	CD4	CU Regent	Frank	McNulty	ABSENT
3	CD5	CU Regent	Ken	Montera	ABSENT
4	JD10	District Attorney	Kala	Beauvais	ABSENT
5	JD12	District Attorney	Anne	Kelly	ABSENT
6	JD13	District Attorney	Travis	Sides	ABSENT
7	JD15	District Attorney	Andrew	Hayden	ABSENT
8	JD16	District Attorney	James	Bullock	ABSENT
9	JD22	District Attorney	Jeremy	Reed	ABSENT
10	JD7	District Attorney	Anna	Cooling	ABSENT
11	CD5	State BoED	Steve	Durham	ABSENT
12	CD8	State BoED	Yasmin	Navarro	ABSENT
13	HD14	State Rep	Flanell	Ava	ABSENT
14	HD39	State Rep	Brandi	Bradley	ABSENT
15	HD54	State Rep	Matt	Soper	ABSENT
16	SD30	State Senator	John	Carson	ABSENT
17	SD35	State Senator	Rod	Pelton	ABSENT
18	SD5	State Senator	Marc	Catlin	ABSENT
19	JD9	District Attorney	Ben	Sollars	HE LEFT - DID NOT VOTE
20	CD3	Congressman	Jeff	Hurd	N
21	CD5	Congressman	Jeff	Crank	N
22	CD8	Congressman	Gabe	Evans	N
23	CD4	Congresswoman	Lauren	Boebert	N
24	CD3	CU Regent	Ray	Scott	N
25	CD8	CU Regent	Mark	Van Driel	N
26	JD11	District Attorney	Jeffrey	Lindsay	N
27	JD19	District Attorney	Michael	Rourke	N
28	JD21	District Attorney	Daniel	Rubinstein	N
29	JD23	District Attorney	George	Brauckler	N
30	JD4	District Attorney	Michael	Allen	N
31	CD3	State BoED	Sherri	Wright	N
32	CD4	State BoED	Kristi	Burton Brown	N
33	HD19	State Rep	Dan	Woog	N
34	HD20	State Rep	Jarvis	Caldwell	N
35	HD21	State Rep	Mary	Bradfield	N
36	HD44	State Rep	Anthony	Hartsook	N
37	HD47	State Rep	Ty	Winter	N
38	HD48	State Rep	Carlos	Barron	N
39	HD50	State Rep	Ryan	Gonzalez	N
40	HD55	State Rep	Rick	Taggart	N
41	HD56	State Rep	Chris	Richardson	N
42	HD58	State Rep	Larry Don	Suckla	N
43	HD63	State Rep	Dusty	Johnson	N
44	HD64	State Rep	Scott	Slaugh	N
45	HD65	State Rep	Lori	Garcia Sander	N
46	SD1	State Senator	Byron	Pelton	N
47	SD10	State Senator	Larry	Liston	N
48	SD13	State Senator	Scott	Bright	N
49	SD2	State Senator	Lisa	Frizell	N
50	SD23	State Senator	Barbara	Kirkmeyer	N
51	SD6	State Senator	Cleave	Simpson	N
52	SD7	State Senator	Janice	Rich	N
53	HD15	State Rep	Scott	Bottoms	Y
54	HD16	State Rep	Rebecca	Keltie	Y

55	HD22	State Rep	Ken	Degraaf	Y
56	HD45	State Rep	Max	Brooks	Y
57	HD51	State Rep	Ron	Weinberg	Y
58	HD60	State Rep	Stephanie	Luck	Y
59	SD4	State Senator	Mark	Baisley	Y
60	SD9	State Senator	Lynda	Zamora Wilson	Y

News and Views

Important video from the Mountain Republicans on [what Colorado is doing to children and families](#) and how to get involved to protect kids!

SCOTUS is hearing challenge to Colorado restrictions on [counselors' First Amendment rights](#).

How the coverup was done of the 2012 through 2016 political spying operation by DOJ and FBI operators within the Obama administration, the "[biggest political scandal in US history](#)".

Maine woman gets [250 ballots in her Amazon order](#) - what product do I order to get a side order of ballots?

Did they purposely [destroy Denver](#) in order to buy it up for pennies on the dollar?

Interview with a Young Republican

Q: Why are you a Republican?

A: Because of the way I grew up. My best friend is Republican, even though she grew up Democrat, and we still have some different views. I saw it came down to the core values my family had compared to her family. It is a healthier lifestyle.

Q: What made her change?

A: Just growing up. She kind of came to the conclusion, maybe from all the talking we did, that she was Republican. I think she had realized how bad social media was and how affected she was by social media.

Q: What percentage of your generation would you say is like-minded, whether or not they are registered as Republicans?

A: I would say most of my generation is not Republican. But when I went to the Trump rally, I was shocked with how many young people there are. From social media I got the idea they are not like-minded. ...

Read the rest of the interview



I-70 Corridor Happenings

a column focusing on the eastern plains!

The I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce holds several public events over the year in order to promote members' businesses.

Monthly Lunch & Learn presentations obtain speakers/presenters to inform our members and community on issues that concern the I-70 Corridor, Eastern Adams and Arapahoe Counties, and Colorado. The next Lunch & Learn, featuring two managers from CORE Electric Cooperative, will be November 19, at 11:30 AM at May Farms, in Byers. Small Business Saturday at the Bennett Recreation Center, November 29. We invite you to attend any of these events, there is no cost.

Contact the I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce at www.i70ccoc.com and officei70ccoc@gmail.com or 720-731-1954.

Tools for Action

(Operation and Maintenance of Your Party and Your Country)

Become a poll watcher! Eligible registered Republicans may observe and verify the conduct of the election. You can volunteer for any amount of time, at one of the in-person polling centers.

To become a poll watcher, take the Secretary of State's online [Watcher Training](#) course. When you finish, take a screenshot of the training certificate and print a copy, and email chair@arapahoerepublicans.org that you want to be a poll watcher, so the party can officially appoint you.



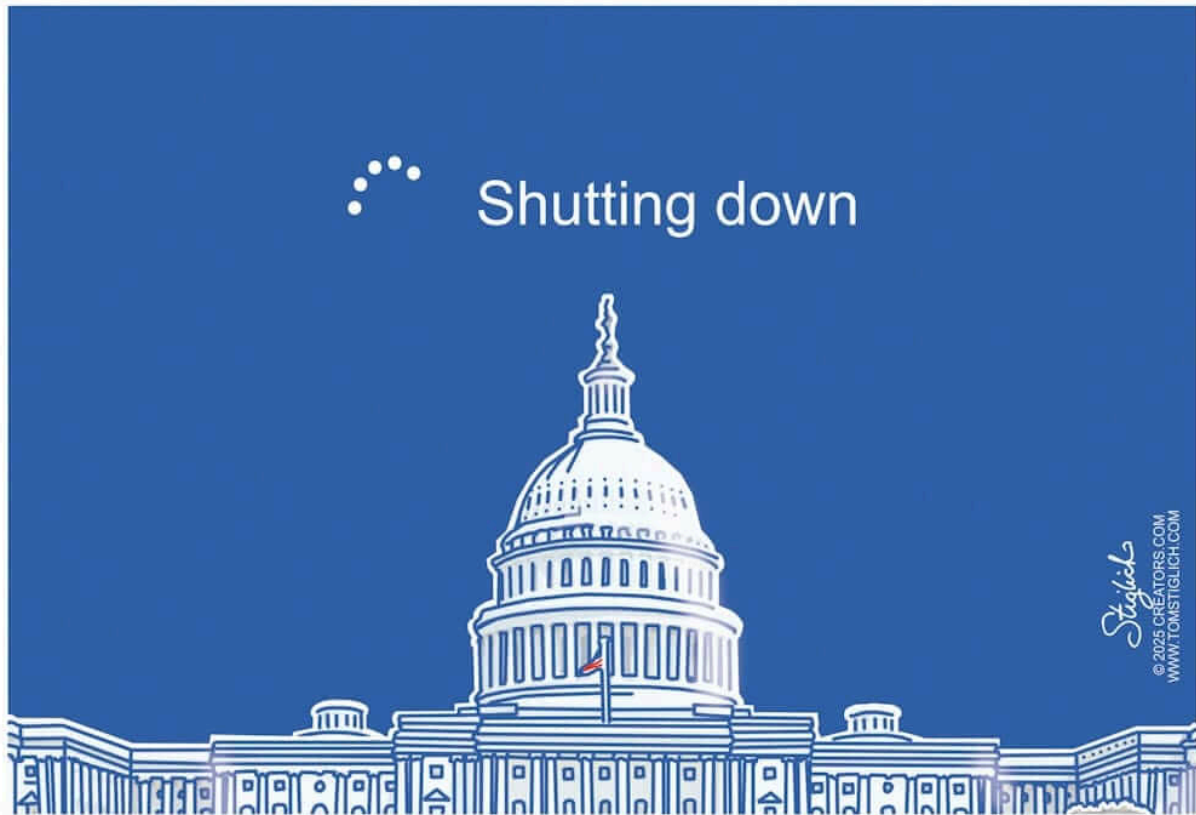
Party leaders (district captains, precinct leaders) can find the latest events, training, and other information on the [portal of the county Republican website](#). [Contact](#) the

party for the password, or to become a leader!

Find your precinct and voter ID at the [Colorado Secretary of State voter registration website](#). If you don't know who your precinct leader is, or you don't have one and you want to become one, please [contact ACGOP](#). Look up the boundaries of your precinct on Arapahoe County's "[ArapaMap](#)".

While the legislature is not in session, prepare yourself for next year to track which [horrible bills](#) are in play, and respond with the [BillBlasterApp](#), a "simple, efficient way to engage with elected officials and effect change in our communities and beyond."

Want to protect our Constitution, but don't know how to run for office? Learn how to operate our government, for instance from [this organization](#), and notify the [Arapahoe Chair](#) so we can get your name and face out there!



Improve Your Community

Your biggest contribution is not your vote, but your involvement. You will have the most effect if you start at your local level. Begin today by 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!

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 -

The date to vote on city council and school board candidates and important ballot questions is **November 4th**. You can vote in person, on paper, with your own pen at [several polling centers](#).

ACGOP Executive Committee (ExComm) Meetings

The next ExComm meetings will be October 22nd and November 19th. ExComm voting members include county officers and district captains. Precinct leaders, although not ExComm voting members, are welcome to attend and may address the meeting during the open forum. The meetings are livestreamed and recorded.



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Northern Colorado Republican Governor Forum

Saturday, October 18th, 2025

Rez Church – 6502 E Crossroads Blvd., Loveland, CO 80538

Doors open at 5:00 PM | **Program: 6:20–8:00 PM**

Moderator Kim Monson

Confirmed Republican Governor Candidates

Sen. Mark Baisley
Rep. Scott Bottoms
Bob Brinkerhoff
Jason Clark
Brycen Garrison
Steven Gess
Jon Gray-Ginsberg
Joshua Griffin

Sen. Barb Kirkmeyer
Fmr. Rep. Greg Lopez
Will McBride
Jason Mikesell
Robert Moore
Alexander Mugatu
Jim Rundberg

- **Meet candidates** for governor, state house, state senate, and local offices.
- **Hear directly** from those running about their priorities and vision for Colorado.
- **Engage in real conversations** with leaders and fellow voters.
- **Connect with local organizations** driving change in Northern Colorado.
- **Get informed and involved** in shaping the future of your community and state.

More information to come

live streamed on the YouTube channel Better Nate Than Never (BNTN)

If your organization would like to be apart of this event please email us at info@nocowrapup.com

Safety measures will be in effect. Please review them at nocowrapup.com/safety.

This event is independently organized and not sponsored or endorsed by Rez.Church; all views expressed are solely those of the organizers and participants.

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Arapahoe First...in Rodeo!

Arapahoe was founded fifteen years before the state of Colorado, in 1861 - click below to Make Arapahoe Great Again!

How do you define "rodeo"? Cowboys? Broncos? Bulls? How about the "[mutton-busters](#)"? Maybe this is the best definition, from the website for the town of [Deer Trail](#): "many ranchers came and brought their best animals to see who could ride the longest."

From the 1983 booklet "Arapahoe County Portrait":

The town of Deer Trail grew up where a trading post and campsite served the wagon trains heading for the gold fields. The Leavenworth to Pikes Peak stage followed this trail to and from Denver from about late 1858 through 1860. The Kansas Pacific Railroad followed roughly the same trail, built a station at the site, and platted Deer Trail in 1875. The town claims the distinction of holding the first organized rodeo in 1869 - a popular sport in the West yet today. Deer Trail was incorporated in 1920. Many of the ranches homesteaded from the 1870's through the early 1900's are still in the ownership and operation of the descendants of the early pioneers.

And 156 years later, [they're still competing](#).

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Need More Information? Become a Leader!



Look for the winter ACGOP newsletter to come out in January. If you have information Arapahoe Republicans need to know, please send it in!

Party leaders, of course, need more frequent updates, so we send out shorter update emails biweekly to district captains and precinct leaders. If you are neither of these but want more information, ask your local leader to forward the updates to you. If you don't know yours, or don't have a local precinct leader or district captain, [contact ACGOP](#); maybe you can become the local leader (other benefits include being a voting member of biennial ACGOP Central Committee meetings and access to the ACGOP portal with all kinds of resources such as the calendar, precinct wall map, bylaws, meeting agendas/minutes, and much more.)



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Thanks and Stay Tuned!



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