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Together Colorado Southern Front Range Chapter to Host Election Integrity Community Forum

Event brings election administration, journalism and faith perspectives together ahead of the 2026 midterm election to discuss election security and civic engagement.

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HIGHLANDS RANCH, Colo. - Together Colorado's Southern Front Range Chapter will host an Election Integrity Community Forum on Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2026, 6:00 p.m. at St. Andrew United Methodist Church in Highlands Ranch. The nonpartisan community event will offer an opportunity to learn how elections are administered and protected, ask questions, and identify ways to support secure elections and the people who make that possible.

The program will include a "Running Our Local Elections" chat with Douglas County Clerk and Recorder Sheri Davis to understand the process of balloting, election administration, and the safeguards, procedures and people involved in conducting county elections. There will also be an "Election Integrity in the Community" panel with experts discussing the topic from complementary perspectives. Matt Crane, nationally recognized election integrity expert and Executive Director of the Colorado County Clerks Association, will address election administration, security and operations at the state and national levels. Dr. Fabian Neuner, Professor of Political Science and a Faculty Fellow in the Institute of Behavioral Science at the University of Colorado Boulder, will discuss the impacts voter behavior, public opinion, partisanship, and media play in shaping how people think about elections. Larry Ryckman, Co-Founder and Publisher of *The Colorado Sun*, will discuss the role of independent, impartial and fact-based journalism in helping the public participate in democratic debate, hold officials accountable and resist manipulation. Rev. Dr. Jenny Whitcher, an ordained United Church of Christ minister and Co-Founder of the Juniper Formation UCC and the Colorado Clergy Alliance, will explore how faith communities can promote constructive, pluralistic and nonviolent civic engagement.

Additionally, diverse faith leaders will speak about how their beliefs motivate them to advocate for safe and secure elections. Nonpartisan organizations will provide election information through resource tables before and after the program.

The forum is designed to help community members better understand election integrity measures already in place, build confidence in the election process and leave with practical ways to support election workers and ensure the smooth running of election operations.

EVENT DETAILS: Tuesday, October 6, 2026 | 6:00 pm | St. Andrew United Methodist Church, Highlands Ranch |
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Speaker Biographies

Sheri Davis

Sheri Davis is the elected Clerk and Recorder of Douglas County and serves as the county's chief election official. She has more than 25 years of experience in the Douglas County Clerk and Recorder's Office, including 12 years in the Elections Division, and is both a Colorado Certified Election Official and a nationally designated Certified Elections/Registration Administrator (CERA).

Matt Crane

Matt Crane is Executive Director of the Colorado County Clerks Association and has more than 25 years of experience in election administration and security. He previously served as Arapahoe County Clerk and Recorder and as an election security consultant with the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), supporting election officials nationwide. Crane advises federal, state, and local election officials on election administration, security, and resilience and has testified before the United States Congress on threats facing election officials.

Dr. Fabian Neuner

Dr. Fabian Guy Neuner is an Associate Professor of Political Science and a Faculty Fellow in the Institute of Behavioral Science at the University of Colorado Boulder. He specializes in political psychology and political behavior, studying how citizens process political information. His research has appeared in the *Journal of Politics*, *Political Behavior*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Perspectives on Politics*, and the *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, among others.

Larry Ryckman

Larry Ryckman is Publisher and co-founder of The Colorado Sun, a nonprofit, statewide news organization focused on fact-based, nonpartisan journalism. Before helping launch The Sun in 2018, he held senior newsroom roles at The Denver Post, The Gazette in Colorado Springs and the Greeley Tribune, and spent 22 years with The Associated Press in editing and national leadership positions. His career has centered on public-service journalism, accountability and strengthening trusted local news.

Rev. Dr. Jenny Whitcher

Rev. Dr. Jenny Whitcher is an ordained United Church of Christ minister, community organizer, theologian and co-founder of Juniper Formation UCC and the Colorado Clergy Alliance. Her work spans faith communities, higher education and civic life, with expertise in democratic culture, leadership, community organizing and social change. She previously held leadership and teaching roles at Iliff School of Theology and holds a Ph.D. in Religion and Theological Studies from Iliff and the University of Denver.

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