

## **El Paso County Candidate Survey 2018**

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Background Information:

Please, provide a brief summary of your background and qualifications for the office you are seeking. (200 words or less)

My time served at the Colorado State Legislature in the House and the Senate as a Legislative Aide gave me hands-on experience in crafting and implementing conservative policy. I have received training in policy and conservative activism from organizations like the Heritage Foundation and the Leadership Institute. I have staffed multiple campaigns including a recall election, was the state director for the Social Conservative Coalition for Mitt Romney, and was a Congressional candidate. My degree in International Relations is from Oral Roberts University and Master's is from Regent University in Global Politics. I have participated in several humanitarian efforts both locally and overseas, such as YWAM. Horses are one of my passions and I am blessed to work in the equestrian industry where I employ entrepreneurial skills and help horses in need. I also founded Liberty Bridge Stables, an organization that rehabilitates horses and teaches natural horsemanship. We will build a thriving charitable foundation that helps horses recover while supporting local businesses. I volunteer for animal rescues, various ministries, and am a life-long supporter of the Republican Party. I am the front-line conservative who has the real-world experience and political knowledge essential to lead and serve as the next Commissioner.

## Survey Questions:

1. Why do you want to serve in this elected position? (200 words or less)

Vote for me if you believe a commissioner is elected, not appointed, because my primary responsibility is to represent and serve citizens. El Paso is full of people who work hard, invest in their communities, and help ensure our exceptional quality of life. We need leaders who take great pride in our county and the people who live here. Local representation matters! We need an outspoken leader, strategic thinker, and someone who sees challenges as opportunities. We are all concerned about public safety, infrastructure, emergency response, and water—I am willing to step up and find solutions because this is our home and future. I represent hardworking Americans who love where they live; I do not work for the government or come from a political family. Honestly, citizens deserve better than the status quo. We cannot keep electing the same kind of Republicans in primaries and expect different results in government. The demographics in Colorado are changing rapidly and I am willing to carry the torch for liberty-minded citizens from all generations. We need new blood in the Republican Party and an active voter base of Independent conservatives or our state will be lost to a liberal agenda, period.

2. What is the most critical spending issue in El Paso County, and how would you address it? (200 words or less)

The county must prioritize infrastructure and public safety. We all want a thriving economy, responsible regional planning, wise use of water, quality infrastructure, and low taxes. The county must be proactive about coordinating with all aspects of government to ensure efficient use of resources. Citizens love where they live and want a commissioner who will respect our quality of life and pursue innovative solutions in the midst of change and growth. Great things are ahead for our county! Roads in our county, both rural and urban, must be prioritized in the county budget. We have many maintenance and improvement projects to fulfill and address new developments in queue. Smart infrastructure-planning means taking care of what you have and employing a coordinated effort to address both transportation and utilities needs county-wide. El Paso County can and should be the leader on regional transportation and water planning in the state. I unabashedly support our law enforcement and first responders. They must be given the support needed to serve and protect our growing communities, tackle issues like illegal marijuana grows, and have everything they need to respond to emergency situation, especially fire!

3. Will you pledge to the taxpayers that you will oppose and vote against any and all efforts to increase taxes? Please answer yes or no and explain. (200 words or less)

We have so much to be proud of in our county government as I have spent a great deal of time interviewing employees and taking tours of our departments. Many of our county employees work very hard to ensure quality services to citizens and pursue technological upgrades like

Citizen Connect. Our IT has created our own system to allow citizens to report in real time road conditions and service requests. We do a tremendous amount of work with the lowest taxes per citizen out of the top ten counties in Colorado. Citizens must always have the opportunity to be informed about and vote on proposed tax increases. I am committed to reevaluating our current budget expenditures and priorities, pursuing innovation and modernization to create efficiency. We must expand our public-private partnerships and cut red-tape to better serve citizens and cut costs. The Public Safety Sales Tax Pikes Peak Regional Transportation Authority Tax are sun-setting and will be asked to be reinstated for a defined period of time. Before I affirm a continuance, I will make sure the public is informed of past expenditures and projected needs to make sure this is the right financial decision for our county.

4. Do you support widening the I-25 gap to 4 lanes in each direction, without charging tolls and without raising taxes? Please, answer yes or no and explain. (200 words or less)

YES! I-25 should have been fixed years ago. The state legislature has the money and this topic is the perfect example of why we need a Republican Governor and a conservative majority in the House and Senate who will prioritize the economy and infrastructure over the social programs from the Left. County commissioners can and should be bold leaders when it comes to fighting for and defining our infrastructure priorities. We must never allow Denver bureaucrats to dictate how we use our TABOR refund money. I am fully committed to building relationship and solutions with commissioners in other counties, with state legislators, and flying to DC to be a voice for our state! El Paso County is the future of our state with Colorado Springs projected to out grow Denver. We need four lanes now!

5. Do you support TABOR as it is written? Please, answer yes or no and explain. (200 words or less)

Yes, TABOR has been a critical check for government spending and expansion. Counties can and should have the right to decide to keep refund money and spend on priorities in their county. Every decision to keep TABOR refund money must support wise use of resources, especially towards public safety and infrastructure. We need a commissioner who can build relationships with anyone and everyone who values liberty, a prosperous economy, and a peaceful civil society. I am a front-line conservative who has the policy knowledge and political experience essential to serve as the next Commissioner. I know the district, the people, and the policies we need to honor our conservative values of limited government, personal responsibility, and economic prosperity. I am ready to lead because I am ready to serve. Thank you for your support!