

The Pueblo Democrat **Kicker**

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UPCOMING MAIN EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Thursday, Oct. 10, 2019

**Pueblo Latino Democratic Forum (PLDF)
Meeting** - 5:30 p.m. – Dem HQ

Sunday, Oct. 13th

**Party-sponsored 2020 U. S. Senate
Candidates Forum** - 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
CSU-P Occhiato Student Center
(info: Dem HQ 546-2745)

Tuesday, Oct. 15th

**Pueblo County Democrats' Exec. Comm.
Meeting** – Dem HQ – 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 2nd

**Pueblo Latino Democratic Forum (PLDF)
Fundraiser – Dia de los Muertos**
5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. – Pueblo Union Depot
(See ad on page 6 for details)

Tuesday, November 5th

Coordinated Election Day 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Election Dept. – 583-6620 www.pueblovotes.com

Thursday, Nov. 7th

Jac-X-Pres Monthly Meeting
11:30 a.m. – Pueblo Union Depot

Monday, Nov. 11th - **Veterans Day**

Thursday, Nov. 14th

**Pueblo Latino Democratic Forum (PLDF)
Meeting** - 5:30 p.m. – Dem HQ

Tuesday, Nov. 19th

**Pueblo County Democrats' Exec. Comm.
Meeting** – Dem HQ – 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 28th - **Thanksgiving Day**

Thursday, Dec. 5th

Jac-X-Pres Christmas Luncheon
11:30 a.m. – Pueblo Union Depot

Thursday, Dec. 12th

Pueblo Democrats' Holiday Party
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Zaragoza Hall
\$20/person (Info: Dem HQ 546-2745)

Wednesday, Dec. 25th - **Christmas Day**

Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020 – **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

2020 Election Dates to Remember:

March 3rd – Presidential Primary
March 7th - Precinct Caucuses
June 30th – Primary (All Non-Pres. Primaries)
Nov. 3rd – General Election



CITY OF PUEBLO AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS 60 AND 70 BOARDS OF EDUCATION ELECTION



This off-numbered year's election is referred to as the "Coordinated Election." Although it doesn't always generate as much enthusiasm with the electorate as a general election year, it's very important to all of us, not only in the individual offices but in the ballot questions/issues to be voted on as well.

Take time to **KNOW THE CANDIDATES AND STUDY THE ISSUES**— most importantly, take time to **VOTE**.

This is an All Mail-In Ballot election, with the ballots expected to be mailed to voters on October 11th. Election day itself is Tuesday, November 5th.

City offices to be filled include: **One City Council Member At-Large; one City Council Member District #2; and one City Council Member District #4 (these three positions are for a 4-year term)**. Other positions to be voted on include: **Two Members of the Board of Water Works for 6-yr terms; One Member of the Board of Water Works for a 2-yr term; and one Civil Service Commissioner for a 6-yr. term**.

There are **three School District 60 Board of Education Members At-Large** to be voted on (4-yr. terms). School District 70 Board of Education cancelled their election since the incumbents of District 1 and 3 are unopposed, and there's no candidate for District 2.

There are several ballot issues/questions to be voted on depending on which ballot you receive (based on where you're registered to vote).

State Proposition CC (Statutory) - "Retain State Government Revenue"

State Proposition DD (Statutory) "Legalization and Taxing of Sports Betting to Fund Water Projects and Obligations"

County Ballot Issue 1A – Public Safety Improvement - To fund construction of a new county jail and treatment center.

County Ballot Issue 1B – Restructuring of retail marijuana taxes.

City-County Library District Ballot Issue 6B – To continue the library mill levy, at a slight decrease, to support the growth of the Library District.

Pueblo City School District 60 Bond Ballot Issue 4A – Funding for purpose of repairing, improving, constructing, equipping, and otherwise updating the 4 city high schools and other schools within the District as monitored by a Citizens' Bond Advisory Committee.

Pueblo County School District 70 Bond Ballot Issue 4B – Funding for constructing, renovating, and updating all District facilities by the additions of health, safety, and security improvements.

The **Colorado City Metropolitan District has one Ballot Issue – 6C**; and the **Pueblo West Metropolitan District has one Ballot Issue – 6A**.

Be informed and study the ballot issues.

At the August 20th Executive Committee meeting, **Breta Ross** was elected to fill the vacant Communications Director position.

PUEBLO DEMOCRATIC PARTY OFFICERS

Mary Beth Corsentino, Chair
Gary Thomas, 1st Vice-Chair
Kathy Javaneau, 2nd Vice-Chair
Mike Schuster, Treasurer
Tory Marquesen, Secretary
Breta Ross, Communications Director



CHAIR'S CORNER
By *Mary Beth Corsentino*



As of today, there are only 419 days until the 2020 election. There are 142 days until the Iowa Caucus and about 170 days until the Colorado Primary on March 3rd. Caucus Day is Saturday, March 7, 2020. We have a great deal to do in the meantime. So much hard work goes into making these things happen.

There is also an important election in 2019. Many fine Democrats have stepped up to run in municipal and school board elections. Please familiarize yourself with these candidates and their vision for Pueblo's future. These critical elections have an immediate and direct impact on our daily lives.

The Pueblo Democrats have had a very busy summer. Thank you to all who staffed the Pride Festival Booth, CSU-P Involvement Fair, Colorado State Fair Booth, Chile Festival, and all those who marched with us in the Pride, State Fair, and Fiesta Parades.

In the midst of all our usual activities, fringe groups wanted a do-over of the 2018 election. Instead of focusing on building candidates for 2020, they are disregarding Colorado voters by trying to undo the results. These groups failed in their attempt to recall Governor Polis and others; however, at this time they continue to mount an effort to recall Pueblo's own Senator Leroy Garcia. Recalling Senator Garcia makes absolutely no sense. We must not allow these self-interested extremists to undermine our democracy.

Colorado had at least a dozen highly qualified, talented candidates vying for the opportunity to take on Republican Cory Gardner – a race widely seen as the Democrats' most promising pick-up in the United States Senate. But, in late August the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee endorsed former governor John Hickenlooper. Many, including myself, found this offensive as well as unacceptable. It just wasn't right. Colorado voters need to make this decision.

I will continue to keep you informed as things develop. Thank you to those who **always** step up and do the hard work. You are the true Pueblo Democrat.

THE PUEBLO DEMOCRAT KICKER

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Pearl Chavez, Terry Hart, Paul Guerrero,
Pam DiFatta, Rosanna Padilla, Mildred Mattingly,
Cindy Jones, Al & Norma Becco,
Mary Beth Corsentino, Kathy & Erick Javaneau

**PERSONAL PROFILE PROVIDED
BY ERICK JAVANEAU**

Candidate for City Civil Service Commissioner

I am a candidate for City Civil Service Commissioner. I bring 27 years' experience as a Labor Law attorney. I represented the County of Los Angeles, Sheriff and Fire departments and Social Service departments in personnel-related administrative hearings as well as dealing in appeals. My background also includes being admitted to the 9th Federal Appellate District.

I'm a 1974 graduate of the University of Southern Colorado, now CSU-Pueblo. Since retiring from full-time law practice in 2018, I've served on several commissions and boards, including my current chairmanship of the Pueblo Community Corrections Board.

**OUR PUEBLO STATE
SENATOR
&
SENATE PRESIDENT
LEROY GARCIA
HAS WORKED HARD
FOR US
WE NEED TO STAND UP
FOR HIM!**



NOTE!



The Municipal and School Districts 60 and 70 Boards of Education positions in this "Coordinated Election" are non-partisan. However, there are Democrats running for the positions and a letter was sent to them providing an opportunity to place an ad or a short profile (or both) in the newsletter. The ads and the profiles throughout the newsletter are from those who responded to the letter but do not include all of the registered Democrats running for a particular office.

**Pueblo Democratic Party
Fundraising Events**



SAVE THE DATE

Denver Bronco Party- Sun., Oct. 6- 2 - 5pm, Dem Headquarters
\$10 donation

Pueblo Latino Democratic Forum - Dia de los Muertos Mariachi
Dinner Show, Sat., Nov. 2, 2019, Union Depot, 5pm Cocktails,
6pm Dinner and Show - \$30 each, \$50 couple

Pueblo Democrats Holiday Party - Thurs., Dec. 12, 2019, 6 - 9pm,
Zaragoza Hall, 1339 E. Routt Ave., Pueblo - \$20 per person includes
6 raffle tickets for prizes

2020 St. Patrick's Dinner - Sat. Mar. 14, 2020



PUEBLO YOUNG DEMOCRATS

By Jack McFadyen-Ray

To all the proud Democrats and leaders of our community, it is with tremendous excitement that yet again we are able to report on behalf of Pueblo Young Democrats.

First and foremost, it is with great glee that we are informing you, our supporters, that beginning at 5 p.m. on October 13th, the *Pueblo Young Democrats* will be hosting a Democrat Forum for the 2020 U.S. Senate candidates in the Occhiato Ballroom at Colorado State University–Pueblo. This will serve as a tremendous opportunity for not only the people of Pueblo but for the people of the Western Slope to engage in our democratic processes. Furthermore, the forum will not only allow Democratic candidates the opportunity to plead their cases to the people of rural Colorado, but more importantly will provide the opportunity for a future Senator of Colorado to hear and address the concerns of the people living within the Western Slope.

Additionally, we are as equally excited to announce that we are in the discovery processes of establishing a High School Dem organization. Politics plays a monumental role in everything we do as a society, and for this reason it is imperative that every individual and more importantly, the youth of our community, are well versed in its nature. By accomplishing this initiative, in which we have set out, we hope to provide an opportunity for those upon the cusp of adulthood to become more acquainted in the issues involving our community, the necessity of participating in the electoral process, and the need of electing Democratic representatives. Those who participate in this initiative will be the future leaders of our community, and being as such we aspire to not only prepare these individuals for when it is time for them to lead, but also engage them in the community helping to spread Democratic inclusive values that make our home a better place.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

In addition to other events mentioned throughout the newsletter, the Pueblo Dems participated in the August 28th *CSU-P Student Involvement and Employment Festival*. **Thank you to Tory Marquesen and Barb Clementi** for staffing our booth.



PUEBLO PRIDE, STATE FAIR, AND FIESTA PARADES

The Party participated in the *August 18th Pride Parade*, the *August 24th State Fair Parade*, and the *September 1st Fiesta Parade*. Party Chair **Mary Beth Corsentino** organized the three entries. **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped and/or participated. All three events were great!



**“Best wishes to all
Democrats”**



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District Attorney**



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STATE FAIR BOOTH

THANK YOU to Paul Guerrero who once again coordinated the staffing of the Democrats' booth at the Colorado State Fair August 23rd thru September 2nd.



This is a time consuming task and requires a lot of work to ensure its success. **Mary Beth Corsentino, Paul Guerrero, Pete Decker, and Rita Gonzales** did the booth set-up and take-down. A **special THANK YOU** to all the staffing volunteers which included: **Mary Beth, Paul, Rita, Dane Winberg, Tom Carrigan, Erick and Kathy Javaneau, Tory Marquesen, Cindy Jones, Jerry Graves, Jo Kay Cozzetto, Peg Hovet, Greta and Mike Chosich, Lucretia Robinson, Gil and Diana Ortiz, Ed Brown, Mike Schuster, Donna Munafu, Argerie Hoty, Carol Martin, Heather Maio, Tisha Mauro, Barb Clementi, Josie Minjarez, Norma and Al Becco, Lorna Megenity, Judy Martinez, Chris Nicoll, Josephine Gonzales-Gifford, Chris Wiseman, Jason Munoz, Troy A. Newman, Dennis Obdusky, Jeri Jensen, Lisa Bustamonte, Breta Ross.**



Donations to the Pueblo County Democratic Party can be made at: www.pueblodemocrats.com

Follow the prompts to make your donation. The newsletter can also be accessed at this website –click on “Latest News” tab.

THE PUEBLO LATINO DEMOCRATIC FORUM

By Jason Munoz, Chair



Now that Autumn has arrived, it's hard not to notice how fast time flies. We already have a municipal election coming up on November 5th that will determine the future of Pueblo's schools, library district, city, and county. I think you might agree that it's important we remember to educate ourselves and others on the issues and candidates we will be voting on because this is a very consequential election for Pueblo. **Let's get out the vote!**

There will be some fun to enjoy just three days before election day as the Pueblo Latino Democratic Forum will present our annual fundraiser in the theme of *Dia de los Muertos* – or, *Day of the Dead*. Our fundraising committee has been working hard preparing to bring you fun and entertainment on All Souls Day – Saturday, November 2nd, at the Historic Union Depot. I want to invite you to join us in this celebration of life, music, community, and love. Tickets are \$30 each or \$50 for a couple, and includes dinner, dancing, and entertainment. Hope to see you there!

Our next meeting is scheduled for October 10th at 5:30 p.m. at the Pueblo Dems' HQ at 602 W. 9th Street. All Democrats are welcome to attend as a guest, and annual membership fees are only \$20. Please join us!

CONGRATULATIONS



TO Leroy Lucero on being featured in the *Chieftain's* July 1st “Classic Pueblo” series for his long career as *President and CEO OF Crossroads' Turning Points*; **Carol Kuhns** on being honored with a parade in July by the *Pueblo County Fair* for her many decades of service to 4-H and Pueblo County youth programs; **Steve Cornetta** on his appointment in August as a member of the *city's Liquor and Beer Licensing Board*; **Joseph Perko** on his appointment in August as a member of the *city's Retail and Medical Marijuana Licensing Authority*; **Tori Ortiz** on her selection as the *Colorado State Fair Fiesta Queen's Court as First Attendant as well as Miss Congeniality*; and to **Kathleen Hearn Croshal** who began her one-year term in July as the *President of the Colorado Bar Association*.



Josephine Gonzales-Gifford

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Hello neighbor,

My name is Stephen Varela and I am running for Pueblo City Council at Large. As your candidate and future councilman, I feel it is important to share more with you about my background and interests. I am a Army combat veteran of eight years. I served four years in the active Army component and four in the Colorado Army National Guard (COARNG). My service included two deployments in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF). While serving in the COARNG I also attended Colorado State University-Pueblo (CSU-P) and graduated with my bachelors in Sociology with a minor in Chicano studies in 2013. Upon graduation I continued to serve by supporting my fellow veterans, service members and their families within the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) beginning in 2014. I also continued to pursue higher education at the University of Southern California and graduated with my Masters in Social Work (MSW) in 2016. I have continued my work at the VA taking on a bigger role in 2016 as the Union President of the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) local 2430 and I continue to serve in this role today. My wife and I are long-time residents of Southern Colorado and love calling Pueblo our home. I want to ensure that Pueblo remains a place where my children can and choose to stay and raise their families. With my leadership and educational background, I feel that I would be a valuable addition to the Pueblo City Council. I invite you to read more about my vision for Pueblo at www.vote4varela.com. Remember, new leadership brings new possibilities and together we can bring positive change to Pueblo. Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Stephen A. Varela MSW and the Vote4Varela Committee

Paid for By Stephen Varela for City Council At-Large



PUEBLO LATINO DEMOCRATIC FORUM

Día de los Muertos
Mariachi Dinner Show
Saturday,

November 2, 2019
Pueblo Union Depot

132 W. B Street
5:00 p.m. Cocktails
6:00 p.m. Dinner
Tickets \$30 each
or \$50 per couple

For tickets call:
(970) 439-0194



Erick Javaneau

Candidate

Civil Service Commissioner

Phone: (719) 470-2635 ErickforCSC@gmail.com

PERSONAL PROFILE PROVIDED BY MARGARET WRIGHT

Candidate for District 60 Board of Education

Dr. Margaret Wright is Qualified to Lead

PhD Educational Research & Policy Analysis minor curriculum & instruction

Master of School Administration

Chair Colorado Juvenile Parole Board

Leadership Pueblo 2016

El Pomar Emerging Leaders Development

Pueblo Small Business Owner-Educational Consultant

Colorado Registered Psychotherapist

Certified Addiction Counselor II (CAC II)

35+ years experience education-Principal, asst. principal, teacher, paraprofessional

It's Time to Make Decisions in the "Right" Direction!

PERSONAL PROFILE PROVIDED BY STEVE NAWROCKI

Candidate to Retain a Seat
on Pueblo Water Board

I am married to Angela Giron and we have two incredible daughters. I served 2 terms on City Council and was elected President 5 times by my peers. I presently serve on the Water Board and I am committed to preserving and growing Pueblo's water. My experience in city government is vital to ensuring the kind of partnerships you expect to control costs and address water issues.

PERSONAL PROFILE PROVIDED BY JOE LATINO

Candidate for City Council, District #2

I'm a Pueblo native. Graduated from Pueblo Catholic High School, B.A. College of Santa Fe, NM, M.A. Western New Mexico University, EDS University of Colorado-Boulder. Thirty years plus experience: teacher, coach, athletic director, principal, area superintendent. General Manager, Damon Runyon Sports Complex. Served on Rape Crisis Board of Directors, Concerned Citizens for Roselawn Cemetery, Faith Leaders in Action (FLIA), Executive Committee to Establish Strong Mayor for City of Pueblo, and Damon Runyon Baseball Sports Complex Board of Directors. Currently serve on Mayor Gradisar's Pueblo Food Project Committee. I am a founding member of the Pillars of Unity (a community advocacy group for Pueblo).



**✓ VOTE *STEVE*
NAWROCKI**

**LET'S KEEP HIM ON
PUEBLO'S
WATER BOARD**

✓ TRUSTED PUBLIC SERVANT

- 8 years service on City Council
- 40+ years non-profit executive leadership

✓ PROVEN LEADER

- Presently serving on Water Board
- 5 times elected President by Council peers
- 30+ years serving Pueblo's seniors

✓ VISION FOR THE FUTURE

- Preserving and growing Pueblo's water
- Expansion of Clear Creek & Pueblo Reservoirs
- Innovative Partnerships with City to address water issues

Paid for by Steve Nawrocki



“THIS IS WHAT AMERICA MEANS TO ME”

Editor’s Note: This is a reprint of an article by former *County Commissioner Matt J. Peulen* which was published in the *July 13, 2006 Pueblo Democrat Newsletter*.

Matt was first elected in 1998 and served two terms (8 years – 1999 through 2006). His story is as relevant and inspiring today as it was at the time he wrote it – we could say even more so considering today’s rhetoric of divisiveness and anti-immigrant sentiments and actions from the President.

With the *June 6th Commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of WW II’s D-Day* and the upcoming *Veterans Day* on November 11th, Matt’s story is worthy of re-sharing and serve as an inspiration to us all. He is now 89 years old and has given his permission to reprint the article.

Thank you for the opportunity to write in your newsletter. Giving a speech is only a statement by the speaker; telling a story gives credit to those who lived and wrote it. Writing this article is my way of sharing some of my experiences. I will share a story of many people and places.

I’m an American citizen and the road to this honorable title is not a story of myself but of heroes and common people who gave it all.

I’m also a County Commissioner and this honor I give: first of all to my family, who by their belief in me made me a candidate; to the citizens of Pueblo County who by giving me their vote made me an elected official; and most of all to the American soldiers during WW II, who by giving their lives, made me an American.

I love America. I love every concept the Statue of Liberty stands for, that individual liberty is held above the objectives of government; that as Washington and Jefferson said: “America imparts goodwill toward all and threatens no one; that this country is so big hearted and prosperous it can welcome people from all over the world, fleeing oppression or poverty.”

I love the Bill of Rights, the noblest document ever written to define the limits that government should obey. **I love the concepts of free speech**, absolute privacy, and religious freedom embodied in our traditions and Constitution. **I love the rule of law**, the right of accused persons to confront their accusers, the right to have an attorney, the right to remain silent, the right to refuse admission to government officials wanting to enter your home or office.

These are just some of the things that have made America unique in the history of the world. They are a direct cause of America’s prosperity, of our security, of what makes America attractive to so many would-be immigrants. As for myself, I’m an immigrant. I was born in Holland. I remember May 10, 1940, the start of WW II occupation, and 1942, the onset of the Jewish destruction. I remember D-Day and also the September 18, 1944 Liberation. The winter of 1945 started and advantage stopped, there were six months of living with the troops at the Heerlen Rest Center. I vividly remember the Margrate Cemetery and the grave digging, 17,000 today still 8,100. I saw what America was. Soldiers did not come to conquer, but to return something that was illegally seized. It was then that my plan for the future became clear – “Go to America and become a citizen!”

That chance came in 1950. Three hundred families, by special citation, were given the opportunity to become a citizen for their contribution given to the war effort. But I was drafted into the Dutch Army and after serving I worked in the coalmines. Finally in 1955 I was accepted. But I was stopped again: a single person must pay total cost of the trip. Pension bought off; on January 1957 I left Holland. I landed on Ellis Island and was told to go to Pueblo, via La Junta, not Denver! I found a job in the steel mill. It took me 5 years to become a citizen. In 1962, I took the Oath of Allegiance and my first action as a citizen was to register as a Democrat. I started to work in politics and social organizations, remembering always the cause of seniors, children, workers, and animals. From the past and the memory of GI Joes and their sacrifices by saying “thank you!” Every day close to a thousand veterans of WW II die. So we must keep history alive by remembering the sacrifices of all veterans. We must do it because the greatest glory of a freeborn people is to transmit that freedom to their children. We can do this by making education one of our highest priorities. Remember, we did not inherit this great country from our forefathers; we borrowed it from our children. We must tell them these seven issues as part of life:

Knowledge is yours – use it.
Racism is yours – end it.
Injustice is yours – correct it.
Hope is yours – affirm it.
The world is yours – save it and serve it.
Truth is yours – know it.
The dream is yours – claim it.

And if you think education is too expensive, try ignorance.

Many Americans do not know our own history very well or for that matter what makes us different than all other societies in the world. The reasons are both simple and complex. They lie in the founding of our nation, its ideals and “self-evident” way of life. They lie in tragedy and war when the nation forgets its differences and comes together. They lie in the very way we live our lives.

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“THIS IS WHAT AMERICA MEANS TO ME” continued from page 8

The tragic events of September 11, 2001, have touched us deeply. Indeed, they have changed us forever, but it also proved that we, as Americans, are at our best when we feel that we face the worst.

But regardless of the challenges ahead, and the world has many, “we will not deny; we will not ignore; and we will not pass along our problems to future generations.”

Today, a superb all-volunteer military proudly serves our nation and protects democracy worldwide. They stand up for the birthright of human freedom, a birthright that is theirs as Americans and for which some died; and that will be our children’s and ours. And through their efforts and example, one day, will be the birthright of every man, woman, and child on earth. Look deeply into the eyes of our younger veterans who fought in Panama, Grenada, Lebanon, the Persian Gulf, Kosevo, and those who now confront a faceless enemy in the war on terrorism.

You still find that desire, that which we hold dear – freedom. Today we urge our best and brightest young men and women to serve and defend our nation. We venerate patriotism, but find it somewhat irritating when they submit their expense vouchers. But our troops did not disappoint their nation when it needed their service. They, in turn, should not be disappointed in their times of need.

Supported and protected by these men and women in our service, we should never be afraid of those who envy and oppose us. Let us put peace and security also in the minds of our young people. They should never be afraid of “getting old, because there is nobody to take care of them.” And for our older citizens – “they should never be afraid of getting sick because they cannot afford it.”

Let’s for a moment think of all the people we have died, and made it possible for us to live in this wonderful land. I thank them from the bottom of my heart. But, I also pray that the greedy, who use this beautiful country to better themselves with total disregard to their good fortune for living in this country, somehow open their hearts and change their ways. They have it in their hands to make this an even better country than it already is. Put away your differences, work together for what is best for the country, not what is best for special interest groups. Politics should not divide this country; it should not be “them and us.” We hear the word “unite” spoken often in speeches, but seldom see it in actions.

Conservatives, liberals, independents are all words that split us apart. We all have families; we all love them. Put aside the greed and work for the good of all. After all, we are one people united under one philosophy – freedom and liberty.

This is what America means to me. This is why I love this country, and may God bless it.

**PERSONAL PROFILE PROVIDED
BY CARMEN QUENZER**

Candidate for District 60 School Board

I am a product of District 60 schools, a graduate of East High School and Colorado State University- Pueblo. District 60 schools and educators provided me with a strong foundation that led to my life-long love of learning and a successful career. I want that to be the legacy of D60 for all of Pueblo’s children. I am running for school board out of concern that D60 is not providing that same quality of education today. My twin grandchildren will be entering school in four years and I want them to have a quality education, and I want them to get that education in D60, because in every other way Pueblo is a great place to raise a family. I am running on a platform that includes: 1- Accountability; 2- Building Trust; 3- School Autonomy; and 4- Decrease reliance on testing. **ChangeYouCanTrust.com**

**PERSONAL PROFILE PROVIDED
BY LUCRETIA ROBINSON**

Candidate for City Council At-Large

Hello, my name is Lucretia Robinson (Robbie). I have been asked to share some things about me. I grew up in Pueblo, and my husband and I raised 3 children here in this community, and became grandparents of 9 grandchildren. I had the pleasure of graduating from Central High School and continued my education at PCC/USC for Communication and Criminal Justice. I retired after 27 years from the Colorado Dept. of Corrections (CDOC) and am presently the VP on the Community Corrections Board, Active Union member of the Colorado Wins/ AFL-CIO, and a Troop Leader Local 35152 for the Girl Scouts. I am running for City Council At-Large because I believe we must protect Pueblo’s image and our way of life. We must provide opportunities for prosperity for our working families and young men and women to build careers and their dreams to become successful. I believe that we must work together for real solutions that deliver real results. I believe Pueblo has a great amount of potential and with the right businesses here, Pueblo could be a great hub.

Joe Latino
“Time for Change”
City Council District 2

Committed to safety and security, I have a plan!
Promoting economical growth through local business first!

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Paid for by Citizens to Elect Joe Latino



Our appreciation, thoughts and prayers are with all Puebloans currently serving in the military, and with all emergency first responders.



Support our kids!
Support our Schools!!
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Pueblo County Executive Committee
Passed this Resolution on September 17, 2019
 "Be it Resolved: The Pueblo County Democratic Party has a policy of remaining neutral in Democratic primary elections. We oppose any outside organization using the word "Democrat" endorsing, supporting or financing candidates in Colorado Democratic primaries at any level. Such activities imply an endorsement by the Democratic Party and mislead voters. We reject the endorsement by the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee (DSCC) and demand that they and the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee (DCCC) immediately cease making future endorsements and financial support for candidates in Democratic primaries in Colorado and demand that they rescind any endorsements already given, or to cease using the word "Democratic" or "Democrat" in any form in their name."

CHILE & FRIJOLE FESTIVAL
 September 20th – 22nd
 Pueblo Democrats had a booth at the annual *Chile and Frijole Festival*. This event is labor intensive and a number of people answered the call to help. **THANK YOU** to Party Chair **Mary Beth Corsentino** for coordinating our participation and to all the volunteers who staffed the booth.

PRIDEFEST
 In addition to the Pueblo Democratic Party being a monetary sponsor of this year's *Southern Colorado Equality Alliance's PRIDE Fest* held at Mineral Palace Park on August 18th, volunteers staffed a booth: **THANK YOU** to **Susie Romero, Jason Munoz, Erick and Kathy Javaneau, Mary Beth Corsentino, Mike Schuster, Jo Kay Cozzetto, Peg Hovet, Paul Guerrero, Tori Marquesen.**

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

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