



## UPCOMING MAIN EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Saturday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>

### **Pueblo Latino Democratic Forum (PLDF)**

**Meeting** – 12:00 noon – Dem HQ

Tuesday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>

### **Pueblo County Democrats' Exec. Comm.**

**Meeting** – Dem HQ – 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>

### **Presidential Primary Election**

7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Election Dept. – 583-6620 [www.pueblovotes.com](http://www.pueblovotes.com)

Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>

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

Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>

### **Precinct Caucuses – 2:00 p.m.**

(see page 4 for list of caucus sites)

Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>

**Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner** Pueblo Union Depot

5:00 p.m. Cocktails – 6:00 p.m. Dinner

(see ad on page 5 for details)

Tuesday, Mar. 17<sup>th</sup>

### **Pueblo County Democrats' Exec. Comm.**

**Meeting** – Dem HQ – 5:30 p.m

Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>

**Pueblo County Democrats County Assembly**

**Pueblo County High School** Call to Order 12:00 noon

Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>

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

Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>

### **Most multi-county House, Senate & Cong'l**

### **District Assemblies & Conventions - Denver**

CO Convention Center - 700 14<sup>th</sup> St.

(State Party phone: 303-623-4762)

Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>

### **CO Democrats' Assembly/Convention - Denver**

CO Convention Center - 700 14<sup>th</sup> St.

At 5:00 p.m., the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Obama Dinner

Featuring Keynote Speaker

### **Congressman Hakeem Jeffries,**

Chair of the House Democratic Caucus

([www.coloradodems.org/2020-obama-dinner](http://www.coloradodems.org/2020-obama-dinner))

Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>

**Pueblo County Democrats' Exec. Comm.Meeting –**

Dem HQ – 5:30 p.m

## ARE YOU READY TO MAKE YOUR VOICE BE HEARD AND TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE???

It's become a cliché to say "this year's election is the most important of all." Seriously, though, when we put it in the context of saving our democracy what with all the turmoil in our country and the pressing need to put a Democratic President in the White House, hold the majority in the U. S. House of Representatives and flip the U. S. Senate, this year's election can **really** be considered as the most important in recent history.

The process begins with the **March 3<sup>rd</sup> Presidential Primary Election**. According to the CO Secretary of State's website, there are 17 Democratic candidates who are on our Primary ballot. These candidates are listed below in their ballot order (three of the candidates have withdrawn since the ballot was certified – Cory Booker, Marianne Williamson, and John Delaney). From the aforementioned website: "If a candidate submits a withdrawal form to our office [Secretary of State] after January 3, the candidate will have his/her name stricken through on the candidate list and the votes cast for the candidate will not be counted."

**Cory Booker, Pete Buttigieg, Tulsi Gabbard, Bernie Sanders, Elizabeth Warren, Amy Klobuchar, Roque "Rocky" De La Fuente III, Michael Bennet, Marianne Williamson, Deval Patrick, Michael R. Bloomberg, Robby Wells, Andrew Yang, Joseph R. Biden, Tom Steyer, Rita Krichevsky, John K. Delaney**

## VOTE

Following the Presidential Primary will be the March 7<sup>th</sup> precinct caucuses which begin at 2:00 p.m., then the March 28<sup>th</sup> County Assembly, April 18<sup>th</sup> State Assembly/Convention, June 30<sup>th</sup> Primary (all non-presidential primaries), July 13-16<sup>th</sup>, Democratic National Convention in Milwaukee, WI, and the **BIG ONE** – the November 3<sup>rd</sup> General Election.

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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## PUEBLO DEMOCRATIC PARTY OFFICERS

Mary Beth Corsentino, Chair  
Gary Thomas, 1st Vice-Chair  
Kathy Javaneau, 2nd Vice-Chair  
Mike Schuster, Treasurer  
Tory Marquesen, Secretary  
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### CHAIR'S CORNER By Mary Beth Corsentino

#### We can- and must- win this November

As I write this today, there is one thing I know for certain – Donald J. Trump has been impeached - forever.

Unfortunately, this alone does not guarantee his defeat.

We can – and must- win this November. We have been waiting and working for this since the end of 2016. It won't be easy. It will take energy, hard work, money and the right message. I recently read an online article by *Douglas E Schoen*, a former pollster for President Clinton, author, and Fox News Contributor, about what it will take to defeat the GOP. He states that there is a lot more to winning an election than health care and climate change. The Democrats need a message on inclusivity, education, job training, and the overall economy. They also need, as we had in the 1990s, a message on the federal budget and entitlements to demonstrate some degree of fiscal prudence and social compassion.

If the Democrats are to beat Trump in 2020, they need an overarching message that highlights the economy and recognizes the realities of the deficit, but also recognizes that the party has a historic commitment to providing a social safety net, protecting entitlements, and offering people a way to advance themselves. Democrats have begun the process of a campaign on preexisting conditions and protecting Obama Care, but that campaign, which largely focused on resisting and opposing the Trump administration, is only a start for the next election. Absent a **new centrist message** by the Democrats, the favorite for 2020 will remain the incumbent Donald Trump.

Your County Party has been working hard on the preparations for the Caucuses and County Assembly. Yes, there will be a caucus and county assembly in 2020 separate from the Presidential Primary. The **Presidential** Primary will be a mail ballot due to the County elections Department no later than 7:00 PM on March 3, 2020. Caucuses will be on Saturday, March 7 at 2:00 PM. At Caucuses, the nominating process will begin for US Senate, District Attorney, State House of Representatives, and County Commissioner Districts 1 and 2. Precinct Committee persons will also be elected and resolutions for our platform will be discussed. Persons wishing to apply to be an Election Judge will have the opportunity to do so. Our County Assembly will be March 28, 2020 at Pueblo County High School at noon. Primary Election Day will be on June 30, 2020. I know all too well how difficult it is when your candidate finishes in second place; however, I cannot stress enough how important it is to **unite** behind our successful Democrats.

**Onward to November 3rd and victory.**



### STATE PARTY CHAIR'S CORNER

*Morgan Carroll, Chair*

**Excerpts from January 6, 2020**

**"The Democratic Dispatch"**

I want to thank you for everything you did to make 2019 a successful year for Democrats. Following on the heels of historic wins in 2018 (best since 1936) and record voter turnout (66%), we were able to set and reach additional goals in 2019 ...

Yet, despite some great wins at the local level, our nation and world is in trouble. Trump has been impeached for Obstruction of Justice and Abuse of Power. Of course, that is just the tip of the iceberg for a President that has recklessly provoked Iran to war he has no plans for, has boasted about being a serial sexual predator, spearheaded systematic human rights violations against migrants at the border, withdrawn from two nuclear deals and rolled back critical climate measures at a time when we must aggressively move forward to save our planet and the people on it from irreversible damage over the next 12 years.

This President has openly curried favor with white supremacists, neo-nazis and other hate groups paving the way for an increase in hate crimes across America. We have lost any credibility abroad as a leader – on anything. And none of this would have been possible without Republicans in Congress enabling it. Mitch McConnell has proven to be an enthusiastic and obedient rubber stamp for Trump – right along with Colorado's Cory Gardner. Meanwhile, the Democratically-led US House, has passed over important 400 bills since winning the majority in 2018 but they will never see the light of day as long as the US Senate remains in Republican control.

Republicans have abandoned even their own values by ballooning the national debt to historic levels supporting increased and unchecked power of the Executive Branch, and cozying up to dictators abroad. They have embraced chaos and corruption at the expense of real human beings and our basic values and norms of human decency.

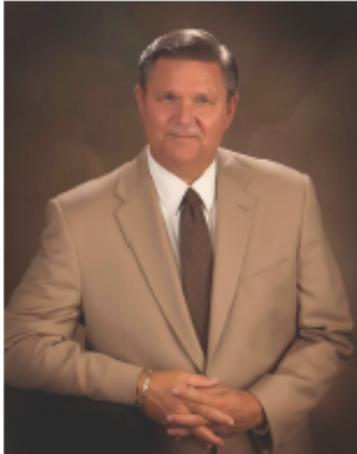
We have the power – and the responsibility – to make it better. In 2020, we need Colorado to deliver a decisive win for the Democratic candidate for President. We cannot flip the majority of the US Senate and replace Mitch McConnell unless we defeat Cory Gardner. Colorado needs to come through strong and blue for the sake of the nation and the planet and we are counting on your help to make that happen.

We also need to ensure critical progress can continue at the local level by returning Democratic majorities in the Colorado House and Senate, by electing progressive DAs in our Judicial Districts, flipping the majority of the Board of CU Regents (Ilana Spiegel CU Regent 6 helps do that), maintain the majority on the State Board of Education and continue to pick up county seats across Colorado.

So here is my ask of you – please make saving our Democracy a New Year's resolution – and we can do it together. Please volunteer or donate or both now to the Colorado Democratic Party. We are the one entity that can register voters, coordinate with all volunteers, and work with all candidates up and down the ballot to deliver a blue ticket in 2020.



# Thank you for your continued support!



**Jeff Chostner**  
District Attorney



**RE-ELECT**  
**November 3, 2020**

## COMBINED HOLIDAY PARTY AND CELEBRATION PARTY FOR STATE SENATOR LEROY GARCIA

*By Kathy Javaneau, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair*

Pueblo Democrats had a lot to celebrate in December. On December 12<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated the failure of the attempt to recall **Senator Leroy Garcia** plus our annual holiday party and fundraiser. Joining us for the celebration was **Colorado Attorney General Phil Weiser**.

Job well done by the Fundraising Committee, especially **Mike Schuster**, for another fun and successful fundraiser and celebration for Senator Garcia. Special thanks to the **McCulley** family for use of the Zaragoza Hall.



## JAC-X-PRES DEMOCRATIC CLUB

By Mike Schuster, Chair

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at the Pueblo Union Depot. We're working on putting together an exciting line of speakers for this election year. We're starting out with Diane Mitsch Bush who's running for Congress for our February meeting and for March, we've contacted James Jacino who is also running for Congress. We want people to attend so they can ask questions of the candidates directly.

Please encourage our fellow Democrats to participate in the local political process and feel free to give us any ideas and issues that affect our community, state, and nation.

## 2019 ELECTION VICTORIES

**Congratulations** to the candidates in the 2019 "Coordinated Election" on their successes: **Larry Atencio** on his re-election to City Council District 2; **Ray Aguilera** on his re-election to City Council District 4; **Mike Cafasso** on his re-election to the Board of Water works; **Erick Javaneau** on his election to the City Civil Service Commission; **Barb Clementi** on her re-election to the District 60 Board of Education; **Tommy Farrell** on his election to the District 60 Board of Education; **Margaret Wright** on her election to the District 60 Board of Education; **Tony Montoya** was re-elected to the District 70 Board of Education but recently submitted his resignation; **Fredrick Quintana** was appointed in December to fill a separate open position on the District 70 Board of Education.



# TISHA MAURO

For

## Pueblo County Commissioner

If elected, I will roll up my sleeves to work for you because I want to:

-  Create better, higher paying **jobs** for our families
-  Enhance our **schools** by expanding scholarships
-  Continue improving our **roads** and highways
-  Protect natural resources like our precious **water**.

**MAURO FOR A BETTER TOMORROW**

### COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

Community activities in which the Pueblo Democratic Party has participated include:



- Purchased a table for the *Southern Colorado Labor's* September 21<sup>st</sup> dinner.
- Made a donation for the *NAACP* dinner on October 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Made a donation to support the *Firefighters' Museum Building Fund*.
- Made a donation for the *Steel City Supporters Community Holiday Dinner*
- Made a donation to the *Pueblo's Poverty Project*
- Made a donation to *Posada*
- Made a donation to the *Pueblo Human Relations Commission*
- Made a donation to the *Pueblo Heritage Museum*



**QUOTATION FROM DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**  
(January 15, 1929 – April 4, 1968)  
*2020 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebrated*  
on January 20th

"Nothing in the world is more dangerous than a sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity."



### PRECINCT CAUCUS SITES

For several months, Party Chair **Mary Beth Corsentino** has worked on confirming the Democrats' *Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>* caucus locations (caucuses begin at 2:00 p.m.) for our 128 precincts, and has provided the following list. They've been condensed to eight sites.

Precincts **1, 2, 3, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 33, 34, 35, 44** – Centennial High School – 2525 Mountview Dr.

Precincts **4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 45, 46, 113** – Heaton Middle School – 6 Adair Road

Precincts **36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75** – Corwin International – 1500 Lakeview Ave.

Precincts **55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 401** - South High School – 1801 Hollywood Dr.

Precincts **101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112** – Pueblo County High School – 35<sup>th</sup> Lane and Hwy 50 E

Precincts **201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220** – Sky-view Middle School – 1047 S. Camino De Bravo – Pueblo West

Precincts **301, 302, 303, 304** – Craver Middle School – 4850 Crow Cutoff Rd.

Precincts **402, 403** – Beulah Community Center - 5927 Pennsylvania Ave.

"Good leaders take a little more share of the blame, a little less share of the credit."

### CORRECTION



In the October 2019 edition, under "*Community Participation*," the following names of volunteers who staffed our Party's booth at the *August 28<sup>th</sup> CSU-P Student Involvement and Employment Festival* were inadvertently omitted: **Erick and Kathy Javaneau, Mike Schuster, Stephen Varela.**

### THE PUEBLO DEMOCRAT KICKER

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Please Join Pueblo Democrats at their annual

**St. Patrick's Day Awards Dinner & Fundraiser**

**When:** Saturday -- March 14, 2020  
5 p.m. Drinks -- 6 p.m. Dinner  
**Where:** Pueblo Union Depot  
132 West 'B' Street, 81003  
**Cost:** \$55 each -- \$550 for a table of 10  
**Tickets:** telephone -- 970-439-0194  
www.pueblodemocrats.com

**Free Green Beer**

**Guest Speaker: Phil Weiser  
Colorado Attorney General**



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**CONGRATULATIONS**



**TO Shanna Farmer** on being named the new president and CEO of the *United Way of Pueblo County* in September; **Patricia L. Marrero, Armando "Chief" Trujillo, George Autobee, Rudy Sandoval, and John Nava** on being honored in October by the *Pueblo Latino Veterans Profiles in Courage Committee* for their service to our country; **Stacy Cristelli** on being recognized for her work in obtaining the statewide *Succeeds Prize Award* in September for the *Partnership between Pueblo County High School District 70 and Parkview Medical Center known as School to Employment Program (STEM)*; **Leroy Mora** on his election in September to the *Board of the Rocky Mountain Chapter of FBI National Academy Associates*; State Senator **Leroy Garcia** on receiving the *2019 Colorado EMS Legislative Champion Award* from the Emergency Medical Services Association of Colorado, and on his receipt of the *2019 Legislative Champion Award* from the physicians of the Colorado Medical Society; **Ida Rhodes** on her appointment by the Governor in October to serve on the state's *Early Childhood Leadership Commission*.

**TO Ray Aguilera, Jeff Chostner, Rudy Krasovec, Tom Clementi** on their induction into the *Pueblo Columbus Day Hall of Fame* in October; **Charlene Garcia Simms, Cynthia Ramu, Dawn DiPrince, Elizabeth Aragon Blanton, Rita Martinez, Alfie Salazar** on being featured in the traveling exhibition entitled "*Corn Mothers: Inspiring Women of the Southwest*"; **Steven Trujillo** on being featured in the *Pueblo Chieftain's* November 12th "Focus on Education" page about being named a *CSU-Pueblo 2019 Distinguished Young Alumni's awardee*; **State Representative Daneya Esgar** on her selection in November as *Chair of the Legislature's Joint Budget Committee*, as well as being selected to serve as *Vice-Chair of the Appropriations Committee*; **State Senator Leroy Garcia** on being selected in November to serve on the *El Pomar Foundation's Southeast Regional Council*.

**TO Mary Lou and Ray Martinez** on being featured in the *Pueblo Chieftain's* November 25th "*Pueblo's Quiet Stars*" page for their volunteer work with the Colorado State Fair's Fiesta Day Committee; **Taylor Voss** on being selected in December to serve as *President of the District 60 Board of Education*, and **Margaret Wright** on her selection to serve as *Vice-President of the Board*; **Gregory Styduhar** on his appointment by the Governor in December to serve as a *10th Judicial District Court Judge*; **Ray Aguilera**, founder of the *Pueblo Poverty Foundation*, on a successful *2019 Bessemer Christmas celebration* for students; City Councilman **Dennis Flores** on his selection in January as *City Council President*, and **Larry Atencio** on his selection as *Council Vice-President*; **Ken Lane, Brittany Campbell, Gary Trujillo, Todd Mihelich, and Matthew Trujillo** on their appointments in December to serve on the newly formed *District 60 Bond Oversight Committee*, and **Ken** on being selected in January to serve as the *Chair of the Committee*, and **Matt's** selection as the Committee's *Vice-Chair*.

**AND TO Al Becco and Mercedes Granillo** on their induction in February into the *2020 CF&I Hall of Fame* by the *Steelworks Center of the West*.



# ABEL TAPIA FOR PUEBLO COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 2



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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

2020 has finally arrived, and election season is upon us. The same is true for the Pueblo Latino Democratic Forum (PLDF) as we prepare to conduct our annual internal executive committee elections on **Saturday, February 15th** at 12 o'clock noon in the Pueblo County Democratic Headquarters. While I look forward to seeing what the PLDF will do next, I'm confident that the organization will continue to advance the mission, set and achieve goals, and grow.

After some reflection on my tenure as Chair, I have some things to say before we move forward. First and foremost I want to thank all of our members, and those who have supported our efforts in one way or another. It means the world to me that so many of you have gone out of your way to help us out, because I know how important your time is, and you could be spending it any way you please.

I also want to express my heartfelt gratitude for the chance to lead the PLDF in the first place. Big thanks to Judy Martinez for placing my name into nomination. Thanks to John Valdez and Eve Muniz for keeping the *Forum* going before I was even a member. Thank you to Kathy Javaneau for all you've done, for putting up with me, and believing so passionately in our mission. To Mary 'Susie' Romero, Josie Minjarez, and Carla Garcia for all of your efforts on all of our events and your support in general - Muchas gracias! Congratulations to Erik Javaneau on your recent election to the Civil Service Commission, and thank you for always giving me your opinion... even when I didn't ask for it. Thank you to former office holders Janet Wallis Altman, Charelle Jaramillo, John Butkovich, Aaron Gutierrez, Garrison Ortiz, Abel Tapia, and Brandon Martinez for all of your contributions to the PLDF.

I hope to remain active with the PLDF this year, and into the future. For now, I look forward to supporting new leadership as we continue to seek progress in areas of social, economic, and educational opportunities for the latino community. Membership is open to all registered Democrats, so I encourage you to join us on February 15th as a new member, a curious individual, or just a neighbor interested in helping in your own special way.

Be well.

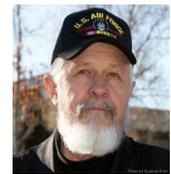
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**THANK-YOU TO BINGO VOLUNTEERS**

It's been a tradition to recognize the people who have helped during the year to make the Pueblo Democrats' Friday night bingo games successful. The proceeds from the bingo games have enabled us to have our headquarters building.

**THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING VOLUNTEERS FOR YOUR HELP IN 2019—YOUR SUPPORT IS APPRECIATED!**

Vicki Caduff, Frank Beltran, Donna Munafo, Dave Kins, Deric Stowell, Del Olivas, Joyce Olivas, June Lepitz, Gary Thomas, Troy Newman, Judy Martinez, Linda Biondolillo, Rita Gonzales, Kathy Bacino, Elaine Baker, Breta Ross, Pam DiFatta, Monika Olsen, Lorna Megenity, Liza Bustamonte, Mike Schuster, Ed Brown, Erick Javaneau, Don Smith, Mike Orazem, Mary Beth Corsentino

**THANK YOU ALSO TO THE DEMOCRATS WHO SUPPORT THIS PROJECT BY PLAYING BINGO. MORE VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED – Contact Gary Thomas at [gary-d-thomas@att.net](mailto:gary-d-thomas@att.net) or Mike Orazem at 564-2377.**

**Carlos R. Lopez**



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Hello! My name is Carlos R. Lopez and I am proud to be a candidate for Colorado State Senate District #35. I was raised in Colorado my entire life. I attended School District #1 in Trinidad, started my college career at Trinidad State Junior College and finished my undergrad degree at the University of Northern Colorado. I am running because I am concerned that the State Government too often ignores the voices of Southern and Rural Colorado and I want to make sure that your views and rights are voiced loud and clear at the State Capitol.

The Colorado economy is booming but too often the needs of Rural and Southern Colorado are ignored. I want to make sure that the advantages of our economy are shared by all Coloradans and the needs and concerns of Rural and Southern Colorado are addressed. Agriculture is our life blood and our heritage. I want to make sure that we can help prepare families for the future so they can continue to work their lands and not be bullied by big government and developers in Denver. We also need expanded educational opportunities within our district so that people can get a high quality education while staying close to home. Expanding educational opportunity will create a workforce ready for the future and bring companies to the area as well as unleash peoples' entrepreneurial spirit to create new businesses and new jobs here at home. Lastly, I want to help create healthy communities with more healthcare resources flowing into our district to attract healthcare professionals as well as new healthcare facilities.

I have been a member of the Trinidad City Council for the past four years and we have had some great successes including reinvigorated economic growth, a new state park and a new youth center. I was a member of the Executive Board of the Colorado Municipal League. I am currently a board member of the Arkansas River Power Authority, Human Services Advisor Board with Trinidad State Junior College and am the Founder and Chair of the Youth Club of Trinidad, Inc.

Sign up to receive emails about the campaign and check back for updates!



**IN MEMORY**

Of Democrat Activists  
We Lost in the Past Year



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|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Geno Tresso             | Seferino Rael, Jr.         |
| Frank Pantleo           | Peter V. Nolan             |
| Robert Lloyd Strader    | Leo Lucero                 |
| Robert A. Rodriguez     | Marie Blatnick             |
| Anthony De Luca         | Kevin McCarthy             |
| Frank J. Perez          | Connie Roberts             |
| John Elmer Purkey       | Katherine M. Valdez        |
| Nora Gomez              | Gene "Buzz" Allen Rahl     |
| Richard C. Blatnick     | Lucille R. Manguso         |
| John C. "Corky" Musso   | Bernard "Pete" T. Robinson |
| Roy M. Fausnaugh        | Emma O. "Molly" Jagger     |
| Tom Meyers              | Bob Laventure              |
| Rose A. Zupancic        | Bernabe "Bernie" Torres    |
| Catherine (Knuth) Ames  | Josephine C. Pantello      |
| Charles Michael Massara | Allyn G. Middelkamp, Sr.   |
| Mary Romero             | Sam Ingo                   |
| Anna Lee Gentile        | Rebecca LeFebre Peralta    |
| Nancy Billings Gerlock  | Frank John Zerfas          |

They each contributed in their respective way  
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***PUEBLO DEMOCRATS,  
BE SURE TO VOTE!***

**UPDATED:**

**Democratic U.S. Senate Candidates**



(read from left, listed by alphabetical order) Diana Bray, Lorena Garcia, David Goldfischer, John Hickenlooper, Critter Milton, Andrew Romanoff, Stephany Rose Spaulding, Erik Underwood, Michelle Ferrigno Warren, Trish Zornio.

*FROM THE STATE PARTY'S  
"The Democratic Dispatch"  
January 24, 2020*

**It's Time to  
Rock the Caucus!**



**Every Coloradan Deserves:**

- ✓ A Sustainable Planet
- ✓ Affordable Healthcare
- ✓ Affordable Housing
- ✓ Equitable Education
- ✓ Quality Job Opportunities
- ✓ Safe Communities

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- ☺ Healthy Democracy
- ☺ Medicare For All
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- Owned horses, gathered cattle, trail riding, grazing impact studies, natural resource management



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## 2020 VISION:

- VOTER ACTIVATION
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**UNDER THE DOME**

*By Bri Buentello, State Representative HD-47*

In the first 2 weeks here at the capitol this session, I introduced The Future Educator Pathways Grant Program bill. This bill is the first step to addressing the teacher shortage we have in Colorado, and particularly in our rural schools. I also introduced a Special Education bill Concerning Education Requirements for Educators. This bill helps to protect equal access to Colorado's strong public education. Another bipartisan bill I am sponsoring is Colorado Youth Advisory Council Membership. This bill opens up seats for two Native American tribes to send representatives to the youth advisory council.

In the Senate, two bills I am sponsoring were introduced at the same time. They are part of a package aimed to address the ongoing opioid crisis affecting communities across the state. One bill will narrow in on opioid treatment while the other in opioid recovery. The first bill, SB20-007, will address opioid treatment by expanding access to services so those who need help can get the support they need. The second bill, SB20-028, will focus on opioid recovery by helping those in recovery from relapsing and instead help integrate them back into our community.

All that is to say, it's been a busy start to session. I look forward to being back in Southern Colorado with my family for the weekend. There is a lot more to come in the next few months, and I am excited for what we can accomplish for Colorado.

Later this month or early march, I will be having town halls in La Junta, Pueblo, Pueblo West, and Penrose. Check out my [Facebook page](#) for more information about the locations and times! Stop by to say hello and let me know what your priorities are this upcoming year!

If you would like more information regarding any of the bills here at the General Assembly or what I have been working on, feel free to reach out to my office. For more information regarding my bills, you can also visit the [general assembly website](#).

**UNDER THE DOME**

*By Daneya Esgar, State Representative HD-46*

With the second session of the 72nd General Assembly underway, I am excited to be getting back to work representing Southern Colorado. Last year, I was proud to be a part of our incredible success in expanding affordability and access to healthcare, improving our funding for education and transportation, and enhancing protections from discrimination against some of our most vulnerable populations.

Though we made significant progress addressing critical issues for our state, our work is not done. This session, I am excited to be spearheading several important bills that will improve the lives of hard-working Southern Coloradans.

In Pueblo County, the state employs one in eight people, representing the city's largest workforce. It is unacceptable that our state employees do not yet have the right to collectively bargain for higher wages, better working conditions, and improved benefits.

As a granddaughter of Pueblo steelworkers, I am thrilled to be sponsoring the Colorado Partnership for Quality Jobs and Services Act again. This bill, which will enable our state employees to enter into collective bargaining agreements, has received support from lawmakers in both chambers of the legislature and from Governor Polis. I am proud to call Pueblo "Union Town", and it is time that we give our state workers the right to advocate for the best interests of themselves and their families.

In my role as Chair of the Joint Budget Committee, I will be overseeing the budget process in our state. Colorado is one of the few states that constitutionally mandates a balanced legislature-driven budget, and I am honored to be working with my five colleagues on the committee to ensure that our state's tax revenue is being put to its best possible use. I am also working to tackle inequities in our school funding formula, boost funding for state parks, and improve transportation infrastructure along the front range.

As we enter into a new decade, this year is a critical juncture for both our state and for our country. I am privileged to be working alongside incredible colleagues on both sides of the aisle. If you have any input on how I can continue to fight for Pueblo, I encourage you to reach out to me at [daneya.esgar.house@state.co.us](mailto:daneya.esgar.house@state.co.us) or call my office at (719) 248-8262.

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**UNDER THE DOME**

*By Donald E. Valdez, State Representative HD-62*

I am excited to be a part of the Seventy-second General Assembly and look forward to a productive session with my fellow legislators. Below, I have outlined my legislative priorities for this session. I have worked in a bipartisan manner and will continue to do so this session, as well as use my voice to represent southern Colorado.

High-quality education is critical to the success of our communities and our nation. Our students, teachers, and schools must be provided with the knowledge and tools to succeed. Three key areas include proper funding for PK-12 schools, access to affordable higher education for all students, and school safety measures. We know that college is not for everyone, but we must ensure that students have options, including access to vocational and trade schools. Education is the key to accessing opportunities; without a quality education, many Coloradans will not progress in their own desired goals.

Colorado needs a transportation system that benefits every part of the state. Investing in the infrastructure of our roads and bridges, along with broadband access for rural communities in the state is critical to this area.

We need to build an economy that works for all and guarantee that everyone across the state can benefit from a strong economy. All too often, we see Coloradans who cannot keep up with the rising cost of living, particularly as wages remain stagnant. Ensuring the workforce receives fair compensation and providing professional development opportunities will help the workforce qualify for higher paying jobs in their field.

Instead of rolling back environmental protections, we need to protect our clean air and water and protect the Colorado way of life by preserving our natural environment. Let us make sure that future generations can enjoy everything our beautiful state has to offer. We also need to protect our soils and recognize that without healthy soils, we will not have a healthy food system.

Colorado needs an affordable healthcare system that works for everyone. We need to address the skyrocketing costs of prescription drugs, increase access to mental health resources, and make sure rural Coloradans can access the care they need.

It is valuable that we educate others to register to vote, and vote in every election, including the Presidential Primary on Tuesday, March 3rd.

I ask for your support and vote for re-election for State Representative House District 62.



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