



MESSAGE FROM MARSHA

IMPORTANT COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

November 18, 2008

It is an honor to be re-elected by the citizens of House District 19(HD19) for a second term in the Colorado House of Representatives. HD19 is home to approximately 65,000 citizens in El Paso County and spans from Pueblo-to-Lincoln-to-Elbert Counties and is central to some of the state's most abundant underground water, wind and solar resources.

Several of the most important issues to our district are; water, jobs, military benefits, livestock, agriculture, energy and transportation. As your State House Representative it is important that we have a seat on committees responsible for policies in these areas. It is a privilege to announce that I have been selected for a third year to sit on the powerful Agriculture, Livestock and Natural Resources Committee(water, oil, gas, forest service, Colorado Parks, DOW, State Land) and the progressive Transportation and Energy Committee.

Water is essential for any and all communities, and over the past two years I have sponsored and co-sponsored numerous water bills important to our district, county and state. Together, we will continue to work with stakeholders on common sense solutions for conservation, water quality, quantity and storage.

Energy independence in any affordable form is important to the citizens of HD19 and we are doing our part, exploration for natural gas is currently in place in the Calhan and Rush areas of HD19. Eastern El Paso County is home to substantial, sustainable and reliable wind and solar resources. Working with property owners, energy companies and the Local & State Economic Development Commissions we will begin promoting our energy resources. Energy development in Eastern El Paso County has the potential of bringing jobs, dividends for the property owners and energy to the citizens of Colorado.

Our transportation issues include inadequate roads and bridges on Highway 24, Highway 85-87 and Colorado 16. We continue to stress the importance of well-maintained roads and bridges for commerce, safety and the transportation for our citizens and I will be sponsoring legislation to address these issues.

In order to frame the importance of common-sense economic development, water, transportation and energy solutions we must have a seat on these committees. Now, we have a voice and vote on the Transportation and Energy Committee as well as the powerful Agriculture, Livestock and Natural Resource Committee. The First Regular Session of the Sixty Seventh General Assembly session begins early January 2009 and continues until early May, 2009 for all Colorado House and Senate Members. You and your families are invited to join me and other policy makers for a historic day in the Colorado House of Representatives. Contact me at 238-5600 or marshalooper@gmail.com to reserve your day at the Colorado House of Representatives!

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and your family,

Marsha Looper

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