



## MESSAGE FROM MARSHA

**YOUR VOTE IS YOUR VOICE!**

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Many citizens of House District 19 believe this year's election is the most important election of the century and Colorado may have the distinct honor to decide the next President of the United States. In order for us to vote within the safe and secure borders of our nation it is important to recognize the sacrifices of the men and women of uniform past and present. If for no other reason than to thank those who bravely fought, and continue to fight for our safety, security, freedoms and liberties we should not waste this opportunity to make history!

In 1876, Colorado was one of the most important swing states of the U.S. presidential race. At that time, Ulysses Grant ( R ) was the president, Republicans controlled the Congress and Rutherford Hays ( R ) and Samuel Tilden ( D ) were neck and neck for the presidency. Rutherford Hays won the election by **ONE** electoral vote.\* He remained President of the United States from 1877 – 1881. During his presidency women lawyers were permitted to argue cases before the Supreme Court, Thomas Edison invented the incandescent light\*\* and the U.S. Calvary was involved in the Apache Wars, Black Hills War, and Nez Perce War. \*\*\*

As we all know, history repeats itself and 132 years later we find ourselves in the same situation. A very close presidential race that again may be decided by **ONE** Colorado voter! If we review the 2006 General Election Information for House District 19 we see there were 41,214 registered voters, however only 17,719 citizens voted! Less than 43% of the registered voters exercised their right to vote in 2006. Colorado is positioned to turn out record number of voters for this election. It would be monumental for our county, state and the nation if **EVERY** registered voter of House District 19 voted in this year's election.

Your voice is too **important** to be silent! From the Oval Office to City Hall, your elected officials establish policy that affects every part of our life. From the education of our children, to the food we eat and the water we drink, the candidates you elect will be your voice on issues important to you and your family. Now, more than ever you deserve the most committed, experienced and passionate policy makers available. This is your opportunity to be part of history; your vote may be the deciding vote for the state and possibly our nation. Please join many of your fellow citizens in this historic presidential election and vote today! If you need transportation to a polling place please do not hesitate to call me at 238-5600.

If there are any questions concerning the upcoming election please contact your County Clerk & Records office at 719-575-8683. Please visit [www.gomarsh.org](http://www.gomarsh.org) for additional information regarding the ballot initiatives, previous columns and the "blue book". Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and your family!

Respectfully,

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