



MESSAGE FROM MARSHA

DEMOCRACY AT WORK

On August 22, 2009, one of the largest town hall meetings for Security and Widefield began with overviews by State Senator Keith King, El Paso Commissioner Dennis Hisey, El Paso Commissioner Sallie Clark, Fire Chief Ski Stambaugh, State Board of Education Member Peggy Littleton and myself. It was great to see Fountain Councilwoman Lois Landgraf, Former Senator Mary Ellen Epps, Former El Paso County Assessor Ted Shonts and many other citizens and business owners interested in their local and state government.

I am grateful to *everyone* for taking the time to discuss issues important to them, their families and our community. Concerns ranged from the education of our children about drugs and internet predators; environmental questions related to the proposed LaFarge gravel pit; extension of unemployment benefits; a unsustainable proposed federal health care plan; governmental responsibilities for our seniors & veterans and the economic direction of El Paso County and the State of Colorado.

Over the next few months I will be commenting on many of the issues discussed. Government through their elected officials should provide laws for the preservation of the public, peace, health and safety of their citizens with the ***necessary and transparent oversight*** to ensure that one individual, class of people, organization or industry does not profit at the expense of another. Government does not have the solutions for many of the economic conditions of our State, it is the people we look to for solutions! The people, combined with their entrepreneurial spirit, hard work and achievements have the answers and the power to transform our current challenging, economic conditions into prosperity for the future.

I am committed to communicating and working together with the citizens of HD19 on these and many issues. Please continue to follow up with your *home-town newspapers* for upcoming events and policy changes that affect you and your family! Thank you for the opportunity to serve!

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