



MESSAGE FROM MARSHA

Colorado's Primary Elections

This week absentee ballots for Colorado's Primary election will begin to arrive in mailboxes throughout the county. The primary election on August 10th allows citizens the right to select the candidate of their party affiliation for the general election on November 2nd. This *vetting out process* for the Republican, Democratic and Libertarian Parties will deliver their candidates to the voters for the general election.

My personal favorite is the absentee ballot. The ballot is delivered to our front door in a timely manner which allows us the opportunity to study the candidates in depth before voting. Enjoying the flexibility to vote in our own homes offers us privacy, convenience and the opportunity to educate our children and grandchildren in the importance of our constitutional rights and a representative government.

We are very fortunate that many churches and schools voluntarily open their doors to the voters in their local geographic areas. Even though it takes additional time to travel to the polling place to vote, many people still enjoy the tradition, nostalgia and comfort knowing their vote has been cast and deposited into the secure and private ballot box.

Whether your choice for Colorado's U.S. Senate is Jane Norton or Ken Buck on the Republican ticket, or Michael Bennet or Andrew Romanoff on the Democratic ticket, your vote for your party's candidate is extremely important. This is your opportunity to decide which candidate best reflects and represents your principles and values.

Our county, state and nation have challenging times ahead and now more than ever we need political leaders that represent and serve their districts, state and nation with honesty, commitment and fiscal constraint. Please take the time to embrace and participate in our nation's form of representative government and join me and others by voting for your favorite candidates in the upcoming primary election. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and your family in the Colorado House of Representatives.

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