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GUIDE TO COLORADO'S 2010 BALLOT MEASURES

Citizens Project believes that your vote is your voice. That's why, for the last 17 years, we have published voter guides for every local election containing information about local candidates and ballot measures. With the help of community collaborators, organizations, and hundreds of supporters and readers like you, we present this guide to help you form your decisions and make your voice heard at the ballot box and beyond.

STATE ISSUES

C=Constitutional S=Statutory

Amendment P (C) – would amend the Colorado Constitution to transfer gaming oversight authority from the Department of State to the Department of Revenue.

Amendment Q (C) – would amend the Colorado Constitution to create a process for temporarily moving the seat of government in case of emergency.

Amendment R (C) – would amend the Colorado Constitution to exempt individuals and businesses that use government-owned property for private purposes from property tax when the market value of the benefit is less than \$6,000.

Amendment 60 (C) – would phase in a \$1.5 billion reduction in school district property taxes, repeal voter-approved measures that currently allow local governments to retain property tax revenues above TABOR limits, and require the state to fund the resulting deficits. Citizens Project opposes this measure because the drastic reductions in the state budget would reduce overall quality of life and disproportionately impact low-income communities and communities of color.

Amendment 61 (C) – would prohibit all new state government borrowing and most new local government borrowing and limit the amount and length of time of local government borrowing. Citizens Project opposes this measure because the inability of governments to borrow to fund critical projects would reduce overall quality of life and disproportionately impact low-income communities and communities of color.

Amendment 62 (C) – would define the term “person” in the Colorado Constitution as every human being from the beginning of “biological development.” Citizens Project opposes Amendment 62 because it is an extreme measure with dangerous implications and imposes a religious belief through government.

Amendment 63 (C) – would add health care choice as a constitutional right and prohibit the state from requiring participation in public or private health plans and from restricting direct payment for health services.

Proposition 101 (S) – would reduce the state income tax rate over time from 4.63% to 3.5%, slash vehicle taxes and fees, eliminate most telecommunications taxes and fees and require voter approval to create or increase vehicle and telecommunications taxes and fees. Citizens Project opposes this measure because the drastic reductions in the state budget would reduce overall quality of life and disproportionately impact low-income communities and communities of color.

Proposition 102 (S) – would limit pretrial services for repeat or first-time violent offenders.

LOCAL ISSUES

El Paso County Question 1A – would ban medical

marijuana dispensaries, centers, and manufacturing and growing operations in El Paso County beginning in September 2011.

El Paso County Question 1B – would extend El Paso County District Attorney term limits from two 4-year terms to three 4-year terms, for a total of twelve years.

El Paso County Question 1C – would extend El Paso County Commissioner term limits from two 4-year terms to three 4-year terms, for a total of twelve years.

El Paso County Question 1D – would extend El Paso County elected official term limits from two 4-year terms to three 4-year terms, for a total of twelve years.

Colorado Springs Question 2B – would allow city government to keep \$600,000 in excess of local TABOR limits and allocate that money to improve roads and bridges.

Colorado Springs Question 2C – would allocate up to 15% of the existing .01% trails, open space and parks (TOPS) tax to maintain city trails, parks and open spaces for two years.

Colorado Springs Question 300 – would replace Colorado Springs' existing City Manager form of government with a Council-Mayor form of government and increase the responsibility and authority of the mayor while eliminating the position of City Manager.





Sources include the Colorado Legislature Council's Blue Book, the Bell Policy Center, and the Colorado League of Women Voters.

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Candidate Questions

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 - d. Abortion should be illegal in all circumstances.

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1. I am running and have served over the past 6 years to reduce the size and scope of government in our lives. As we have entered the 21st century, government has gotten too big, too expensive and too intrusive in our every day lives. I will support initiatives that encourage

2. To begin with, the state of Colorado does NOT really create jobs, it is the private sector that does. If the Federal and State governments would not be passing so many rules, regulations and detrimental legislation, the private sector could employ and create thousands of new jobs. In the most

3. The State of Colorado should truly enforce the laws on our books. We should demand that employers use the E-Verify system to screen for illegal's. We should enforce penalties against those who are indeed employing illegal's. Law enforcement officials should be encouraged to work more closely with I.C.E. as well.

4. I would put consumers more in control of their own healthcare expenditures. I would support state and federal tax credits to citizens for their health care premiums. I think health insurance should be deductible for citizens, as it is for businesses. I would also support legislation to EXPAND the use of HSA's

5. Yes, but parents should have the ability to "opt" out for their children sake, if the parents so choose.

6. Those decisions should be made at the local school district level, or at the post-secondary level. In my house district, as I have walked and spoken with my constituents, this subject has very rarely come up.

7. I would have to see the particular points of the legislation first to be able to fully comment on this. I would listen from both sides and would be happy to hear all points of view.

8. Not at this time. Legislation of this sort will only be harmful to job creation and businesses.

9. I believe that abortion should only be legal in cases of rape, incest, or the life of the mother is at risk.

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1. I want to be a voice for Colorado students in this time of education reform and budget constraints. In tough economic times I want to see that the Legislature does no harm to working families and those in need in Colorado.

2. If I had that answer, everyone who wanted one would have a job here that paid a living wage. Many of these jobs have been outsourced to other countries. This is a national problem that needs to be addressed in order to keep our workforce employed and our economy strong.

3. Current laws need to be enforced by appropriate agencies. If employers don't hire illegal immigrants, it will not be attractive to enter our country illegally. Local law enforcement agencies do not have the resources to add new immigration enforcement to their duties.

4. I want all Coloradans to have access to excellent healthcare. The new federal healthcare legislation is confusing. I want an analysis of how individuals and businesses in Colorado can comply and access the care. I want to ensure we have a sufficient number of healthcare providers to meet our needs.

5. Yes. Colorado law require these elements if the subject is taught. Districts should not be required to teach the subject, but I think it is in the best interest of students to offer such courses and parents may opt their children out of such instruction if they have objections.

6. All education providers need to guarantee the safety of every student and staff member. Effective anti-bullying programs should be instituted. Education early on about understanding people's differences is key. No violation of access or human rights should be tolerated.

7. I would oppose such legislation. Any form of legalized discrimination has no place in federal or state law. Overturning Amendment 2 showed that a "desire to harm a politically unpopular group" was wrong and I believe that the legislation mentioned would be challenged as well.

8. Yes.

9. Answer B.

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1. As a longtime small-business owner and HD18 resident, jobs and economy are top priority. Over-regulation and tax policy changes have put all Coloradans at financial risk and placed additional burdens on seniors. Common sense growth policies, support for community health and getting our fair share dollars will help maintain services.

2. We must foster a business friendly environment that encourages job growth by getting government out of the way to include revising and eliminating burdensome laws that stifle businesses. I will work with local organizations that assist minority and women owned businesses to address regressive policies and help working families.

3. First with compassion, while also supporting existing Federal laws to address border control, illegal immigration, prosecution and deportation of criminals. I oppose last year's Legislative proposal that legal residents of Colorado should be required to pay higher tuition at state colleges than illegal immigrants at the expense of resident taxpayers.

4. A free-market policy for healthcare is needed including the ability to buy/pool insurance across state lines which would reduce costs for individuals and businesses. We must continue to support our community health care system participants (Peak Vista , SET, etc.) and preserve the safety net for those most in need.

5. These educational issues should be determined by local jurisdictions with support for our current school policies requiring parental involvement. Parents should take responsibility in helping their children make sensible decisions regarding their health and well being and be permitted to decide on how their children are educated in these areas.

6. I believe first that local control and an understanding of community needs are the key to a quality and open educational system. No one should be discriminated against, as all citizens should be able to equally access educational opportunities.

7. Secular businesses should not be able to discriminate on the basis of individual religious beliefs. Churches should be able to make employment decisions as provided by Federal law.

8. I oppose discrimination in the workplace. Colorado law provides for job reinstatement, back pay and benefits for anyone who is discriminated against on *any* protected basis—including age, sex, race, religion, national origin, *and* sexual orientation. State law remedies should be the same for each type of discrimination.

9. b. I do not believe in taxpayer funded abortions or abortions after the 1st trimester. More efficient adoption laws, support for improved adoption outreach efforts and a focus on educational and emotional assistance is key to providing alternatives to abortion.

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1. Having lived in Colorado Springs for 35 years, I want to help make it a community where our children and grandchildren will have opportunities for good jobs, education and recreation in an environment that is sustainable, diverse and prosperous. My priorities are the economy, jobs, education, infrastructure, and restorative justice.

2. To revive our economy, I propose a statewide economic development plan promoting Colorado as an attractive, business friendly, low tax state. The plan should continue our renewable energy and green economy initiatives, include appropriate incentives, "Buy Colorado" requirements, "economic gardening" and home weatherization loans to help the construction industry.

3. Colorado passed significant legislation to address the issue of illegal immigration in 2006. We should enforce our existing laws and hold employers accountable. Since immigration is a federal responsibility, we need our national leaders to undertake comprehensive national reform. The states should not have to enforce federal law.

4. State insurance exchanges can make healthcare affordable, available and comprehensive by increasing competition in the insurance marketplace. I support mandated coverage, incentives for taking personal responsibility for our health, preventative care and successful outcomes, expanded roles for alternative/complementary providers like nurse practitioners and midwives, and loan forgiveness to attract doctors.

5. Yes, but I would include a parent option to opt out. Although it is a parent's responsibility to teach morals, schools have a responsibility to provide factual information to promote behavior that is in the community's best interests.

6. Our schools should be places where all students can feel safe and learn in an environment that is welcoming and open. To do so, schools should adopt and enforce policies promoting non-discrimination, tolerance and acceptance and enforce anti-bullying and anti-harassment rules through restorative justice practices.

7. Oppose. Individuals' exercise of personal choice and religious freedom in their private associations should not be subjected to governmental interference. However, individuals, businesses or groups dealing with the public should not be permitted to engage in discrimination.

8. I would support monetary damages for willful and intentional discrimination and harassment following advisement and an opportunity to remedy illegal practices. Remedies to compensate victims of illegal acts serve to deter such misconduct. Without adequate deterrence, in the form of monetary penalties, there is less motivation to comply.

9. B.



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1. Access to healthcare and doctor prescribed medication, funding for education, restructuring TABOR to eliminate the ratchet down effect of a poor economy on the retention of revenue by the state and get the access to water for Colorado Springs and El Paso Country through the SDS or some other transfer system

2. I believe that education is the driving force behind financial opportunity so I believe that the state should insure access and funding for education, vocational training and continuing educational opportunities.

3. Colorado should facilitate the access for immigrants to go through the process of obtaining citizenship.

4. CHILD FIRST, children and mothers should have guaranteed access to free or low cost healthcare based on their income bracket. Substantial tort reform to lower the financial risk to a medical provider to lower the premiums for insurance to both the provider and the patient. Insurance overhauls to limit the costs

5. Yes

6. The state should enforce standard policies regarding bullying and abuse towards any student, for any reason. The policies should be clearly written to allow for all students to come forward without fearing for repercussions due to the report of abuse.

7. I would oppose any legislation that would allow for one group to discriminate against another group. But I would also not support any legislation that would force a business to violate their corporate standards and principles.

8. Yes within reasonable limits.

9. B, I fully believe in a woman's right to choose but I believe that there should be some reasonable restrictions, such as parental notification in the case of a minor trying to access an abortion.

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1. I am running to move Colorado in a direction where basic freedoms are protected and everyone, even our most vulnerable, have access to the services they need like such as school, health care,

transportation and that those services are of a quality we can be proud of as a state.

2. It will a long road to universal prosperity for Colorado working families given the state of our country's economy, but taking steps to end discrimination in income-draining categories such as healthcare would be a start. Additionally, we have started by providing funding for structurally deficient bridges to create jobs.

3. Immigration laws are a Federal issue. Any attempts to address the issue in the state should uphold the basic human rights of immigrant workers while working to enforce existing law.

4. My vision is that no one in Colorado should get sicker while waiting for a doctor. In my view, we should refocus our state away from pure profit and low taxes and focus instead on humanity. It starts with controlling costs; the all-payor database was an important first step.

5. A medically-accurate, comprehensive approach would be more effective in addressing the risks of sexual activity in juveniles and I support it fully.

6. Our students' safety is our number one concern. I sponsored SB 001 that created the school safety resource center in the Department of Public Safety to study best practices and serve as a clearinghouse for information so that each school is not required to reinvent the safety wheel.

7. I would oppose any such legislation. No one's sexual preference should a basis for exclusion from any job. However, the Supreme Court has issued several rulings which clarify when freedom of association in private organizations crosses the line into discrimination. Legal precedents must be followed in accordance with federal law.

8. Yes and I have supported it in the past.

9. A.

1. Why are you running and, if elected, what will be your priorities?

2. What are the most pressing issues facing El Paso County and how will you address them?

3. How should El Paso County make necessary budget cuts while simultaneously addressing the increased need for services due to the recession, including services provided through the El Paso County Health Department and the Department of Health and Human Services?

4. What should the Board of County Commissioners do to ensure adequate water supply for future growth in El Paso County?

5. Is it appropriate for County Commissioners to endorse resolutions that advance religious beliefs on social issues?

6. As county commissioner, what would you do to ensure a balance between promoting job growth and sustainable development in El Paso County?

7. What services, if any, should El Paso County provide to homeless families and individuals?

8. Some people in this community believe that merging the City of Colorado Springs and El Paso County would eliminate inefficiencies and create economies of scale. Please tell us where you stand on this issue and why.



1. I have a duty to serve my community
Priorities:

- Implementing a strategic plan to provide core services
- Regional approach to water management
- Recognition that we play a vital role in this nation's homeland security
- Protection of our rights afforded under the constitution

- Developing and implementing policies to address illegal immigration

2. • Adoption of a regional approach to secure, manage and control water

- Implementing a strategic plan focused on:
 - The use of taxpayer dollars is a privilege and not a right
- Clear identification of appropriate taxpayer funded core services
- Consolidation of similar services with other governmental agencies
- Promotion of privatization and partnership

3. • Implement the strategic plan identified in question two
- Explore partnership and consolidation opportunities with other municipalities to address the critical unfunded capital public health, safety, facilities and administrative needs
 - Expand the use of co-located services within existing facilities to improve customer service

4. • Take a greater leadership role in water management
Lead in the adoption of a regional approach to secure, manage and control the necessary water supply to maintain our quality of life
- Promote community conservation efforts to mitigate demand needs
 - Ensure that land use decisions are based on adequate water supply

5. I support the separation of church and state. However, this question is very vague and without a specific example of a past, present or proposed resolution, I cannot properly address this question.

6. I would place a greater emphasis on working with our business community to reform policies and regulations that negatively impact our ability to recruit and retain quality jobs and impede small business development. My focus will also be on aligning our economic objectives with our ability to provide core services.

7. El Paso County should collaborate with organizations dedicated to helping homeless families and individuals transition to a state of self-sufficiency. The County should also focus on programs designed to promote personal responsibility, job placement/retraining, wellness opportunities/initiatives and drug and mental health treatment services.

8. I support the consolidation of similar services throughout the County for the express purpose of eliminating inefficiencies and creating economies of scale. However, the County's geographic size and the unique characteristics of its other municipalities and towns, don't justify a total consolidation of the two entities at this time.



Candidate Questions

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1. El Paso County is broken and I can fix this problem through traditional fiscal restraint and positive control of County Leadership and Management.
a. Primary issues include the Budget deficit, Public Safety, and Human Services
b. Secondary issues include water sustainment, transportation, commercial and personal property intensification without long-term planning

2. Our budget deficit, Control spending, Implement Budgeting for Outcomes (Focus on positive results, value, and priorities) Improve our public safety, Reduce emergency response times, advance education, certification, and capability Human Services, The link to Human Services is strategically and tactically connected to the state of the economy and economic development.

3. The proposed 2010 budget by the Finance Department was balanced, once adopted; it had a \$10M deficit. One point of economic theorem is that government is charged with controlling the economy through spending. Beyond essential and fundamental government services costs, spending on the county level must go towards job creation/tourism.

4. The Pikes Peak Regional Water authority is working together and producing enormous results for its customers. The BoCC shall promote and preserve the first-class efforts of the water boards as they advance infinite renewable water resources. Collaborating will guarantee the future of sustainment and further development for years to come.

5. Mingling the affairs of a body of government with religious beliefs in the community will create friction between citizens. The liberty of our citizens will erode if we allow government to guide and evolve religious beliefs. Endorsing common moral principles of the community will strengthen Traditional and Family social issues.

6. Larger portions of C2B and B2B tax revenue should find its way to the Economic Development Council, Cities, and County to fix and maintain Quality of Life. Community Life quotient is a major factor in a district's QoL, evidenced by the neglect in the past of the Pike Peaks region.

7. Push for greater support of Homeward Pikes Peak and the Comprehensive Homeless Assistance Providers organization to house all the citizens of the Pikes Peak Region. Create a vision reflecting the great opportunity given to us, replace the community standard for homelessness and transform the impoverished to dynamic and productive citizens.

8. Some processes have the potential to be shared between El Paso County and the Cities; however, most of the economic zones are too diverse to become consolidated organizations on a temporary or long basis. The only foreseeable reason to consolidate is to support the economic decline of a city center.



1. I love being a public servant and presenting creative and innovative solutions. I am a leader who thinks outside the box, collects data and reviews research before making a decision. Citizens are crying out for their elected officials to be accountable, responsible and trustworthy. I live this way every day.

2. Prioritizing the budget! We face the inevitability of decreased taxes due to the 2 year 'look-back' formula. We must avoid major cutbacks in public safety, services and roads. Shrinking government without reducing core services will be the challenge. Second: Revising the land use code to make it more 'user friendly'.

3. I believe that public private partnerships and faith institutions should be the main contributors. Since the County does provide for these services via local, state and federal dollars, it's imperative that the control for the services remain with the county. Government that's closest to the people is most effective.

4. We have very high water quality and will continue to with innovative water assurance methods. When analyzing new development, we must ensure sustainability not only for individual projects, but cumulatively and with an approach which includes conservation for our future. I'll work closely with our legislators to protect our interests.

5. The Board deals on a daily basis with issues which are typically not partisan or social type of issues. The Commissioners spend the majority of time on land use issues including roads, drainage, signage, etc. Budget allocation and spending considerations are priorities. I'm unaware of the Board making frivolous resolutions.

6. Responsible growth that allows for personal property rights to be protected, means that growth will have to pay a significant share of its own way. We have choices: new building or existing, build where the infrastructure is already in place, or pay more to be in a new area.

7. First, let me say that I strongly believe that it's not the responsibility of the government to provide these services. With the current economy, we will only see the need for these services increase. I believe that the faith institutions and other public private partnerships should be the main contributors.

8. Even if this were legally possible, how would we determine the name of our city/county? We have 7 municipalities in El Paso County. I will advocate for more intergovernmental agreements with the municipalities and more work to be contracted out for services that serve the county and municipalities.

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1. I want to continue serving the people and I have the experience and energy to be effective. We must restore trust in leadership. Governments exist to help individuals solve community problems. Locally, distrust exists because government appears to work primarily for the benefit of some—not for the whole community.

2. Jobs and economic development are the most pressing problems. Through coordination and the creation of partnerships with other governmental entities, businesses, and community groups, we can shine the light on decision making, attract new, environmentally friendly businesses and promote job training programs for our citizens.

3. We can't leave public services at the top of the list of cuts, but no departments should be treated as "sacred cows." We need to change the priorities of the commission and refocus on the needs of our citizens.

4. All new development must provide for adequate water supplies. No more waivers. We can be more creative about enforcing requirements for proof of water, mandate conservation, and manage storm water drainage. We need cooperative, regional solutions that guarantee adequate water, but do not promote wasteful practices.

5. No.

6. Especially in El Paso County Commission District 5, reinvestment, redevelopment and rejuvenation creates an automatic balance with sustainable development. Creating incentives for developers to come back to the heart of our city reduces the need and cost of extending utilities and infrastructure. That helps both the city and the county.

7. We must keep the safety net intact by providing: health and nutritional services for pregnant mothers and children; child care, food assistance and Medicare; TANF services, Aid to the Needy Disabled, Feed the Children. Partner with the city and community organizations to find housing and work for the homeless.

8. Consolidating the city and county requires a state constitutional amendment—difficult and controversial. Merged or not, the city and county can and must collaborate and cooperate much more effectively. We need to take a regional approach to parks and recreation, water issues, safety, health services, and providing for the underprivileged.



Candidate Questions

CLERK AND RECORDER

1. *Why are you running and, if elected, what will be your priorities?*

2. *What will you do to encourage voter participation among young people and ensure they receive accurate information about their voting rights?*

3. *How will you make sure that polling places are fully accessible?*

4. *What steps will you take to ensure that elections are conducted fairly?*

5. *Is there any conflict of interest for the Clerk and Recorder, as the county's chief election officer, to serve in the leadership of a political party? Why or why not?*

6. *Do you support making it easier for citizens to register and vote by allowing same-day voter registration? Why or why not?*

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1. I am running because the Clerk's office is where I can offer the best service to the community. My priorities will equally be to ensure that elections are fair and honest, to improve the level of service provided, and to reduce the cost of running the office.

2. I will send legally accurate information to all secondary and post-secondary schools, for posting and distribution among the student body. I will broadcast public service announcements on the radio, improve the quality of the Clerk's website, and use social media to reach voters and those eligible to vote.

3. I will ensure that all polling places, and the voting equipment in them, fully comply with the law. Not only must the building be accessible to all, we will make sure that adequate parking is provided convenient to the polling place, with clear directions to the voting area.

4. I will always follow Colorado law and the best practices used by other counties. The integrity and competence of my elections officials will be assured, and I will use experienced and well-trained election judges. I will welcome oversight by citizen's groups to audit and suggest improvements to our process.

5. Yes. The Clerk must not advocate for any candidate or issue on the ballot, because doing so casts doubt on the integrity of the election. Party officials at any level are expected to help their party's candidates win. I will hold no party position while I am Clerk.

6. I support same-day voter registration once all counties have secure technology available to validate that registration. The voter registration window should be reduced to the minimum time necessary to allow voter registration to be validated. We should not be required to wait 30 days before exercising our Constitutional rights.

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Candidate Questions

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1. To ensure fair, honest, and open elections, accurate and transparent processes, quick and efficient customer service experience, and easily

accessible information (both in person and online). To provide accurate information to the public in all four service areas—elections, recording, motor vehicle, and Board records.

2. I was actively involved in local government as a high school student and I want to make that same opportunity available to young people today. I will work with high schools and colleges to encourage voter registration and student election judges. I will oppose Democrat efforts to disenfranchise the military.

3. Our elections staff will continue to visit, document, and photograph all polling places as required by current HAVA and Secretary of State requirements to make sure every polling place is accessible. I will make sure that all polling places are accessible as required by law.

4. I will continue to fight for election reform requiring proof of citizenship for registration and proof of identification to vote. I will work with law enforcement to prosecute fraudulent voters and instances of voter intimidation. I will reject Democrat Party attempts to block signature verification of mail in ballots.

5. As the former Republican Party Chairman, I know that the time demands of that position—particularly at election time—are not compatible with the time demands of the office of the Clerk. As Clerk, my primary focus at election time must be to ensure elections are run impartially, accurately and fairly.

6. No. I will oppose attempts to weaken our right to vote. Because same day registration carries a significantly increased risk of fraud, it would weaken the right to vote that each of us enjoys as citizens.

1. Why are you running and, if elected, what will be your priorities?

2. What will you do to encourage voter participation among young people and ensure they receive accurate information about their voting rights?

3. How will you make sure that polling places are fully accessible?

4. What steps will you take to ensure that elections are conducted fairly?

5. Is there any conflict of interest for the Clerk and Recorder, as the county's chief election officer, to serve in the leadership of a political party? Why or why not?

6. Do you support making it easier for citizens to register and vote by allowing same-day voter registration? Why or why not?

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