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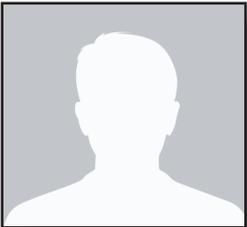
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2016 June Primary Election

State Senate District 12

Quick Info

REPUBLICAN



Gordon Klingenschmitt

Candidate did not respond.



Bob Gardner

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Education: B.S.; J.D.; LL.M.

Occupation: Attorney / Small Businessman

DEMOCRAT

There are no democrats in this race.



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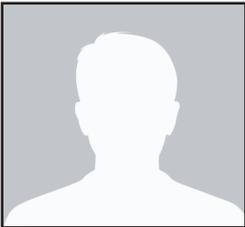
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1. *What are your qualifications for this position? (150 words)*

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Bob Gardner

Colorado House-2007-2014; Chair, House Judiciary Committee-2011-2012; Served on House Appropriations Committee, Local Government Committee, and Committee on Legal Services; Commissioner, National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (2011-Present) Attorney, Sole Practice and small business person for over 25 years; LtCol USAF, Ret.; Founder, Cheyenne Mountain Charter Academy; Board Member, Parents Challenge; Board Member, Easter Seals of Colorado; Recognized by over a dozen conservative and small business groups as legislative leader on property rights, tort reform, small business, veterans issues, rights of crime victims, and service for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Education: B.S., US Air Force Academy; J.D., University of Texas School of Law; Masters of Law; Masters of Law, George Washington University.

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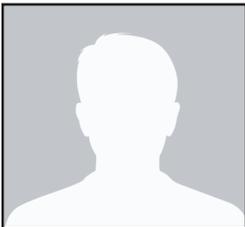
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2. *What are the two most pressing issues facing your district and how will you address them? (150 words)*

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Bob Gardner

The two most pressing issues facing Senate Dist. 12 are economy and jobs and transportation infrastructure. First, we need to ensure that Colorado has the best climate possible for job creation and growth. This is done through limiting regulation and controlling taxation and the amount of economy controlled by government. It is important that Amendment 69 (single payer healthcare) be defeated as it is already discouraging new businesses from coming to Colorado. Also, citizens continue to express frustration with the transportation infrastructure (roads and bridges). I will work to fund additional lanes on I-25 from Colorado Springs to Denver. An additional issue that will ensure a vibrant economy for the future growth will be impossible. As I did in the Colorado House, I will champion these issues for Colorado's future.

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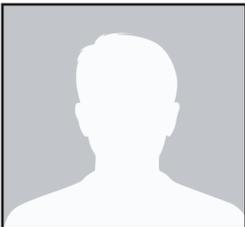
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3. *What should be the State's budget priorities and how will you fund those priorities? (100 words)*

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Bob Gardner

The State's budget priorities should be public safety, K-12 and higher education, transportation and water infrastructure. These can only be funded if we get control of the Medicaid budget which is now 30-40% of the State's general fund. Colorado must get control of its Medicaid budget through comprehensive Medicaid reform including such things as Statewide waiver from the federal program and block grant of the funding to be managed by the State. This will require cooperation from both sides of the aisle and the Governor's office, but the alternative is to see all other essential services squeezed out by Medicaid.

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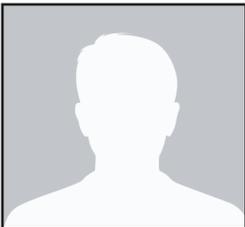
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4. For the past two years the state legislature has considered, but not adopted, legislation that purports to address religious freedom. Do you support this type of legislation - why or why not? (100 words)

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Candidate did not respond.



Bob Gardner

I support legislation protecting our First Amendment religious freedom in Colorado to the same extent that it is protected by the federal government. The federal standard has been the law at the federal level since it was signed by President Clinton. It prevents government from imposing a burden on religious freedom unless the government can show that the burden is necessary to further a compelling government interest and that the burden is the least restrictive way to accomplish the government's objective. We should have uniformity of protection of religious liberty between the federal and State government.

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Candidates for the following races were invited to participate in the survey and did not respond:

State House 16: Janak Joshi (R), Larry Liston (R)
State House 21: Lois Landgraf (R), Steve Elisha (R)