



***How did your State Representatives
and Senators vote on bills that impact
equity, inclusion, and justice?***

Citizens Project monitors and takes positions on legislation that impacts equity, inclusion, and justice. In 2020, Citizens Project took positions on 19 bills in the Colorado General Assembly. This report card identifies how each State Legislator from El Paso County voted on those bills. The full report, listing all 19 bills and how to [find your representatives](#) and bill sponsors, can be found at citizensproject.org

2020
Legislator Report Card
El Paso County Delegation

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Senator



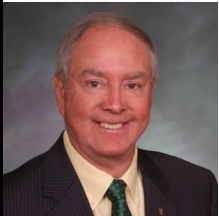
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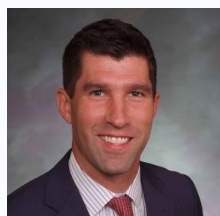
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**El Paso County
Delegation to
the Colorado
General
Assembly**

Separation of Church and State

Live and Let Live Act

House Bill 20-1033

Would create government protections for religious beliefs or moral convictions for people, religious organizations, and private associations to refuse service or discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity. Would allow public and private businesses to refuse service to LGBTQ people based on the owner's religious belief or moral conviction.

Citizens Project: Strongly Opposed

El Paso County Sponsors: Geitner, Sandridge, Williams

OUTCOME: Postponed indefinitely in House Committee on State, Veterans, and Military Affairs

***EL PASO COUNTY DELEGATION VOTES:**

With Citizens Project– none

Against Citizens Project– Williams



OPPOSED

Separation of Church and State, cont.

Born Alive Child Physician Relationship

House Bill 20-1068

The bill establishes a physician-patient relationship between a physician and a child born alive (alive being defined as pulsation of umbilical cord or heart or any movement of voluntary muscles). The bill requires the physician to preserve the life of the fetus, regardless of the viability of life in the given situation. Doctors would be faced with criminal liability for performing legal abortion, as the bill creates a civil penalty of \$100,000 for a violation enforceable by the attorney general, makes a violation a class 3 felony, and makes a conviction of unprofessional conduct for licensing purposes.

Citizens Project: Strongly Opposed

El Paso County Sponsors: Sandridge

OUTCOME: Postponed indefinitely in House Committee on State, Veterans, and Military Affairs

***EL PASO COUNTY DELEGATION VOTES:**

With Citizens Project– none

Against Citizens Project– Sandridge, Williams



Separation of Church and State, cont.

Fundamental Family Rights in Colorado

House Bill 20-1063

The bill defines parental rights as the right to direct the upbringing, education, and care of a parent's child according to individual beliefs, seeking to remove government from parenting. This bill could impact the ability of LGBT youth to leave or be removed from abusive or non-affirming homes.

Citizens Project: **Opposed**

El Paso County Sponsors: Geitner

OUTCOME: Postponed indefinitely in House Committee on State, Veterans, and Military Affairs

***EL PASO COUNTY DELEGATION VOTES:**

With Citizens Project- none

Against Citizens Project- Williams



OPPOSED

LGBTQ+

Protect Minors from Mutilation and Sterilization

House Bill 20-1114

This would make it a class 3 felony for a health care professional to treat a minor if the provider administers, dispenses, or prescribes a drug or hormone or orders or performs a surgical procedure related to gender affirmation treatment for a minor. A health care professional who is convicted of gender affirmation treatment of a minor would be subject to professional disciplinary action.

Citizens Project: Strongly Opposed

El Paso County Sponsors: Sandridge, Geitner, Liston, Williams

OUTCOME: Postponed indefinitely in House Committee on State, Veterans, and Military Affairs

***EL PASO COUNTY DELEGATION VOTES:**

With Citizens Project– none

Against Citizens Project– Williams



LGBTQ+ cont.

Simplifying Requirements for New Birth Certification

Senate Bill 20-166

The bill aligns the requirements for a minor to obtain a new birth certificate and driver's license from the state registrar with the requirements for an adult. A minor shall also obtain a statement from a medical or mental health professional confirming that the minor's sex designation does not align with the minor's gender identity.

Citizens Project: **Strong Support**

El Paso County Sponsors: Snyder, Lee

OUTCOME: Passed

EL PASO COUNTY DELEGATION VOTES:

With Citizens Project- Exum, Snyder, Lee

Against Citizens Project- Sandridge, Williams, Liston, Geitner, Carver, Landgraf, Hisey, Lundeen, Gardner



Gay Panic or Transgender Panic Defense

Senate Bill 20-221

Bans the use of LGBT-based panic defense. So-called gay or trans panic defenses seek to justify violent crime on the grounds that gender or sexual orientation of a victim excuses violent reaction by a defendant.

Citizens Project: **Strong Support**

El Paso County Sponsors: Exum, Snyder, Lee

OUTCOME: Passed

EL PASO COUNTY DELEGATION VOTES:

With Citizens Project- Sandridge, Williams, Liston, Exum, Snyder, Geitner, Carver, Hisey, Lundeen, Hill, Lee, Gardner

Against Citizens Project- none



Equity

Colorado Accurate Residence For Redistricting Act

House Bill 20-1010

For purposes of the Census, the Federal Census Bureau counts prisoners in the correctional facility in which they were housed as of April 1 of the year in which the Census was taken. For redistricting purposes, this bill reassigns those persons to their last known residence in Colorado prior to incarceration. If the last known residence is outside of Colorado or the last known residence is unknown, the prisoners are counted for purposes of redistricting in the district of their correctional facility.

Citizens Project: Strong Support

El Paso County Sponsors: Exum, Snyder

OUTCOME: Passed

EL PASO COUNTY DELEGATION VOTES:

With Citizens Project– Lee, Exum, Snyder

Against Citizens Project– Hisey, Lundeen, Hill, Gardner, Sandridge, Liston, Geitner, Carver, Landgraf



Equity cont.

Race Trait Hairstyle Anti-discrimination Protect

House Bill 20-1048

The bill specifies that, for purposes of anti-discrimination laws in the context of public education, employment practices, housing, public accommodations, and advertising, protections against discrimination on the basis of one's race includes traits historically associated with race, such as hair texture, hair type, and protective hairstyles.

Citizens Project: Strong Support

El Paso County Sponsors: Exum, Snyder, Lee

OUTCOME: Passed

EL PASO COUNTY DELEGATION VOTES:

With Citizens Project– Lee, Exum, Snyder

Against Citizens Project– Hisey, Lundeen, Hill, Gardner, Sandridge, Williams, Liston, Geitner, Carver



Colorado Student Free Expression Law

House Bill 20-1062

The bill adds a provision to protect public school employees from any form of retaliation resulting solely from the employee's actions to protect a student's rights of free expression or refusing to infringe on student conduct that is protected by the Colorado student free expression law or by the first amendment to the United States constitution.

Citizens Project: Support

El Paso County Sponsors: Lee, Williams, Snyder, Geitner, Carver, Hisey, Lundeen, Gardner

OUTCOME: Passed

EL PASO COUNTY DELEGATION VOTES:

With Citizens Project– Hisey, Lundeen, Hill, Lee, Gardner, Williams, Liston, Snyder, Geitner, Carver

Against Citizens Project– none



Equity cont.

Persons Who Illegally Reentered the United States

House Bill 20-1188

Under Colorado law, civil immigration detainer requests are not considered warrants, so law enforcement are prohibited from arresting or detaining people on immigration requests alone. This bill would enable law enforcement to arrest or detain people with civil immigration detainer requests if they were previously deported or convicted of improper entry to the U.S. Law enforcement would notify ICE when they detain or arrest someone with a civil immigration detainer request.

Citizens Project: **Strong Opposition**

El Paso County Sponsors: Williams, Geitner

OUTCOME: Postponed indefinitely in House Judiciary Committee

***EL PASO COUNTY DELEGATION VOTES:**

With Citizens Project– none

Against Citizens Project– Carver



OPPOSED

Equity cont.

Prohibit Courthouse Civil Arrest

Senate Bill 20-083

The bill protects an individual from civil arrest while the person is present at a courthouse. A judge or magistrate may issue a writ of protection to prohibit a civil arrest, but a writ of protection is not required for the protection to apply. The bill provides various remedies for violation of this protection.

Citizens Project: **Support**

El Paso County Sponsors: Exum, Lee

OUTCOME: Passed

*EL PASO COUNTY DELEGATION VOTES:

With Citizens Project - Exum, Lee

Against Citizens Project - Sandridge, Williams, Liston, Geitner, Carver, Landgraf, Hisey, Lundeen, Gardner



Enhance Law Enforcement Integrity

Senate Bill 20-217

Removes the “fleeing felon” statute that allows officers to legally shoot someone running away if they are simply assumed guilty, eases the process for civilians to sue individual police officers, imposes some limits to use of force, requires all police officers to wear body cameras, and creates a public reporting system to track officer use of force.

Citizens Project: **Strong Support**

El Paso County Sponsors: Exum, Snyder, Landgraf, Hill, Lee

OUTCOME: Passed

EL PASO COUNTY DELEGATION VOTES:

With Citizens Project– Exum, Snyder, Geitner, Landgraf, Hisey, Lundeen, Hill, Lee, Gardner

Against Citizens Project- Carver, Liston, Sandridge, Williams



Equity cont.

Repeal the Death Penalty

Senate Bill 20-100

The bill repeals the death penalty in Colorado for offenses charged on or after July 1, 2020, and makes conforming amendments.

Citizens Project: Support

El Paso County Sponsors: Hill, Lee

OUTCOME: Passed

EL PASO COUNTY DELEGATION VOTES:

With Citizens Project– Hill, Lee, Exum, Snyder

Against Citizens Project- Hisey, Lundeen, Gardner, Sandridge, Williams, Liston, Geitner, Carver, Landgraf



Landlord Prohibitions Tenant Citizenship Status

Senate Bill 20-224

Prohibits a landlord from demanding, requesting, or collecting information related to immigration or citizenship status of a tenant, disclosing or threatening to disclose information regarding said statuses of a tenant to any entity or law enforcement agency, interfering with a tenant's rights based on immigration or citizenship status, or refusing to enter into a lease agreement based on immigration or citizenship status.

Citizens Project: Strong Support

El Paso County Sponsors: Lee, Exum, Snyder

OUTCOME: Passed

EL PASO COUNTY DELEGATION VOTES:

With Citizens Project– Lee, Exum, Snyder

Against Citizens Project- Carver, Geitner, Landgraf, Liston, Sandridge, Williams, Gardner, Hill, Hisey, Lundeen



Impacted by COVID-19

All bills included here were postponed indefinitely due to complications from COVID-19. The 2020 Legislative Session was shortened due to the virus, and many bills with fiscal notes were postponed indefinitely. We have included bill sponsors but not votes, due to these complications.

Replace Illegal Alien with Undocumented Immigrant

House Bill 20-1294

Replaces the term 'illegal alien' with 'unauthorized worker' as it relates to public contracts for services.

Citizens Project: Strong Support

El Paso County Sponsors: Exum, Snyder

OUTCOME: Postponed Indefinitely in Senate Committee on State, Veterans, and Military Affairs



Bail Hearing Within 48 Hours of Arrest

Senate Bill 20-172

Requires that a court hold a bond setting hearing within forty-eight hours after an arrestee's arrival at a detention facility.

Citizens Project: Strong Support

El Paso County Sponsors: Lee

OUTCOME: Postponed indefinitely in Senate Committee on Appropriations



Impacted by COVID-19 cont.

Multilingual Ballot Access

House Bill 20-1081

The bill requires the secretary of state and county clerk and recorders of certain counties to provide multilingual ballot access. Requires the secretary to establish a multilingual ballot hotline to provide translators to assist electors.

Citizens Project: Support

El Paso County Sponsors: Exum

OUTCOME: Postponed indefinitely in Senate Committee on State, Veterans, & Military affairs



SUPPORTED

Contribution Limits School District

Director Candidate

House Bill 20-1066

Concerning the establishment of contribution limits under the "Fair Campaign Practices Act" for candidates for school district director.

Citizens Project: Support

El Paso County Sponsors: Exum, Snyder

OUTCOME: Postponed indefinitely in Senate Committee on Appropriations



SUPPORTED

Impacted by COVID-19 cont.

County Commissioner Districts Gerrymandering

House Bill 20-1073

The bill requires the creation of independent county commissioner redistricting commissions to divide counties that have any number of their county commissioners not elected by the voters of the whole county into county commissioner districts. The bill also repeals anachronistic county precinct size rules and allows county clerk and recorders to redraw precincts less often. Additionally, it requires at least two representatives from each of the two largest political parties to be on the county commission.

Citizens Project: Strong Support

El Paso County Sponsors: none

OUTCOME: House Second Reading laid over until
12/31/2020



EL PASO COUNTY DELEGATION VOTES

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Representative

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Larry Liston	HD 16	S	-	-	S	X	✓	X	X	✓	-	X	X	X	X	-	-	-	-	-
Tony Exum	HD 17	-	-	-	-	✓	S	S	S	-	-	S	S	✓	S	S	-	S	S	-
Marc Snyder	HD 18	-	-	-	-	S	S	S	S	S	-	-	S	✓	S	S	-	S	S	-
Tim Geitner	HD 19	S	-	S	S	X	✓	X	X	S	S	X	✓	X	X	-	-	-	-	-
Terri Carver	HD 20	-	-	-	-	X	✓	X	X	S	X	X	X	X	X	-	-	-	-	-
Lois Landgraf	HD 21	-	-	-	-	X	-	X	-	-	-	X	S	X	X	-	-	-	-	-

Senator

Dennis Hisey	SD 2	-	-	-	-	X	✓	X	X	S	-	X	✓	X	X	-	-	-	-	-
Paul Lundeen	SD 9	-	-	-	-	X	✓	X	X	S	-	X	✓	X	X	-	-	-	-	-
Owen Hill	SD 10	-	-	-	-	X	✓	X	X	✓	-	-	S	S	X	-	-	-	-	-
Pete Lee	SD 11	-	-	-	-	S	S	✓	S	S	-	S	S	S	S	✓	S	-	-	-
Bob Gardner	SD 12	-	-	-	-	X	✓	X	X	S	-	X	✓	X	X	-	-	-	-	-

*Bill lost. Not all legislators had a chance to

KEY

- ✓ Vote with Citizens Project position
- X Vote against Citizens Project position
- No opportunity to vote
- S Sponsor for Citizens Project supported bill
- S Sponsor for Citizens Project opposed bill

Citizens Project is a fearless, bold advocate and an engaging voice that challenges our entire community to embrace equity, inclusion, and justice.

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