



Boulder County Democratic Party (BCDP) Executive Committee (EC)

Wednesday, October 14, 2016

5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

BCDP Headquarters
5735-A Arapahoe Avenue, Boulder, CO 80303

Agenda

Social Time

5:30 p.m.- Snack time and social.

6:00 pm - Program – Elected Officials and Candidates moderated by Vice Chair, Jamie Harkin.

HD12 – Representative Mike Foote – Mike pointed out that we are coming up on last part of the campaign. He stated that most of Boulder County will be safe. Matt Gray, HD 33, is in a tough campaign and is not at the event tonight since he's out knocking doors for his campaign. The Dems need to regain Senate and retain the House in order to get things done. He also stated he has been knocking on doors and sending out mail. The majority in the House is 34-31. There are competitive seats for only 10 seats (Adams, Arapahoe, Colorado Springs, Durango).

Deb Gardner (County Commissioner – D2) – Deb indicated she is still a precinct leader as well. The Times Call endorsed her opponent so she indicated that today was not a good day, but they did endorse Elise Jones which is good. She also stated there is a continuous drum beat against the County Commissioners. She asked for EC members to write letters to the editor endorsing her, and to make comments for her on social media (FB). Residents

in Pinebrook asked for a measure (1A) that is being endorsed by all commissioners (this has an increase in property tax by 6.25/100,000 value – \$5 million county wide where half of the increase would go to cities, \$2.5m would go to road and bridge infrastructure, and the rest would go to the paving in the subdivisions). Twin Lakes vote will have affordable housing for rent.

DA Stan Garnett – He indicated he is running unopposed. He wants to improve the justice system even though we are in pretty good shape as it could still be improved. He stated he has great staff. There is a demand across the country, including Boulder County, about justice reform. He stated that his office started a justice restorative program where they have taken over half of the juvenile cases and processed them through system by resolving the case outside of the justice system. This is more effective and has lower recidivism rates. CO is the only state that has term limits for the DA office. Consistency and experience is important in this job. He stated he requested the 4 terms for the position in order to be in line with the sheriffs term (1B). He indicated affordable housing also impacts the crime rate. Stan indicated the need to keep schools strong, housing affordable and crime low. Stan provided a brief history regarding the DA's office – there were no term limits until 1994 where the residents passed two terms for everyone. In about 2002 a motion passed to allow local elections to potentially increase terms, but this has been done piecemeal. Mr. Garnett indicated he is on a national panel with DAs across the country trying to determine when deadly force is viable. Boulder has had 3 cases this year (all involved mentally ill people). He stated he would like to establish a restorative justice program for the mentally ill.

County Commissioner Elise Jones (D-1) – Elise thanked everyone for their commitment to helping candidates here in Boulder County, other candidates outside of Boulder County, and issues in the election. She covers western Boulder County (Nederland and Jamestown) and she does have an opponent (Kevin Sipple). She indicated she is spending more time helping Deb on her election. Elise indicated the initiatives on the ballot are important – 1A would help subdivision roads, 1D – term limit for DA; 1B/1C for open space – this is ending soon so it needs to be extended for maintenance and sustainability (this doesn't increase taxes). The Commissioners will be voting on GMOs again in the upcoming future to try to reduce the use of them. The County Commission has adopted a contract for mental health for the County.

Senator Matt Jones (SD17) – Senator Jones indicated he is working on the election of Senators with Senator Rollie Heath so the Democrats can take back the State Senate. He stated that with the lead in both the House and senate things like family leave, clean power, and contraception for people with little means will be passed. He stated there is a need for help knocking doors for Rachel Zenzinger (SD19) against incumbent Laura Woods. He passed around a sign up for volunteers to help knock doors. He stated they are hoping to get this seat (SD19) back in Democratic hands. Matt indicated it would be good to win the Senate with about 20 seats.

Candidate Edie Hooton (HD10) – Edie indicated she doesn't have a general election opponent, so this has afforded her the opportunity to work at the Capital helping other candidates. Specifically she has been working for two candidates in Denver (the Head of Education Committee from Lakewood and Chris Kennedy, running for Max Tyler's term limited seat). She has also been knocking doors for Tracy Kraft-Tharp. She stated the value of door knocking has been amazing. She stated our agenda goes nowhere if we don't share and elect Democrats. Edie indicated she has some priorities when she goes to Denver, but she wants to hear from constituents. She indicated she held a fundraiser for Morgan Carroll and thinks this seat is looking good for a Democratic win. Gail Schwartz' race is looking good as well. She indicated that Tom Sullivan's race is going to be tight. Her opinion on the primaries is they should be closed but she stated it is easy to register as a Dem prior to these.

Lisa Kaufmann (Jared Polis), Chief of Staff – Lisa reminded the EC after redistricting Jared's seat is not quite as safe as it should have been as it includes Larimer County which is 40% of the district. Jared's opponent this year is the weakest one he's run against. It looks like his opponent will not even spend a half million dollars against him in the race. She stated there are lots of Trump signs in Larimer County. They are working with both the Morgan Carroll and Gail Schwartz campaigns as he would love to have more Democrats in the Colorado delegation. They are not taking anything for granted this year so they are working hard. Jared's priority list will be higher education and focusing on student loans to reduce costs for students. She stated that Jared feel the state should vote no on Amendment 71. He also wants to get a Constitutional Amendment to override and remove Citizens United.

Alice Madden – CU Regent – share her info from social Media – like her stuff and share it.

Pledge of Allegiance

Business Meeting

Call to Order & Consent Agenda

* **Call to order** – Chair Lara Lee Hullinghorst called the meeting to order.

* **Recognition of elected officials and first-time guests** – Boulder County Commissioners Deb Gardner, Elise Jones, and Cindy Domenico, District Attorney Stan Garnett, HD10 Candidate Edie Hooton, Senator Matt Jones, Representative Mike Foote, and one first time attendee.

Moved and seconded to accept agenda – Motion passed.

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Chair Updates – Lara Lee reminded members of the importance of the Voter Guide participation. She also thanked Alex Gano and Dan Gould for their hard work on the Initiatives.

Vice-Chair of Communications (Alex Gano) – Alex reminded there will be a Victory Party November 8 with the Dem Women and LAD. This will be at the Boulder Theatre which can hold about 1,000 people. The timeframe for this event is from 6-11 pm (we have to be out of the theatre by midnight). Emails will be going out on Monday, October 31 and again Election Day.

Upcoming Important Dates

November 8 – Election Day

October 17 – ballots being mailed but contact County Clerk Office if haven't gotten them by middle of week – 2 stamp (68 cent) ballot.

Must be received by 7 pm November 8; Mail by October 31/November 1.

Lara Lee reminded folks to check their voter registration on the County Clerk's website. She also indicated people might be interested in Ballot Track.

Shari Malloy gave a shout out to Jim McNeil and Mike Hart for the walk lists for the Voter Guide distribution – very efficient.

* **Nominations & Resignations.** TAKE NOTE: Just a reminder that none of the current BCDP officers are seeking re-election. If you are interested in running for Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, or one of the three Vice Chair positions, please talk to one of the current officers.

Updates & Reports

* **Treasurer's Report - Celeste Landry** – Celeste stated our finances are ahead this past month due to large donations. We have been reimbursed for HQ being closed. The button and bumper sticker sales have also been good. Rent for LAD office has been paid for previous month but need one for October. We have paid for the printing of the Voter Guides. We still have some voter guide donations coming in from candidates. The next big fund raiser will be the Truman Dinner in 2017 but we could raise some income at the Election Night Party. The Century Club did fairly well in September as well. Celeste

reminded the EC that our income goes up and down as shown in her slides. Tomorrow is the end of this campaign finance reporting period.

She's training an assistant treasurer who might be interested in running for the treasurer position next year.

* **Field Team Report - Mike Hart** – The field team has been very busy. They held a number of VAN trainings (a total of 14 with 198 precinct leaders who came through those trainings). He indicated they collected 15,000 pounds of voter guides on Monday. Over 70,000 voter guides were bundled by volunteers and they were totally completed with this by noon on Tuesday (started as soon as they came in the door at HQ). The Vote Notes were done in one day as well (today). Candace Bowie and Marisa Dirks designed these.

December 6 is the date for the next Field team meeting.

Kay James agreed to be HD10 AC 3.

Field Nominations: Chris Hoffman has volunteered to adopt precinct 822 as PSP. PCT 888 lost their PL but Ken DeBow and Linda Palmer have volunteered to serve as PCPs in their orphan precinct 888. Ivan (Ajay) Menendez has volunteered to serve as the PCP in his precinct 637 (very tech savvy). Judy McGoogan has volunteered to be PCP for Precinct 312, and Ray Rodriguez has volunteered to be PCP for Precinct 613.

It was moved and seconded to accept the nominations. The nominations were approved.

There were nine resignations. These were Fred Strong, PCP Pct. 309; Nicholas Davies, PCP Pct. 603; Gloria Simon, PCP Pct. 637; Amanda Lewis, PCP Pct. 888; Patricia Pearson, PCP Pct. 808; Amy Zietz, PCP Pct. 315; Owen Bradford, PCP Pct. 613 (moved); Martha (Diane) Rex, PCP Pct. 312; and Areeanne Breedlove, PCP Pct. 209.

Field Removals/Mia – Victoria Bard, PCP Pct. 612; Diedre-Shae Saddoris, PCP Pct. 612; and Elizabeth Kotiaho, PCP Pct. 613. There was a motion made and seconded to accept these removals. Motion passed.

* **Resolution Committee Team** – since Cliff Smedley was not in attendance Lara Lee indicated there will be some items listed on the website after the election

* **Outreach & Inclusion Team - Annette Crawford & Candace Bowie** – Annette talked about the voter registration drive that Candace and Marjorie McIntosh lead. They targeted low income and Latino voters with this effort. They found 177 people who had already registered and provided them a why vote matters, 136 people not recorded – 460 face to face visits and 136 why vote matters – over 800 contacts. Two more events to do because of weather – will be Saturday from 12-2. After Saturday will focus on Latino areas to provide assistance in helping people do their ballots.

* **Volunteer Request** – want to keep the office open (Tuesday – Saturday, 10 am – 6 pm) so Mike is sending around a signup sheet for this for those who are interested in helping during this time.

Community Announcements & Sharing –

Rules for this segment:

- * You must have signed up at the desk at check-in.
- * Each person is limited to two minutes, up to ten minutes total.
- * No campaigning for or against candidates is allowed.
- * No disparaging remarks are allowed.

Marilyn Hughes – She wanted to encourage people to write letters to editor of Times Call regarding Deb Gardner’s opponent. Send your letter to the editors to: opinion@timescall or contact her to find out exactly how to let them know how unhappy they are about the endorsement.

Celeste Landry – She stated she feels lucky to live in Colorado where we can all vote and register to vote up to and including Election Day. She stated that her daughter is in NYC and gets the day off so she is going to PA to watch elections.

Lara Lee indicated people might want to check out the Samantha Bee You Tube video on “rigged”. It is hysterical. A second You Tube video to check out is “Trump Meet the Honey Mooners”.

Alex Gano - Debate Watch Party – 60 people showed up at last event, including young people. October 19 is last watch party at HQ. Alex increased attendance.

Next Meeting

Proposed Date:

Wednesday, December 14, 2016

BCDP HQ

5735A Arapahoe Avenue, Boulder, CO 80303

Proposed Program/Agenda: TBD

Adjourn Business Meeting

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by
Terrye Whitaker, Secretary
Boulder County Democratic Party