



TO: Interested Clients
FROM: Rachel Lee
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RE: Primary Election Overview

Colorado primaries were held on June 25th. This memo details the results of those primaries. At this time, some races are still too close to call, and they have been noted on the chart.

Overall, the Republicans stayed the course of choosing the more moderate vs far right candidates, for the second cycle in a row. The Democratic primaries also chose the more moderate choice, with a few exceptions, such as in HD 52 and SD 28.

Other races of interest included heated Republican primaries in several Congressional districts. Lauren Boebert clinched the race in CD 4 on the Eastern Plains. Jeff Hurd will be the nominee in CD 3. Gabe Evans beat Janak Joshi in CD 8. And Jeff Crank easily beat GOP Chair Dave Williams.

This memo has been updated with the results of the election. Votes are officially certified by the Colorado Secretary of State on July 12th. There is still one outstanding race – HD 58 – that is still too close to call and the margin is so close that an automatic recount is being triggered. There is only a three vote difference between the two candidates at this time.

House District 4 – Denver

HD 4 covers North Denver including the neighborhoods of Villa Park, Sloan's Lake, West Highland, and Berkeley. The current representative, Tim Hernandez, was elected via vacancy committee last fall and faces Cecelia Espenoza, who also ran in the vacancy committee. This is a safe Democratic seat.

House District 6 – Denver

HD 6 covers portions of Denver including Capitol Hill, Cheeseman Park, Congress Park, Hale, Montclair, East Colfax, and Lowry. Incumbent Elisabeth Epps is facing challenger Sean Camacho. HD 6 is a safe Democratic seat and whoever wins the primary will be the new representative for the district.

House District 10 – Boulder

Representative Junie Joseph currently represents this district in Boulder. She was appointed via vacancy committee in January of 2023 and faces Tina Mueh, a former teacher and CU professor with a PhD in plant physiology. This is a safe Democratic seat.

House District 20 – Colorado Springs

This is an open seat in Colorado Springs with two candidates. Jarvis Caldwell is the more moderate Republican and Jason Lupo is the more conservative candidate in this safe Republican seat.

House District 21 – Colorado Springs/Fountain

Incumbent Mary Bradfield is being challenged by three further-right candidates, Jan Koester, Bill Garlington, and Arturo Gonzalez. This is a safe Republican seat.

House District 30 – Lakewood

One of the most competitive primaries is in HD 30 which covers Lakewood. Speaker Pro Tem Chris deGruy Kennedy is term-limited. His wife, Kyra deGruy Kennedy, is looking to replace him and faces a more moderate opponent, Rebekah Stewart. This is a safe Democratic seat.

House District 36 – Aurora

This race will help tip the House Democratic caucus either more progressive or moderate. Progressive candidate Bryan Lindstrom and moderate candidate Michael Carter are hoping to fill this open, Democratic seat.

House District 45 – Castle Rock

Castle Rock City Councilman Max Brooks and Bill Jack are running to fill the seat being vacated by Representative Lisa Frizell, who is running for the Senate. Bill Jack is the more conservative candidate and Max Brooks is more moderate. This is a safe Republican seat.

House District 52 – Fort Collins

Another highly competitive race is in this Fort Collins district. This is an open seat where more moderate Ethnie Treick and more progressive Yara Zokaie are hoping to replace current Representative Cathy Kipp, who is running for Senate.

Senate District 2 – Douglas County

Senator Jim Smallwood is term-limited, opening this safe Republican seat in Douglas County. The district includes Parker and Castle Rock where Representative Lisa Frizell is facing far-right candidate Timothy Arvidson.

Senate District 18 – Boulder

Current Representative Judy Amabile is facing more progressive candidate Jovita Schiffer in Boulder, where Senate President Steve Fenberg is term-limited.

Senate District 19 – Jefferson County

One of two competitive and expensive primaries in the state Senate is for the open seat in Arvada and Westminster, currently held by Senator Rachel Zenzinger, who is term limited. Current Representative Lindsey Daugherty is facing Westminster City Councilmember Obi Ezeadi. This is a safe Democratic seat.

Senate District 28 – Aurora

The other highly competitive and expensive primary is between current Representative Mike Weissman and Idris Keith in Aurora. This safe Democratic seat is being vacated by term-limited Rhonda Fields.

All Primary Races

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Winner</u>
HD-4: -63.3%/Safe D			
Cecelia Espenosa	D	54%	X
Tim Hernandez (Incumbent)	D	46%	
HD-6: -66.9%/Safe D			
Sean Camacho	D	63%	X
Elisabeth Epps (Incumbent)	D	37%	
HD-10: -74.2%/Safe D			
Junie Joseph (Incumbent)	D	59%	X
Tina Mueh	D	41%	
HD-20: 47.5%/Safe R			
Jarvis Caldwell	R	66%	X
Jason Lupo	R	34%	
HD-21: 16.7%/Safe R			
Mary Bradfield (Incumbent)	R	47%	X
Jan Koester	R	20%	
Bill Garlington	R	33%	

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Party</u>		<u>Winner</u>
HD-30: -27.6%/Safe D			
Rebekah Stewart	D	58%	X
Kyra deGruy Kennedy	D	42%	
HD-31: -19.6%/Safe D			
Julia Marvin (Incumbent)	D	45%	
Jacqueline (Jacque) Phillips	D	55%	X
HD-36: -29.6%/Safe D			
Bryan Lindstrom	D	38%	
Michael Carter	D	62%	X
HD-43: 7.4%/Lean R			
Matthew Burcham	R	56%	X
Lora Thomas	R	47%	
HD-45: 27.0%/Safe R			
Max Brooks	R	56%	X
Bill Jack	R	44%	
HD-49: -28.9%/Safe D			
Max Woodfin	D	28%	
Lesley Smith	D	72%	X
HD-52: -19.1%/Safe D			
Ethnie Treick	D	38%	
Yara Zokaie	D	62%	X
HD-58: 12.8%/Safe R			
Mark Roeber	R	50%	Too close to call, automatic recount ordered
Larry Suckla	R	50%	
HD-63: 53.8%/Safe R			
Dusty Johnson	R	67%	X
Brian Urdiales	R	33%	

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Party</u>		<u>Winner</u>
HD-65: 25.0%/Safe R			
Lori Sander	R	62%	X
Trent Leisy	R	38%	
SD-2: 16.0%/Safe R			
Lisa Frizell	R	66%	X
Timothy Arvidson	R	34%	
SD-10: 14.0%/Safe R			
Larry Liston (Incumbent)	R	61%	X
Newton (Rex) Tonkins	R	17%	
David Stiver	R	22%	
SD-12: 3.0%/Toss Up			
Stan VanderWerf	R	60%	X
Adriana Cuva	R	40%	
SD-18: -65.0%/Safe D			
Judy Amabile	D	77%	X
Jovita Schiffer	D	23%	
SD-19: -9.2%/Safe D			
Lindsey Daugherty	D	64%	X
Obi Ezeadi	D	36%	
SD-23: 21.5%/Safe R			
Barb Kirkmeyer (Incumbent)	R	72%	X
Natalie Abshier	R	28%	
SD-28: -32.4%/Safe D			
Idris Keith	D	47%	
Mike Weissman	D	53%	X