



# VOTER GUIDE

## CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENTS

### Adams County

Emma Pinter

*Adams County Commissioner, District 3*

Steve O'Dorisio

*Adams County Commissioner, District 4*

### Castle Rock

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*Castle Rock Mayor*

Kevin Bracken

*Castle Rock Town Council, District 3*

### Douglas County

Abe Laydon

*Douglas County Commissioner, District 1*

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*Jefferson County Commissioner, District 3*

### Parker

Anne Barrington

*Parker Town Council, At-Large*

Josh Rivero

*Parker Town Council, At-Large*

## LOCAL INITIATIVES

### Denver



**NO**

#### **Initiative Ordinance 305 No Eviction Without Representation**

305 would enact a new tax on landlords to create an additional fund for free legal advice and defense for renters facing eviction in Denver. The fee would start at \$75 per rental unit. DMAR is opposing this measure as Denver already has legal defense funds for tenants facing eviction. In years past, those funds have gone unused. The \$75 tax per rental unit would likely be passed onto renters and a significant portion if not all of the approximate \$12 million generated from this tax would go unused given that funds already exist.



**NO**

#### **Initiative Ordinance 306 Waste No More**

306 would require condominium and apartment buildings as well as sports venues to provide recycling and/or composting to residents/eventgoers. Additionally, construction contractors would be required to have recycling plans. While well-intentioned, mandating recycling and composting in residential buildings will make housing more expensive as owners/renters will bear the cost of implementation. It is important to address our climate goals, but this initiative was crafted without proper stakeholder input and rollout within residential buildings will be difficult and expensive.



**YES**

#### **Initiative Ordinance 307 Denver Deserves Sidewalks**

307 would move the responsibility for sidewalk maintenance from property owners to the City. Currently, property owners are legally responsible for maintaining the sidewalks in front of their homes, thus resulting in uneven care/condition of existing sidewalk infrastructure. If approved, Denver residents would pay an annual fee and those funds would be used to cover the cost of future improvements. The typical single-family home in Denver with a 50-foot frontage would pay an estimated \$107 annually to the fund. Certain lower-income neighborhoods in Denver would receive a discount. DMAR is supporting this initiative because it shifts the burden of sidewalk repair from homeowners onto the City for a more modest annual fee.



**YES**

#### **Referred Question 2L Denver Ballot Modernization**

2L clarifies and streamlines the way Denver ballot initiatives/measures are worded, aligning with the state's process so questions are easier to understand for the electorate. DMAR is supporting this measure as additional transparency in the ballot title setting process will decrease confusion among our electorate and provide voters with a clearer idea as to what they are voting on.



**NO POSITION**

#### **Referred Question 2I The Denver Public Library Tax**

2I is a property tax increase to fund and expand Denver Public Library services. If approved by Denver voters, additional services would include expanding branch hours to nights and weekends, increases in staff pay and improving job search tools and other resources for patrons.