

# Democratic Recommendations for the November 2024 election in Mesa County, Colorado

*Candidates and Issues SUPPORTED (and some **opposed**) by the Mesa County and Colorado Democratic Parties*

## Presidential and Vice Presidential

**Kamala Harris**, president, democrat

**Tim Walz**, vice president, democrat

## Congressional CD3

**Adam Frisch**, democrat

## Colorado State Board of Education

**Ellen Angeles**, democrat

## University of Colorado Board of Regents At-large

**Elliott Hood**, democrat

## University of Colorado Board of Regents District 3

**Robert Logan**, democrat

## Mesa County Commissioner

**Tom Acker**, democrat

## Colorado House of Representatives District 54 and 55

(No Democrat running)

## (Senate

Not on the ballot this year)

## (Governor

Not on the ballot this year)

## Colorado Supreme Court

Three of seven Colorado Supreme Court Justices are up for re-election (10-year terms): Maria Berkenkotter, Brian Boatright, and Monica Márquez. All seven justices were appointed by Democratic governors.

## Colorado Appellate Court

Six of 22 appellate court judges are up for re-election: Stephanie Erin Dunn, Jerry N. Jones, W. Eric Kuhn, Anthony Navarro, Gilbert Roman, Timothy J. Schutz. Each judge is appointed by the governor from a list of names compiled by the Colorado Supreme Court Nominating Commission. Initial terms last at least two years, after which justices must stand for retention in a yes-no election. Subsequent terms last eight years. (A local Democratic attorney, who is on the committee that recommends names for judicial positions to the Governor – who appoints judges – recommends that all these judges be retained.)

## Mesa County Court Judge

Michael Joseph Grattan (A local Democratic attorney, who is on the committee which recommends names for judicial positions to the Governor – who appoints judges – recommends that this judge be retained.)

## **Dem-supported Colorado Constitution Amendments – please vote YES**

**Amendment G** - Extends homestead exemption eligibility to veterans with unemployment status

**Amendment H** - Increases the judicial discipline process's transparency, independence, and integrity to improve public trust

**Amendment I** - Restores the ability of judges to deny bail to people charged with first-degree murder if certain criteria are met

**Amendment J** - Repeal the Definition of Marriage in the Constitution, protecting marriage equality in Colorado

**Amendment K** - Modify Constitutional Election Deadlines

**Amendment 79** – Enshrines abortion access as a constitutional right in Colorado and repeals the existing ban on state and local government funding for abortion services

**Proposition JJ** - Retain Additional Sports Betting Tax Revenue

**Proposition KK** - Firearms and Ammunition Excise Tax

## **Mesa County Democrats have no opinion on:**

Proposition 127 - Prohibits hunting of mountain lions, lynx, and bobcats.

Proposition 129 - Adds a veterinary professional associate profession.

Proposition 130 - Changes the Colorado Revised Statute concerning state funding for peace officer training.

## **Mesa County Democrats and Colorado Democratic Party oppose:**

Proposition 131 (all candidate primary for Federal and State offices, with ranked choice voting)

\*The Mesa County Democrats support ranked-choice voting, but oppose the framing of this initiative. It has been endorsed by our Democratic Governor Jared Polis. It is opposed by the organization Western Colorado Alliance.

## **Colorado Democratic Party opposes, please vote NO:**

Amendment 80 (school choice)

Proposition 128 (limits parole for certain crimes; three strikes law)

## **Mesa County Ballot Issues**

Mesa County Ballot Issue 1A (borrow \$70 million to fund 29 Road highway interchange; \$173 million to repay)

Mesa County Ballot Issue 1B (retain TABOR money to fund road repairs etc.)

## **School District Ballot Issues – Please vote “YES”**

Mesa County Valley School District 51 Ballot Issue 4A

Mesa County Valley School District 51 Ballot Issue 4B

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