



## THE ALAMOSA COUNTY DEMS

### 2026 PLATFORM

First, what is a Platform? It is the official statement of priorities, county values, and policy goals adopted by a county-level political party. It's essentially the roadmap for what local Democrats believe should happen in their community.

A county platform explains what the party stands for locally – not at the national level, not at the state level, but right here in Alamosa County.

*The entire platform may be found towards the end of the newsletter*



### FIND USEFUL INFORMATION ON THE WEBSITE OF THE COLORADO SECRETARY OF STATE

- Register to Vote
- Check your existing Registration
- View a Sample Ballot
- Learn about your Voting Rights
- What ID do I need to Vote
- How does Vote by Mail work in the Alamosa and Colorado Elections
- [Click here to go to SDS Website](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS



Parade Saturday, July 4 10 am

Main Street Downtown

Cole Park Party begins at 11 am

*Come see our NEW parade float*

**Parade Participants should meet at the Sixth Street dirt lot behind Nino's at 9am**



### What's in the Newsletter

Voter Information

Monthly Meeting Details

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## Date Change for July Meeting

The meeting in July will be held July 7

All other details remain the same

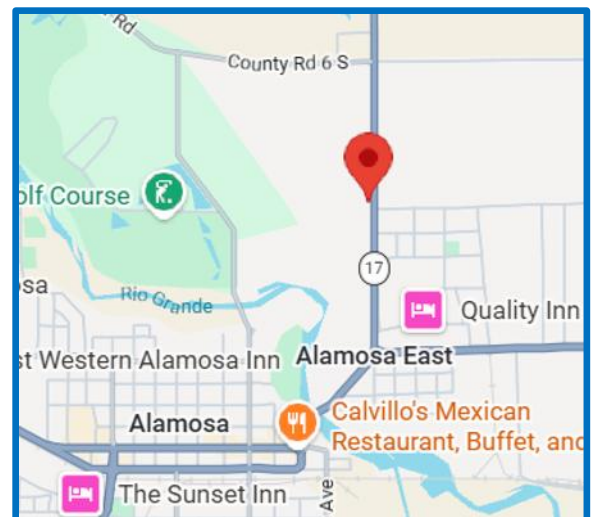
### Monthly Meetings

- Monthly meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month
- We begin at 5:30 pm with a social hour and light meal (a small donation is appreciated to help cover costs).
- The business meeting starts promptly at 6:30 pm and typically wraps up by 7:30 pm.
- With the November election approaching, these meetings will be especially engaging and informative.
- There is plenty of parking near the Barn!



*The Barn Event Center  
at La Manzanilla Farm*

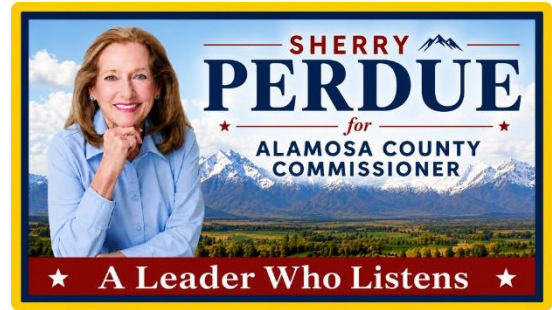
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## Sherry Perdue for Alamosa County Commissioner

By Mary DeLorenzo

“Local Government is the level of government closest to the people and that’s where I do my best work” says Sherry Perdue, Candidate for Alamosa County Commissioner from District 2. As a retired high school civics teacher, Perdue understands the role of government and the power it wields to make things better for constituents. She is running on a platform of being the candidate who listens and who is willing to fight to protect our rural communities, our water, and our freedoms. Her website is at [Perdueforcommissioner.com](http://Perdueforcommissioner.com) and her Facebook page address is [Perdue For Commissioner](https://www.facebook.com/PerdueForCommissioner).



Sherry is active in local community service activities such as the Alamosa Women’s Citizenship Club, Alamosa Senior Citizens Center, Sierra Blanca Loop River Trail Cleanup, Highway 160 Cleanup and collecting food and stocking shelves at the Alamosa food pantry. She is a proud member of the Alamosa County Democrats as Co-Captain of the Special Events Goal Team as well as participating in other goal team activities. She serves in leadership roles in the local party as a member of the Alamosa County Democrats Central Committee and a Precinct Organizer.

At the State of Colorado level, Sherry is well recognized for her leadership and has served as a delegate from Alamosa County to the State Assembly in Pueblo this year. She also represented the San Luis Valley on the Colorado Democratic Party's Platform Committee to restructure the party's platform.

Sherry Perdue is a lifelong advocate for “Government for the People and By the People.” As Mrs. Perdue used to tell her students, “Democracy is NOT a spectator sport; you have to get involved for it work right!”

[Click here for Website](http://Perdueforcommissioner.com)

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## Robert Jackson Unopposed for 4th Term as Sheriff

by Mary Walsh

Robert Jackson is running unopposed for his 4th term as our Alamosa County Sheriff. He will continue to focus on public safety, in particular combating drug use and homelessness. He has served Alamosa County well by strengthening relationships with other San Luis Valley and state agencies, which has allowed for collaboration, additional program funding and partnerships.





There are two Democratic candidates for Alamosa County Assessor: Jason Duncan and Adam Lauer. We invited both candidates to answer five questions to help voters better understand their perspectives on the Assessor's office. Their responses are below.

**How do you ensure fair, accurate, and transparent property valuations across all property types?**

*Candidate: Jason Duncan*

Fair and accurate valuations are a direct reflection of the quality of our data. Inspecting properties to determine correct characteristics and verifying sales to determine whether they are qualified, arms-length transactions is very important in this process. Making sure our data is as correct as possible is a top priority for me as Assessor. As for transparency, I believe that just being open and honest with our taxpayers is paramount. Explaining our processes and helping people understand their valuations is important to me. I am happy to speak with anyone regarding the why and how of what we do.

*Candidate: Adam Lauer*

Fair and accurate valuations start with consistent/accurate data and sound appraisal techniques. It is extremely important for your County Assessor to verify sales, maintain cost data, and track market data to ensure each property type is valued correctly. Currently, commercial valuation is contracted out to an appraiser from Denver. I have the highest appraisal Licensure and would be able to bring the commercial appraisal function in house, saving the County money and increasing local market expertise. Transparency flows from clear communication, accessible online data and making appraisal methodology digestible so taxpayers understand how their property values are determined. I have worked in the Alamosa County Assessor's Office and understand how much time and effort goes into ensuring property values are correct and fair. I promise taxpayers that I will work diligently on their behalf to ensure valuations are correct and fair.



## What improvements or priorities would you focus on within the Assessor's Office?

*Candidate: Jason Duncan*

Currently, my focus is on our software upgrade. I am overseeing the Assessor's office transitioning to a new system that will modernize our office, and provide efficiency and better compatibility with the Treasurer's office.

Training and continuing education are also a priority for me, making sure that my team is well-prepared and knowledgeable, in order to better serve the public.

*Candidate: Adam Lauer*

My priorities are improving timeliness of online data, modernization of the internal computer system, and increasing transparency of valuation/taxation.

Upgrading the computer system is an arduous process. It is key to have an experienced appraiser make decisions about adjustments, neighborhood boundaries and technical analysis. These decisions will directly impact valuation and therefore the taxes you pay. It is also very important to have timely data available online. Your mortgage company, insurance company, real estate agents and other appraisers rely on this data. Rio Grande County would be a good example of what I would model my online system on. A modern, responsive office with functional technology increases accuracy, increases efficiency and ensures fair assessments for Alamosa County Taxpayers.

## What should residents know about how the Assessor's Office works and how they can engage with it?



*Candidate: Jason Duncan*

The Assessor's office works on a 2-year reappraisal cycle. Every odd year, the entire county is revalued, using data from an 18-month period. (For the 2025 reappraisal, our sale data collection period was January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.) Even years are "intervening years", and only properties that had changes are revalued. These changes can be changes in use (residential to commercial, for example), or they can be things like remodeling, additions, or demolition of property.

The most rewarding part of being Assessor, in my opinion, is being able to educate and engage with the citizens and taxpayers of Alamosa County. I am always cognizant of the fact that I work for YOU. I welcome anyone to contact my office to learn more about our processes or ask questions.

*Candidate: Adam Lauer*

The Assessor's Office is responsible for valuing all property fairly and consistently. These values are then reported to taxing entities for setting tax rates. Essentially the Assessor is the County's Appraiser and public's representative to ensure equalization in taxation. The role impacts families, businesses, farmers and taxing entities in the County. It is paramount that Alamosa County Citizens have an Assessor that has the public's interest in mind. Over the past 5 years property values have increased roughly 35% to 45%.

From a theoretical standpoint I can assure taxpayers I will approach my role conservatively, within state mandated laws. There are many incremental decisions that your Assessor makes, with little oversight, from large data sets. I believe it is important for your Assessor to engage in open communication and maintain accessible data to help ensure everyone understands how valuations are determined.

**How do you handle property valuation appeals, and what do you see as the most important part of that process?**

*Candidate: Jason Duncan*

*Appeals are one of the most visible public interactions with the office.*

I believe that appeals provide a great avenue for “checks and balances” in my office. It gives property owners the opportunity to disagree with our value, and argue their case as to why they feel the value we have is incorrect. With almost 16,000 parcels in Alamosa County, we physically cannot inspect every property during a 2-year reappraisal cycle. The appeals process gives us the opportunity to update property characteristics, or to find and correct any errors we may have. Most importantly, it gives property owners a voice in their valuation.

*Candidate: Adam Lauer*

Property valuation appeals are one of the most visible public interactions with the Assessor’s Office, and I believe they should be handled with professionalism, fairness, and respect. Each appeal deserves a thorough review grounded in verified data, viable comparable sales, and sound appraisal principles. I have negotiated valuation appeals at the highest level on all property types, while working for the City and County of Denver as a commercial appraiser and the Alamosa County Assessor’s Office, as an agricultural appraiser. I have the experience to ensure taxpayers and taxing entities are fairly represented.

The most important part of the process is clear communication: helping property owners understand how their value was determined and what evidence is considered in an appeal. When taxpayers are shown the data and analysis behind valuations, trust in the process grows.

**What do you believe is the most misunderstood aspect of the Assessor’s role, and how would you help clarify it for residents?**



*Candidate: Jason Duncan*

One of the biggest misconceptions is that the Assessor is responsible for the amount you pay in property taxes. What my office does is value property for tax purposes. We have no control over how the valuation is turned into a tax amount. I’ve spoken with some folks who have had frustration over the tax amount they are paying, but when we dig down and get into the value of their property, they actually feel that our values are pretty close. Taxes are calculated by multiplying our value by an assessment rate that is set by the state, to get Assessed Value. That Assessed Value is then multiplied by the mill levies that are set by each taxing entity, to get the final tax amount. So, while the Assessor’s value is part of the calculation, there are two parts of the calculation that fall on others.

In closing, there is so much more to this office than just having appraisal knowledge. I have to lead my team, manage budgets, comply with state reporting and statutes, know and understand Colorado real estate laws to make sure we have property assessed to the correct owner, and make sure we are valuing property fairly. My 25+ years of working in the real estate industry (in both the public and private sectors), including the last 1.5 years as Alamosa County Assessor, gives me the experience and knowledge to handle the day-to-day challenges of the office.

*Candidate: Adam Lauer*

Many taxpayers surmise the Assessor sets tax rates, but the office only determines property values based on market data and must follow State of Colorado statutes, of which there are many. I'd clarify this through transparent communication—explaining how valuations are determined and how they connect to tax bills—so taxpayers can be assured the process is fair and data-driven.



There are two Democratic candidates running in the June 30th Primary to represent **Colorado's Third Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives**: Alex Kelloff and Dwayne Romero. We reached out to both campaigns and invited each candidate to answer five questions to help voters better understand their perspectives on this important role. Their responses are provided below. The links to their websites:

[Alex Kelloff for Colorado](#)

[Romero for Colorado](#)

## **How would you work with local governments, tribal nations, and rural communities across the district?**

*Candidate: Alex Kelloff*

Colorado's 3rd District is one of the largest and most diverse congressional districts in the country. It includes agricultural communities, mountain towns, tribal nations, energy-producing regions, and rural communities that each face unique challenges and opportunities. Effective representation starts with showing up, listening, and building relationships.

That has been a core principle of my campaign. Through our "By the People" tour and visits to all 27 counties in the district, I've spent time meeting with local elected officials, community leaders, tribal representatives, business owners, farmers, ranchers, educators, healthcare providers, and residents to better understand their priorities. I believe the best solutions come from the people closest to the issues.

As a member of Congress, I would maintain regular communication with local governments and tribal leaders to ensure they have a seat at the table when federal decisions affect their communities. Whether the issue is water, public lands, infrastructure, economic development, healthcare, or education, local knowledge and expertise should help shape policy.

I also recognize the government-to-government relationship that exists with tribal nations and believe it is important to engage in meaningful consultation, respect tribal sovereignty, and work collaboratively on issues that impact tribal communities.

Most importantly, I will continue to be present throughout the district. Federal policy works best when it respects local knowledge. That means not assuming Washington has all the answers, and instead asking what each community needs, what resources are missing, and how I can help remove barriers, bring people together, and get results. My commitment is to ensure that every community in CD3, regardless of size, geography, or political affiliation has a voice and an advocate in Congress.

*Candidate: Dwayne Romero*

Covering nearly half of Colorado's land mass across western and southern Colorado across 29 of the state's 64 counties, with a population that is nearly 65% rural — our district is diverse in many ways; that includes Native American communities whose water rights and land sovereignty have too often been treated as afterthoughts in Washington. Thirty years of showing up has taught me that real representation starts long before you arrive in D.C. I've served on a city council, a school board, a fire protection district board, a transit authority, and a water and sanitation district; and the less glamorous roles as hospice board and Rotarian. I'm not doing this stuff to start a new career. I'm doing this because we deserve a fighter at the tables where decisions affecting people's daily lives actually get made. I know how to build consensus without issuing edicts, and I know every community in this district has different needs. In Congress, I'll carry that same approach to every corner of CO-3 — making sure tribal nations and communities aren't just consulted but genuinely heard. I will do that by always showing up, and by building a team that is focused on constituents over consultants, CD3's people over political pressure.

### **What principles guide your decision-making when evaluating federal legislation?**

*Candidate: Alex Kelloff*

I believe good policymaking requires listening, transparency, and a willingness to work across differences. Throughout my career, I've been responsible for evaluating complex investments and infrastructure projects, and that experience taught me the importance of looking at both the immediate impacts and the long-term consequences of decisions.

I am guided by several core principles: putting the public interest ahead of partisan politics, respecting the rule of law, relying on facts and objective evidence, and seeking practical solutions that can earn broad support. I don't believe any one party has a monopoly on good ideas, and I believe the best outcomes often come from listening to different perspectives and finding common ground.

I also believe legislation should reflect the realities facing the communities of Colorado's 3rd District. Whether the issue is agriculture, healthcare, public lands, water, infrastructure, education, or economic development, I want to understand how a proposal will affect families, businesses, local governments, and future generations.

Ultimately, my goal is to be a thoughtful, independent voice who focuses less on political theater and more on whether a policy will make Colorado's 3rd District stronger, more affordable, and more prosperous.

*Candidate: Dwayne Romero*

I'm not in this to work for political bosses in DC. I'm in this to fight for families in Western Colorado. My decision-making process for every piece of legislation will come down to one core question: does it make life better for working families across this district? And here are the questions that will determine that: Will legislation protect our water? Keep rural hospitals open and lower healthcare and medication costs? Support our farmers and ranchers? Keep costs down for families stretching every dollar? The stakes of getting it right are real for real people. And in parallel, does it uphold the Constitution and the rule of law, and advance accountability for elected officials and our government. I took an oath at 18 years old to protect and defend the Constitution from all enemies foreign and domestic, and I've never stopped honoring it. Results for people — not ideology, not partisanship — is the standard I hold myself to, and I expect you to hold me accountable to this pledge as well.

### **How will you stay accessible and accountable to residents across such a large and rural district?**

*Candidate: Alex Kelloff*

Accessibility and accountability start with showing up. One of the reasons I launched the "By the People" tour was because I believe representation requires more than occasional visits during election season, it requires consistently listening to the people you serve.

Colorado's 3rd District covers a vast and diverse region, and every community deserves to be heard. Throughout this campaign, I have traveled to all 27 counties in the district and met with thousands of residents because I believe the best way to understand people's priorities is to hear directly from them.

If elected, I would make it a priority to regularly visit communities across the district, hold town halls and listening sessions in person and virtually, and keep open lines of communication through newsletters, phone calls, and community meetings. I also believe it is important to maintain strong district offices and responsive constituent services so people can get help when they need it and have direct access to their representative.

Accountability also means being transparent about decisions and explaining not only what I support, but why. Even when people disagree with me, they deserve to know that their concerns were heard and considered.

I would make sure residents have clear ways to share concerns, ask questions, and follow up on issues, and I would work hard to respond in a timely and respectful way. For a district this large, representation should be consistent, present, and rooted in service to every community, not just the biggest ones.

*Candidate: Dwayne Romero*

This is not a district you represent from Washington. Too many people in Western and Southern Colorado already feel like DC doesn't know they exist, and that has to change. My commitment is simple: show up, listen, and do the unglamorous but essential work of constituent services that too many politicians skip. That means regular town halls and listening sessions in every corner of the district. Not phoning it in like Congressman Hurd. It means a congressional office that actually picks up the phone when a veteran is waiting on benefits, a family is navigating a federal agency, or a small business owner is fighting for answers. I've spent 30 years in this district on local boards where accountability is direct and personal — your neighbors look you in the eye at the grocery store. No photo ops. No excuses. I learned about accountability from my mom. As a single mother of three boys, she made sure we were always accountable to each other because if we weren't, there wasn't food on the table. That accountability was reinforced in the Army. If you don't have trust and transparency among your brothers and sisters in arms, the consequences are real. I'll bring that deeply embedded sense of being accountable to those around me to Washington.

### **How do you approach balancing the needs of rural, urban, and tribal communities within the district?**

*Candidate: Alex Kelloff*

I approach that balance by starting with the understanding that no part of CD3 should be treated as an afterthought. Rural, urban, and tribal communities each have different needs, but they all deserve serious attention, consistent communication, and policy that reflects their realities. That means listening carefully, recognizing where needs overlap, and looking for solutions that are practical across the district while still respecting local differences. That's one of the reasons I launched the "By the People" tour because I believe representation requires more than occasional visits during election season, it requires consistently listening to the people you serve.

For rural communities, that often means focusing on water, transportation, health care, broadband, and agriculture. For urban areas, it may mean housing, infrastructure, and economic opportunity. For tribal communities, it means respect, consultation, and follow-through on issues that affect sovereignty, access, and long-term well-being.

My goal would be to represent all of these communities fairly, work collaboratively across differences, and make decisions that strengthen the district as a whole.

*Candidate: Dwayne Romero*

CO-3 is a genuinely diverse district — with rural communities on the Western Slope, larger population centers like Grand Junction and Pueblo, ski resort towns, Native American reservations, with agricultural and public lands stitching them all together. I have lived in this district for 30 years, raising a family, building a business that employs over 120 Coloradans, and serving on boards that deal with everything from water rights to public education - I know that building trust and working to get to solutions that bring people together is critical. My approach is to listen first, every time, and to fight for the shared foundation

that holds all of these communities together: clean water, affordable energy, open public lands, accessible healthcare, and an economy that works for working people. As a member of my local water and sanitation district board - and before that our local fire district board - I've seen firsthand how shared issues like water, fire, and cost of living connect every community in this district regardless of politics. Good representation means holding all of those threads at once.

### **How do you plan to stay informed about the day-to-day concerns of residents across the district?**

*Candidate: Alex Kelloff*

I think it goes back to what has already been said. I plan to stay informed by being present and listening regularly, not just during campaign season. I'll be present by holding town halls, visiting communities across the district, meeting with county officials, tribal leaders, farmers, ranchers, small business owners, health care providers, educators, and local organizations. Additionally, keeping open lines of communication through newsletters, phone calls, and constituent outreach. I also think it is important to travel widely across CD3 so I hear directly from people in rural towns, mountain communities, and more urban areas about what is actually happening in their lives.

Just as important, I want to build a system for follow-up. Hearing concerns is only the first step; I would make sure my office tracks issues, responds in a timely way, and keeps residents updated on progress. The goal is to be accessible, responsive, and grounded in the day-to-day realities of the district.

*Candidate: Dwayne Romero*

I've spent three decades in this district not as a visitor but as a neighbor. This is a rural district. You need to show up and meet people at county fairs, town halls, ag meetings, and other community events from one end of this district to the other. I coached high school baseball here for nine years. I run a business employing over 120 Coloradans across the Western Slope. I've sat on water boards and school boards where the real problems surface before they ever make headlines. My plan is to maintain a robust presence back home: regular district office hours in multiple communities, scheduled listening sessions across the full geographic span of CO-3, and a constituent services operation that treats every call and casework request as a priority.



# Alamosa County Democrats 2026 Platform Government for the People

Democrats care & we build longer  
tables so that everyone has a seat.

*Join us!*

*We believe in these things as basic human rights for all!*

## Affordability and Accessibility

- ❖ Free Childcare for Working Parents
- ❖ Access to Good, Wholesome Food
  - Eliminate Food Deserts
  - Reestablish Funding to Provide Nutritious Food to Those in Need
  - Educate Consumers about Healthy Food Choices
  - Support “Local Food” Initiatives
- ❖ Champion Jobs that Provide Living Wages
- ❖ Provide Universal Healthcare
  - Restore and Protect Reproductive Rights
- ❖ Make Housing Affordable and Accessible
- ❖ Promote Equitable Tax Reform
  - Tax the Wealthy
  - Everyone & Every Business Pays a Fair Share
  - Support Legislation to Implement Progressive Tax Reform

## Fairness in Civil Liberties and Human Rights

- ❖ Advocate for & Advance ALL Constitutional Rights
  - Especially:
    - Defend and Protect Free Speech (1<sup>st</sup> Amendment)
    - Enforce Due Process (5<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Amendments)
- ❖ Restore and Protect Free and Fair Elections
- ❖ Support the Working Class
- ❖ Protect Social Security
- ❖ Demand Social Justice
  - Advocate for an Individual’s Right to Love Whomever You Choose (LGBTQIA+ Rights)
  - Advance Women’s and Minorities’ Rights
  - Empower Equity for ALL

- ❖ Reject Bigotry, Hatred, Discrimination
- ❖ Support Comprehensive Immigration Reform
  - Alamosa County Democrats 2026 Platform AlamosaDems.org

#### Global Collaboration

- ❖ Be Good Global Citizens
- ❖ Back Renewable Climate Policy
- ❖ Embrace Foreign Policy that Advances Democratic Values

#### Sustainability

- ❖ Natural Resources Management
  - Protect Public Lands and Access to Them
  - Safeguard Our Water
  - Reject Data Centers in the SLV (Save our Water!)
- ❖ Encourage Renewable Energy
- ❖ Embrace and Advance Rural Communities

#### Agriculture

- ❖ Value Cultural/Historical Land Practices
- ❖ Empower and Embrace Progressive Land Practices
  - Champion Family Farms and Ranches
  - Encourage Regenerative Agriculture and Soil Health

#### Veterans

- ❖ Advocate for and Support Programs for Veterans in Need



## Volunteers are the heart of our organization

Whether you have an hour a month or several hours a week, your time and energy help strengthen our community and support the work we do year-round.

***Every volunteer - no matter the role - helps move our mission forward.***

**[Click for more information on becoming a Volunteer](#)**

## WHY WE CHOSE ACTBLUE

ActBlue is a federally regulated conduit fundraising platform that securely processes online contributions for Democratic candidates and progressive organizations. When a donor makes a contribution, ActBlue collects the payment information, transmits the funds directly to the designated campaign or committee, and provides the required FEC-compliant reporting. Donors receive an immediate receipt, can save their information for faster future contributions, and may set up recurring monthly support. ActBlue does not deduct fees from the donation itself; instead, donors may choose to add a voluntary tip to support platform operations. This structure ensures transparency, consistency, and accountability in how contributions are processed across Democratic campaigns.

## WHAT KIND OF EXPENSES DO WE HAVE?

All contributions go directly to funding what we do. Not only do we support the day-to-day work of ACD but we also...

Sponsor Candidate Forums

Host booths to share our information at a variety of local events such as RioFest

Manage the Alamosa County Democrats 2026 Caucus

Sponsor Alamosa County attendees who represent us at the 2026 Colorado State Democrats Assembly

Lease office space during election season

Maintain informational website and Facebook page to keep our message available

And other priorities that strengthen our community

[\*\*DONATE\*\*](#)



## BE A SUSTAINING DONOR

Sustaining donations are automatic monthly contributions that provide steady, reliable support for our ongoing work. By giving each month, supporters help us plan ahead, respond quickly to community needs, and maintain the programs and outreach efforts that keep our organization strong. Even small monthly gifts add up, and sustaining donors play a key role in ensuring we have the resources to organize, communicate, and serve our community all year long.

If you'd like to become a sustaining donor, you can set up a recurring monthly contribution through ActBlue in just a few clicks — and you can change or cancel it at any time.

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2025-2027



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