

# ARAPAHOE COUNTY ACTION

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April 14, 2023

## **Enjoy the Political Off-Season and Build Relationships!**

Do you have backyard chickens? Do your neighbors? It's a good time of year to get some. Get to know your neighbors, increase neighborhood self-sufficiency, and share knowledge and eggs! Donate kitchen scraps to hungry hens which then donate chicken manure to gardens. Organize hen garden visits to have them scratch up the dirt and spread compost while eating bugs. (Just make sure they stay away from tender new plants!) Buy a bunch of chicks and have one neighbor raise them, then distribute them to neighbors' coops when they are big enough.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **The Zombie Undead Bill Rises Again!**

Speak up to defend your gun rights against HB23-1230, the so-called "Assault Weapons Ban"! MOST EFFECTIVE: Testify in person at 1:30 PM Wednesday, April 19, Colorado Capitol, Old State Library (note that weapons and political statements on clothes are prohibited when testifying.) Testify remotely [here](#). Email each committee member [at these addresses](#). Committee phone numbers [here](#).

### **Rally for Parent Rights, Colorado Parent Advocacy Network (CPAN)**

Another rally against HB23-1003 which takes away parental access and rights to their children and gives it to school officials. See <https://www.coloradoparents.org/oppose-hb23-1003.html> Wednesday April 24; sign up for updates at CPAN: <https://www.coloradoparents.org/get-involved.html>

### **Western Conservative Summit**

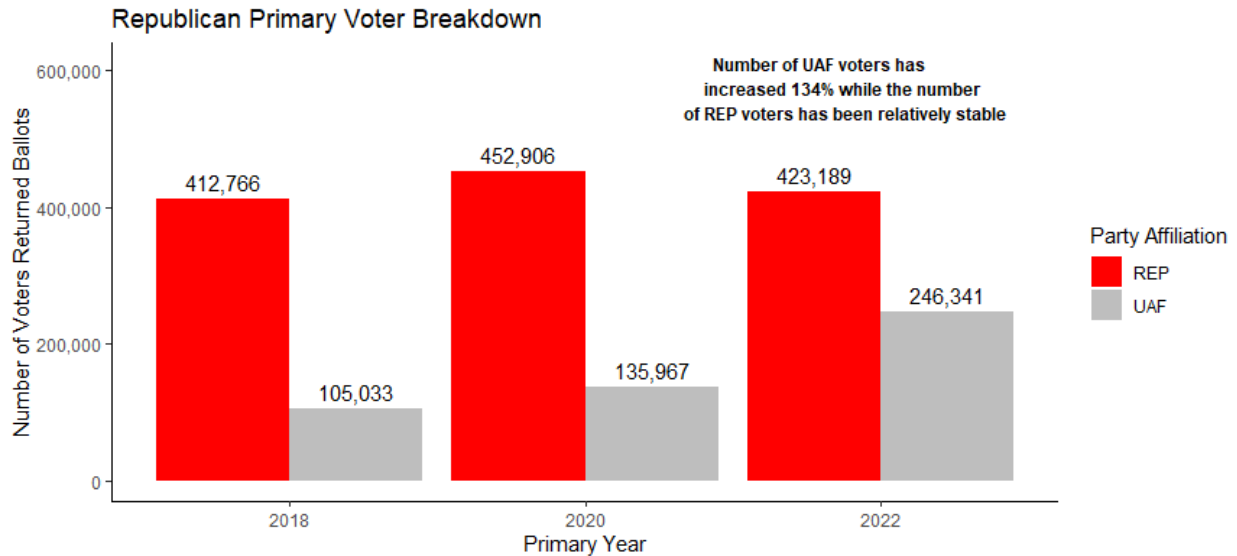
Educating Americans on key issues facing the West and the nation  
June 9-10, Colorado Convention Center, 700 14th Street, Denver  
<https://centennial.ccu.edu/western-conservative-summit/>

### **Western Conservative Summit Youth Conference**

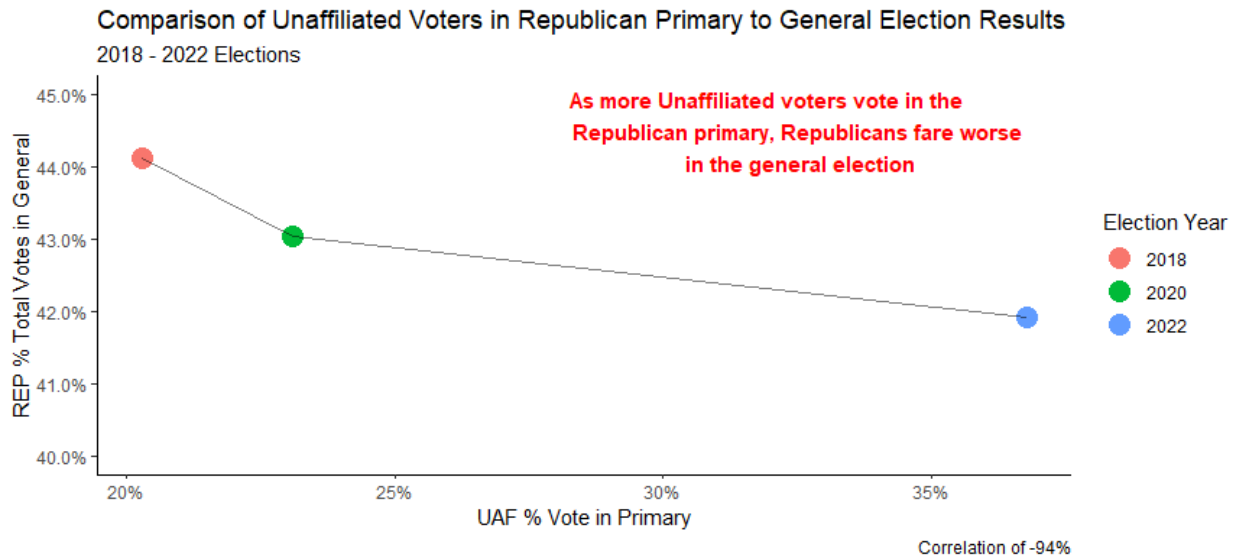
Learn how to impact the culture in support of faith, family, and freedom  
June 5-11, Colorado Christian University, 8787 W Alameda Ave, Lakewood  
<https://centennial.ccu.edu/wcs-youth-conference/>

## Do Unaffiliated Voters Help Republicans?

Apparently not. This graph shows unaffiliateds increasing their share of the vote in Republican primaries.



Meanwhile, this graph shows the Republican percentage of the vote decreased in general elections when unaffiliated voters increased their influence in Republican primaries.



There are many flavors of unaffiliated voters. But if you were a Democrat-leaning unaffiliated, seeing you didn't really have choices anyway in the Democrat primary, would you or would you not use your influence to vote in the Republican primary, for the most Democrat-aligned Republican?

## Arapahoe County Current Issues

Judicial Watch got Colorado to agree to some voter roll cleanup.

(<https://www.judicialwatch.org/colorado-to-settle-lawsuit-over-ineligible-voters/>) This is good news, but we have to watch that fake voters don't get put right back in the system! Take a look at ArapahoeVotes

voter statistics, and play around with the sliders on the graphs: <https://www.arapahoevotes.gov/voter-statistics>

Questions to ask:

- Why do we have a 117-year-old Republican woman registered in Englewood when Wikipedia lists the oldest person in the world as 116, in Spain?
- Why do we have 3 out of 184 centenarians (1.6%) who haven't yet figured out their gender, but only 1 of 393 16-year-olds (0.3%)?
- Why do we have 392 of 393 16-year-olds listed as active voters? (The FAQ page says ballots are sent to all active registered voters!)

Meanwhile, Arapahoe County votes down an oil and gas moratorium:

<https://kdvr.com/news/local/arapahoe-county-weighs-tougher-oil-gas-regulations/>

## State Legislation

Former legislator Kevin Lundberg summarizes the most important bills and what's going on with them here: <http://kevinlundberg.com/a/email-updates/>

The legislature is trying all kinds of "laws" that will clearly be declared unconstitutional (for instance the bills mandating support of abortion <https://kristakafer.substack.com/p/three-colorado-abortion-bills-will> ). But in the meantime it seems they hope to intimidate Coloradans into compliance. Coloradans are pushing back, and overwhelming public response has slowed or even stopped some of the overreach, even when every branch of government is "blue".

- Local governments push back on governor's attempt to override on land use: <https://www.newsbreak.com/news/2990080218266-editorial-polis-power-grab-hits-a-wall>
- After grassroots opposition, the "assault weapon ban" (HB23-1230) was pulled - but now it is back on the schedule for the House Judiciary Committee on April 19<sup>th</sup>. (Did they think we wouldn't pay attention?) <https://rmgo.org/about-us/media/confusion-surrounds-colorados-assault-weapons-ban-proposal/>

## Speak Up for Your County, City, Schools

Your biggest contribution is not your vote, but your involvement. You will have most effect if you start at your local level. Begin today, attending public meetings regularly – you will learn who the people are, whom to trust, and what motivates them. Don't get overwhelmed by the number of meetings – in many areas you could attend all the meetings up through the county level for an average time investment of just six hours a month! If you have nothing to say, listen – you'll almost certainly find something to say soon!

### How to speak up

For most people it's a good idea to write out ahead of time what you want to say and practice it a time or two to make sure it fits in the time limit.

Most councils/boards give you 3 minutes to speak, which is arguably infringing on your right to free speech, but in practice if you can't say what you have to say in 3 minutes, people will tune you out. If enough people show up to speak they may cut the allowed time to 2 minutes, so be prepared with what you would cut out if necessary.

Many meetings hold public comment time early in the agenda, so you don't have to stay for the whole meeting, though if you do, then they know you're watching them! Most meetings are recorded; you could catch up on the rest of the meeting later by playing the video during your drivetime.

Some boards have been known to move the public comment time until after the most boring parts of the meeting; if so, hang in there and wait; the more they try to discourage you, the more you know you are making a difference!

## Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners

9:30 am April 25, May 9 (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of month)

East Hearing Room, Administration Building, 5334 S. Prince St. Littleton, 80120

<https://www.arapahoe.gov/259/Board-of-County-Commissioners>

Sign up to speak at room entrance.

## Incorporated Cities in Arapahoe County

Incorporated city	Upcoming city council/trustee meetings
Aurora	<p>Time: 6:30PM April 24, May 8 (every other Monday)            Place: Aurora Municipal Center, 15151 E. Alameda Parkway            Website: <a href="https://www.auroragov.org/city_hall/mayor_city_council/council_meetings">https://www.auroragov.org/city_hall/mayor_city_council/council_meetings</a>            Sign up to speak: Those attending in person may register to speak by completing the 'Public Comment on Agenda Item' online form prior to the meeting or by completing a speaker slip upon arrival at the Aurora Municipal Center (AMC) on the meeting date.  <a href="https://www.auroragov.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=16242704&amp;pageId=16506621">https://www.auroragov.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=16242704&amp;pageId=16506621</a></p>
Bow Mar	<p>Time: 7PM April 17 (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of month)            Place: Columbine Valley Town Hall, 2 Middlefield Road, Columbine Valley            Website: <a href="https://townofbowmar.colorado.gov/boards-meetings/trustee-meetings">https://townofbowmar.colorado.gov/boards-meetings/trustee-meetings</a>            Sign up to speak: Speakers must sign in with Clerk (comments must be limited to 3 minutes)</p>
Centennial	<p>Time: 7PM April 18, May 2 (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of month)            Place: Council Chambers, 13133 E. Arapahoe Road, Centennial            Website: <a href="https://www.centennialco.gov/Government/Mayor-Council/City-Council-Meetings">https://www.centennialco.gov/Government/Mayor-Council/City-Council-Meetings</a>            Sign up to speak: The intake of public comments follows the time allowances during public hearings. Sign-up sheets are made available on the table at the back of the Council Chambers.</p>
Cherry Hills Village	<p>Time: 6:30PM April 18, May 2 (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of month)            Place: Village Center, 2450 E Quincy Avenue            Website: <a href="https://www.cherryhillsvillage.com/101/City-Council">https://www.cherryhillsvillage.com/101/City-Council</a>            Sign up to speak: There is no need to sign up to attend in-person; if you would like to speak during audience participation there will be a sign-up sheet in the Council Chambers</p>
Columbine Valley	<p>Time: 6:30PM April 18 (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of month)            Place: Columbine Valley Town Hall, 2 Middlefield Road            Website: <a href="https://columbinevalley.org/board-trustee-agendas-minutes/">https://columbinevalley.org/board-trustee-agendas-minutes/</a>            Sign up to speak: The Board of Trustees welcomes comments from the public at the beginning of each regular meeting. Each speaker will be limited to three minutes. There will be speaker sign-up sheets on the table at the back of the</p>

	Council Chambers.
Deer Trail	Time: 7PM May 9 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of month) Place: Town Hall, 555 Second Ave., Deer Trail Website: <a href="https://townofdeertrail.colorado.gov/government/town-board-of-trustees">https://townofdeertrail.colorado.gov/government/town-board-of-trustees</a> Sign up to speak: Probably can sign in to speak at the door; call 303-769-4464 for more information.
Englewood	Time: 6PM April 17, May 1(1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mondays of month) Place: 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor of Civic Center, 1000 Englewood Parkway, Englewood Website: <a href="https://www.engagewoodco.gov/government/city-council/meetings">https://www.engagewoodco.gov/government/city-council/meetings</a> Sign up to speak: Please contact the City Clerk's office if you would like to sign up to speak at a Council meeting. The deadline to sign up to speak for Scheduled Public Comment is Wednesday by 5 p.m., prior to the meeting and you will be given 5 minutes to speak. All other speakers who do not meet the deadline will be added to Unscheduled Public Comment and will be given 3 minutes to speak.
Foxfield	Time: 6:30PM April 20, May 4 (1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of month) Place: Fire Station (probably Fire Station No. 42 located on Parker Road just south of Fremont Avenue) Website: <a href="https://townoffoxfield.colorado.gov/">https://townoffoxfield.colorado.gov/</a> Sign up to speak: All meetings, except executive sessions, are open to the public. Occasional special meetings are held as needed. The Board relies upon the input of residents for many of the decisions they make. Public comment is encouraged and should be limited to 4 minutes per speaker
Glendale	Time: 7PM May 2 (1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday of month) Place: 950 S. Birch St. Glendale Website: <a href="https://www.glendale.co.us/102/City-Council">https://www.glendale.co.us/102/City-Council</a> Sign up to speak: Probably can sign in to speak at the door; call 303-639-4708 for more information.
Greenwood Village	Time: 6pm May 1 (1 <sup>st</sup> Monday of month, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday of month is study session) Place: City Hall, 6060 South Quebec Street, Greenwood Village Website: <a href="https://greenwoodvillage.com/1082/Mayor-City-Council">https://greenwoodvillage.com/1082/Mayor-City-Council</a> Sign up to speak: Probably can sign in to speak at the door; call 303-773-0252 for more information.
Littleton	Time: 6:30 PM, April 18, May 2 (1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of month) Place: Littleton Center, 2255 W Berry Ave, 80120 Website: <a href="https://www.littletonco.gov/Government/Meetings/Upcoming-Mtgs">https://www.littletonco.gov/Government/Meetings/Upcoming-Mtgs</a> Sign up to speak: Sign in to speak at the door
Sheridan	Time: 7PM April 24, May 8 (2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Mondays of month) Place: Probably 4101 S Federal Boulevard Sheridan (try calling 303-762-2200 to ask why this is not easy to find on the website!) Website: <a href="http://ci.sheridan.co.us/75/City-Council-Mayor">http://ci.sheridan.co.us/75/City-Council-Mayor</a> Sign up to speak: All meetings are open to the public; probably you can sign up there to speak.

### School Districts in Arapahoe County

School district	Board meetings upcoming
Adams-Arapahoe	Time: 6PM April 18, May 2 (1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of month) Place: APS Professional Learning and Conference Center, 15771 E. 1st Ave.

School District (Aurora Public Schools)	Website: <a href="https://boe.aurorak12.org/">https://boe.aurorak12.org/</a> Sign up to speak: Public comment opportunities will be held at the second monthly meeting only. Individuals wishing to address the Board of Education for public comment are required to sign up in person before the scheduled Board meeting.
Byers 32j	Time: 6:55PM April 20, May 18 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of month) Place: Lecture Hall at Byers School District, 444 E. Front Street, Byers Website: <a href="https://www.byers32j.k12.co.us/page/board-of-education">https://www.byers32j.k12.co.us/page/board-of-education</a> Sign up to speak: Audience participation is limited to in person only and following the established board policies. Try calling the district at 303.822.5292 for more details.
Cherry Creek School District	Time: 7PM May 8, June 12 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of month) Place: Different school every month; May is Cherokee Trail High School, 25901 E. Arapahoe Road, June is West Middle School, 5151 S Holly St. Website: <a href="https://www.cherrycreekschools.org/domain/82">https://www.cherrycreekschools.org/domain/82</a> Sign up to speak: Cherry Creek policy is “Anyone who would like to address the Board at either a regular or special meeting (on the identified topic(s) for the special meeting) must sign-up electronically for public comment by providing their full name, street address, telephone number, email address, and the topic by no later than noon on the day of a regular Board meeting and by noon the day before a special Board meeting, using the sign-up link found on the Board of Education section of the District website.” Start your involvement by increasing board transparency, because the sign-up link is well-hidden; try calling the Cherry Creek schools main line at 303-773-1184 and ask where is the sign-up link the policy refers to!
Deer Trail 26j	Time: 7PM May 8, June 12 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of month) Place: Dorothy Pisel Meeting Room 128 South Second Avenue, Deer Trail Website: <a href="https://www.dt26j.com/en-US/school-board-74a7995f">https://www.dt26j.com/en-US/school-board-74a7995f</a> Sign up to speak: Can’t find instructions on website; try calling (303) 769-4421 or just showing up to meeting.
Englewood School District	Time: 6pm, May 2, June 6 (1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday of month) Place: ECE Boardroom - 3838 S. Huron St, Englewood, CO 80113 Website: <a href="https://www.englewoodschools.net/our-district/board-of-education">https://www.englewoodschools.net/our-district/board-of-education</a> Sign up to speak: To speak to the Board during public comment, fill out a “Public Request to Comment” form, available at all Board meetings or via email. Give the completed form to the Secretary to the Board of Education before the meeting starts.
Littleton School District	Time: 6:30pm April 27, May 11 (2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday of month) Place: LPS Education Services Center, 5776 S. Crocker Street, Littleton, CO 80120 Website: <a href="https://go.boarddocs.com/co/lpsco/Board.nsf/Public">https://go.boarddocs.com/co/lpsco/Board.nsf/Public</a> Sign up to speak: At the website below from 4PM the day before the meeting to 4PM the day of the meeting, or fill out a card at the meeting. <a href="https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfcPqHXBstRSbyYaZmPkForIN_MrIETGFUNNCnE9aiV5pE_w/closedform">https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfcPqHXBstRSbyYaZmPkForIN_MrIETGFUNNCnE9aiV5pE_w/closedform</a>
Sheridan School District	Time: Probably 5:45pm May 9, June 13 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month) Place: Probably 4150 South Hazel Court, Englewood, CO 80110, try calling for more information at (720) 833-6991 Website: <a href="https://www.ssd2.org/BoardofEducation.aspx">https://www.ssd2.org/BoardofEducation.aspx</a> Sign up to speak: No later than 24 hours prior to the board meeting, please email Polly Plancarte (pplancarte@ssd2.org) your request for “Audience with Board”. Include in the email your name, phone number (your phone number will not be revealed), and a brief description of the topic. The board would also like to know if you are a staff member, parent, student, community member or business owner.