

ARAPAHOE COUNTY ACTION

Help make the GOP the party of trust, transparency and action!
September 2, 2023

How to Decisively Win a Republican Primary While Trashing Republicans

Step 1. Register as a Republican. You can do this online, overnight, in the middle of the night.

Step 2. Pay people to stand outside a store or library and get some signatures on a petition for you. Probably fewer than you think. (“Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2)(e) of this section, the petition requires the lesser of one thousand signers or signers equal in number to ten percent of the votes cast in the political subdivision at the contested or uncontested primary election for the political party’s candidate for the office for which the petition is being circulated” C.R.S. 1-4-801) In comparison, the caucus and assembly process means courting votes representing one million Republicans statewide.

Step 3. Campaign to the unaffiliateds. Unaffiliateds are unaffiliated for many reasons, but we can reasonably assume that they have some issue with both major parties or they would be members. So, run your campaign trashing the Republican Party. Maybe only half the unaffiliateds will even listen to you. BUT currently in Arapahoe County, 48% of voters are registered unaffiliated, while 20% are Republican. If half the unaffiliateds vote for you, you will win handily even if ALL the Republicans vote against you!

Do you have a problem with this situation? Most Republicans do! This is the result of open primaries, where anybody can choose the Republican representatives! The lawsuit against open primaries is the long-term solution, but on September 30th the GOP State Central Committee will be voting on whether to “Opt Out” of open primaries for the next two years. Contact your chair, vice-chair, secretary, or bonus members and ask them to opt us out of this horrible trap!

Preparing for Off-Year Elections

Sign up to be a poll watcher or election judge:

Election Judges: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084CA5AD22A4FDCE9-arapahoe>

Poll Watchers

Aurora CentrePoint Plaza:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084CA5AD22A4FDCE9-aurora>

Aurora MLK Library:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084CA5AD22A4FDCE9-aurora1>

Byers Kelter Library:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084CA5AD22A4FDCE9-byers>

Centennial Lima Plaza:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084CA5AD22A4FDCE9-centennial>

Centennial Smoky Hill Library:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084CA5AD22A4FDCE9-centennial1>

Littleton ACC: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084CA5AD22A4FDCE9-littleton>

Upcoming Events

Colorado Hispanic Republicans 1st Annual Hispanic Heritage Celebration Dinner

Connect with the Hispanic community... you don't have to be Hispanic to appreciate the ethnic heritage that gave our state its name!

Thursday, September 14th, 6-10PM

Bella Sera Event Center, 45 Strong St., Brighton, CO

<https://www.coloradohispanicrepublicans.org/events-project>

Arapahoe County Grand Ol' Family Picnic

Sunday, September 17, 5:30-8:00PM

Centennial Center Park, 13050 E. Peakview Ave. Centennial (south side of park with picnic tables)

\$25/person except \$12/kids 12 and under

<https://secure.anedot.com/arapahoe-county-republicans/2023picnic>

Arapahoe County Current Issues

“Hideous Hoax” – Proposition HH

Your local government is quite capable of lowering property taxes without stealing TABOR.

<https://pagetwo.completecolorado.com/2023/08/30/menten-local-governments-can-lower-property-taxes-on-their-own/>

Proposition HH “will by design incrementally eliminate TABOR over 10 years. Basically wiping out an Amendment to our State Constitution without a vote of the people.”

<https://madmimi.com/p/e7b3271?pact=961-175479539-14446234018-ec5b1e418bfc83a7c2a33a1bcf9c5bd3d02e01eb>

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

Check the website for changes; the schedule below may not have the most recent updates.

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 September 12, 26 (2nd and 4th Tuesday of month)

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

<https://www.arapahoegov.com/259/Board-of-County-Commissioners>

Sign up to speak at room entrance.

Get on a committee! Find out what [slots are available](#), from weeds to library, from aging to trails, from zoning to SCFD.

Incorporated Cities in Arapahoe County

| Incorporated city | Upcoming city council/trustee meetings |
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| Aurora | Time: 6:30PM September 11, 25(usually every other Monday) Place: Aurora Municipal Center, 15151 E. Alameda Parkway Website: https://www.auroragov.org/city_hall/mayor_city_council/council_meetings 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. https://www.auroragov.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=16242704&pageId=16506621 |
| Bow Mar | Time: 7PM September 18 (usually 3 rd Monday of month) Place: Columbine Valley Town Hall, 2 Middlefield Road, Columbine Valley Website: https://townofbowmar.colorado.gov/boards-meetings/trustee-meetings Sign up to speak: Speakers must sign in with Clerk (comments must be limited to 3 minutes) |
| Centennial | Time: 7PM September 5, 19 (usually 1 st and 3 rd Tuesdays of month) |

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| | <p>Place: Council Chambers, 13133 E. Arapahoe Road, Centennial</p> <p>Website: https://www.centennialco.gov/Government/Mayor-Council/City-Council-Meetings</p> <p>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 September 5, 19 (usually 1st and 3rd Tuesday of month)</p> <p>Place: Village Center, 2450 E Quincy Avenue</p> <p>Website: https://www.cherryhillsvillage.com/101/City-Council</p> <p>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 September 19 (usually 3rd Tuesday of month)</p> <p>Place: Columbine Valley Town Hall, 2 Middlefield Road</p> <p>Website: https://columbinevalley.org/board-trustee-agendas-minutes/</p> <p>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 Council Chambers.</p> |
| Deer Trail | <p>Time: 7PM September 12 (usually 2nd Tuesday of month)</p> <p>Place: Town Hall, 555 Second Ave., Deer Trail</p> <p>Website: https://townofdeertrail.colorado.gov/government/town-board-of-trustees</p> <p>Sign up to speak: Probably can sign in to speak at the door; call 303-769-4464 for more information.</p> |
| Englewood | <p>Time: 6PM September 5, 18 (usually 1st and 3rd Mondays of month)</p> <p>Place: 2nd floor of Civic Center, 1000 Englewood Parkway, Englewood</p> <p>Website: https://www.engagewoodco.gov/government/city-council/meetings</p> <p>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.</p> |
| Foxfield | <p>Time: 6:30PM September 7, 21 (usually 1st and 3rd Thursday of month)</p> <p>Place: Fire Station (probably Fire Station No. 42 located on Parker Road just south of Fremont Avenue)</p> <p>Website: https://townoffoxfield.colorado.gov/</p> <p>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</p> |
| Glendale | <p>Time: 7PM September 5 (usually 1st Tuesday of month)</p> <p>Place: 950 S. Birch St. Glendale</p> <p>Website: https://www.glendale.co.us/102/City-Council</p> <p>Sign up to speak: Probably can sign in to speak at the door; call 303-639-4708 for more information.</p> |
| Greenwood Village | <p>Time: 7pm September 4? 18 (usually 1st and 3rd Monday of month)</p> <p>Place: City Hall, 6060 South Quebec Street, Greenwood Village</p> <p>Website: https://greenwoodvillage.com/1082/Mayor-City-Council</p> <p>Sign up to speak: Probably can sign in to speak at the door; call 303-773-0252 for more information.</p> |

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| Littleton | Time: 6:30 PM, September 5, 19 (usually 1 st and 3 rd Tuesday of month) Place: Littleton Center, 2255 W Berry Ave, 80120 Website: https://www.littletonco.gov/Government/Meetings/Upcoming-Mtgs Sign up to speak: Sign in to speak at the door |
| Sheridan | Time: 7PM September 11, 25 (usually 2 nd and 4 th 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: http://ci.sheridan.co.us/75/City-Council-Mayor Sign up to speak: All meetings are open to the public; probably you can sign up there to speak. |

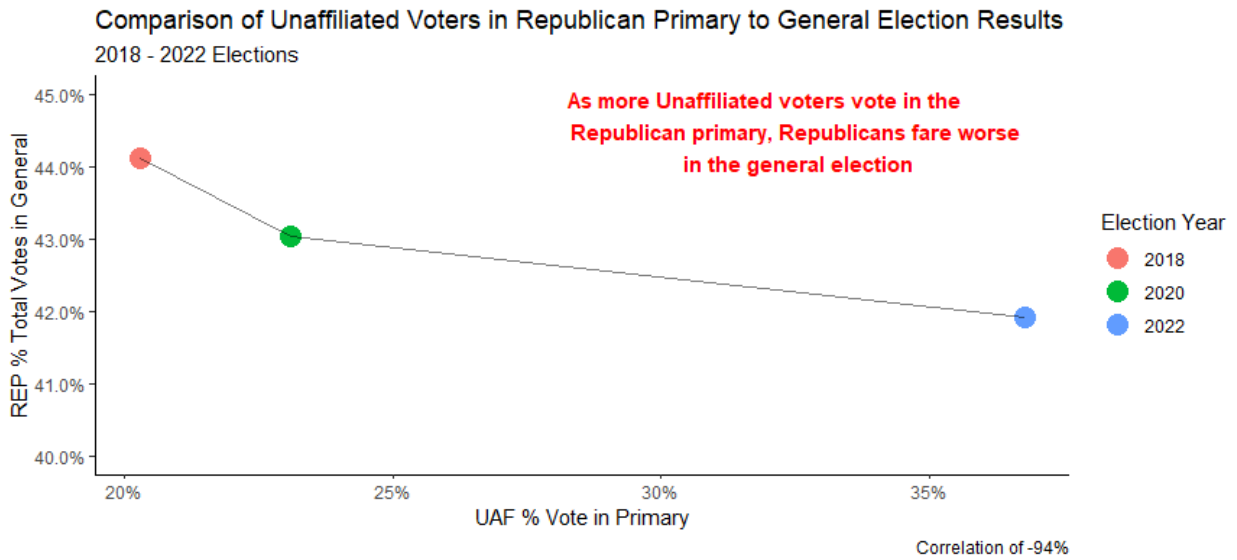
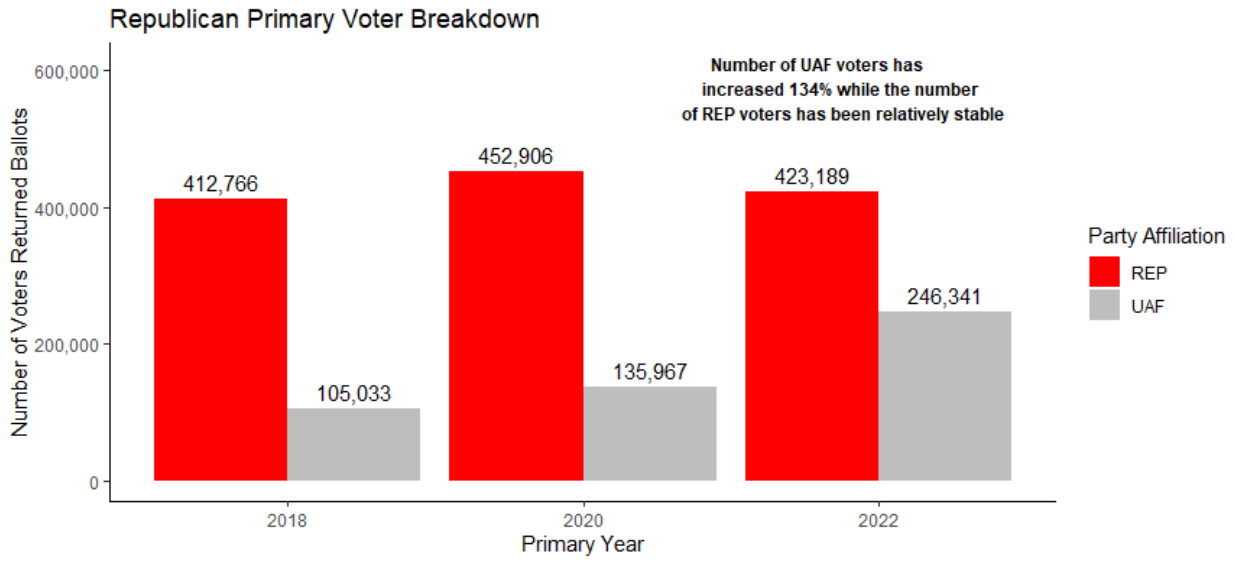
School Districts in Arapahoe County

| School district | Board meetings upcoming |
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| Adams-Arapahoe School District (Aurora Public Schools) | Time: 6PM September 19 (usually 1 st and 3 rd Tuesdays of month) Place: APS Professional Learning and Conference Center, 15771 E. 1st Ave. Website: https://boe.aurorak12.org/ 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 September 15 (usually 3 rd Thursday of month) Place: Lecture Hall at Byers School District, 444 E. Front Street, Byers Website: https://www.byers32j.k12.co.us/page/board-of-education 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 September 11th (usually 2 nd Monday of month) Place: Different school every month; September is Infinity Middle School, 25100 E. Belleview Ave., Aurora, CO 80016 Website: https://www.cherrycreekschools.org/domain/82 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 September 11 (usually 2 nd Monday of month) Place: Dorothy Pisel Meeting Room 128 South Second Avenue, Deer Trail Website: https://www.dt26j.com/board-of-education-meeting-dates/ 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, September 5, 19 (usually 1 st Tuesday of month) Place: ECE Boardroom - 3838 S. Huron St, Englewood, CO 80113 Website: https://www.inglewoodschools.net/who-we-are/board-of-education/meeting- |

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| | <p>schedule</p> <p>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.</p> |
| Littleton School District | <p>Time: 6:30pm September 14, 26 (usually 2nd and 4th Thursday of month)</p> <p>Place: LPS Education Services Center, 5776 S. Crocker Street, Littleton, CO 80120</p> <p>Website: https://go.boarddocs.com/co/lpsco/Board.nsf/Public</p> <p>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.</p> <p>https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfcPqHXBstRSbyYaZmPkForlN_MrIETGFUNNCnE9aiV5pE_w/closedform</p> |
| Sheridan School District | <p>Time: 5:45pm September 12 (usually 2nd Tuesday of the month)</p> <p>Place: SOAR Academy 4107 S. Federal Boulevard</p> <p>Website: https://www.ssd2.org/BoardofEducation.aspx</p> <p>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.</p> |

Opt Out Infographic

Unaffiliated Voters in the Primary Hurt Republicans in the General Election



Secretary of State Data Shows Open Primaries Bad for Republicans in General

Statement: Since the 2018 general election (which was the first general election that occurred after an open primary), support among unaffiliated voters for Republican candidates has dropped over 10% in general elections.

Statement Backup and Data: Since 2018, the Secretary of State's office has tracked all voters who were mailed ballots and returned said ballots in every general election. Contained in this information is the party affiliation of voters. Due to this information being available, you can make estimated projections about which candidates a voting block voted for. These assumptions are as follows:

- Registered Republicans generally vote for Republican candidates.
- Registered Democrats generally vote for Democrat candidates.
- If you know the total votes for each registered candidate and how many ballots were returned by registered Republican and Democrats, you can interpolate generally what % of unaffiliated voters who returned a ballot voted for which registered candidate (this is because most registered non-Democrats and non-Republicans are unaffiliated)

Example from 2022 Governor Race:

| 2022 General Election Governor Results | | | | |
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| Category | Democrat Candidate | Republican Candidate | OTHER Candidate(s) | Total |
| Total Votes Recorded | 1,468,481 | 983,040 | 57,309 | 2,508,830 |
| Registered Democrats Returned Ballots | 768,171 | | | 768,171 |
| Registered Republicans Returned Ballots | | 708,834 | | 708,834 |
| Estimated Votes by Registered Voters that aren't registered Democrat or Republican | 700,310 | 274,206 | 57,309 | 1,031,825 |

*Actual results sourced from <https://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/Results/2022/2022GeneralCandidateResults.xlsx>

*Returned ballots data sourced from Secretary of State CE-068 file for the 2022 General Election

| 2022 General Election Governor Results | | | |
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| UAF Total Votes to DEM Candidate | UAF Total Votes to REP Candidate | UAF % Votes to DEM Candidate | UAF % Votes to REP Candidate |
| 700,310 | 274,206 | 72% | 28% |

Results for Statewide Races Since 2018 (Republican candidates are losing UAF Support)

| Race | 2018 | 2020 | 2022 | 2018 | 2020 | 2022 |
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| | UAF % Votes to REP Candidate | UAF % Votes to REP Candidate | UAF % Votes to REP Candidate | UAF % Votes to DEM Candidate | UAF % Votes to DEM Candidate | UAF % Votes to DEM Candidate |
| President/Vice President | No Race | 35% | No Race | No Race | No Race | No Race |
| Governor | 45% | No Race | 28% | 55% | No Race | 72% |
| United States Senator | No Race | 41% | 34% | No Race | 59% | 66% |
| Secretary of State | 47% | No Race | 36% | 53% | No Race | 64% |
| Attorney General | 49% | No Race | 38% | 51% | No Race | 62% |
| State Treasurer | 48% | No Race | 39% | 52% | No Race | 61% |
| State Board of Education/Regent of the University of Colorado - At-large | 47% | No Race | 39% | 53% | No Race | 61% |
| All Races - Average | 47% | 38% | 36% | 53% | 62% | 64% |