



Joan Lopez announces run for Arapahoe County Clerk and Recorder

Aurora, CO, February 2, 2018—Joan Lopez today announced her candidacy for Arapahoe County Clerk and Recorder. A 16-year veteran of the county government, Lopez has worked in voter registration, marriage license and elections departments, and currently is a senior motor vehicle specialist. She also serves as branch bookkeeper.

In announcing her second run for the post, Lopez said she will work to bring financial accountability to the office, and to improve access to voting throughout the county.

"I'm not a politician," she told supporters. "I will roll up my sleeves and work, because that's what I do." "I'll be here helping county residents and small businesses get ahead." Right now small and large automobile sales companies are pushed aside. Arapahoe County needs to support these businesses and welcome the constant revenue. These business owners are made to wait for hours and have no other option but to be at the mercy of the county's rules.

One of her first policy innovations, she said, will be to save money by improving the efficiency of all transactions starting with driver licensing process. Currently, Arapahoe residents must have an appointment before applying for or renewing a license. The policy has forced residents to seek service in other counties, rather than wait weeks for an appointment. Each driver's license office now serves a maximum of 80 people per day, down 73% from the 300 per day served before the policy was changed. Yet, taxpayers are still funding the same number of employees, some of whom could be better utilized elsewhere.

As chief elections official for Arapahoe, Lopez will ensure that sufficient voting machines and polling locations are available in underserved areas such as Aurora. She will improve mail and online communications so that residents, taxpayers and voters will know their rights and responsibilities under the law.

Lopez is a lifelong Coloradan and graduate of Community College of Denver. She lives in Aurora with her husband, Gary McCarty, and their son Joshua who is a Navy veteran and daughter Sarah.

"If you have lived in Arapahoe County during the past 16 years," she said, "I've probably helped you."

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Caucus Day is March 6, 2018.

Primary Day is June 26.

Election Day is November 6.

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