

## ***Elections and Issues***

### **Boulder County Primary Election, August 12, 2008**

**Purpose** — In even-numbered years, a *registered voter affiliated with a political party* may submit a ballot voting for party candidates in his/her U.S. Congressional District, plus the Colorado State Senate and State House Districts, plus county offices. The voter may vote by mail or at a polling place. The party candidates chosen in this primary election, along with additional candidates when applicable, will appear on the ballot for the November 4, 2008, general election.

#### **Important Dates**

- July 14: Last day to register to vote in primary election  
Last day to withdraw from or change your major party affiliation to vote in primary
- July 15: Last day to inform County Clerk of change of address to vote in primary
- August 5: Last day to apply for mail-in ballot for primary election
- August 2–8: Early voting for primary election at designated locations
- August 12: Primary election at designated polling places (close at 7 p.m.)  
Mail-in ballots must be received at County Clerk's office

#### **What You Need to Know**

**Your Voice, Your Vote!** A flyer with voter registration and election information for 2008–2009, prepared through the LWVCO Education Fund, was mailed to LWVBC members in spring 2008. It is also available here at our [lwwcolorado.org](http://lwwcolorado.org) website.

#### **Voter Status/Your State SD, HD**

You can check your voter status, districts, and other personal information online at the Boulder County Government website: [www.bouldercounty.org/clerk/elections/promptforname.html](http://www.bouldercounty.org/clerk/elections/promptforname.html); or phone 303-413-7740. In addition to your name, you must provide your birthdate.

**Active/Inactive Voting Status** If you did NOT vote in the last general election in 2006, you are considered on inactive status. You may appear at a polling place and be put on active status to vote in that election. For the current election cycle, a voter on inactive status will receive a mail-in ballot if he/she had previously requested one. Recent legislation passed by the Colorado legislature requires that an information card be mailed to registered voters for the 2008 elections.

**Affiliation Change** The County Clerk's office must be informed by July 14th of a change of major party affiliation for the person to vote in the primary. (The political parties currently recognized by the state of Colorado are: American Constitution, Democratic, Green, Libertarian, and Republican.)

**Unaffiliated Voters** An unaffiliated registered voter may declare a party affiliation at a polling place and vote for that party's candidates in the primary.

**Mail-In Ballots** The Boulder County Clerk's office mailed a form to each registered voter in May 2008 to allow the voter to apply for a permanent mail-in ballot status. You may request a mail-in ballot for the 2008 August primary and/or the November general election only with a mail-in ballot application available online or through the County Clerk's office.

**Identification** Valid identification, such as a current driver's license or passport, is required at a polling place for all voters. Various other documents are considered to be valid identification (see BC Clerk Elections website). A Social Security number may not be used as ID at a polling place.

**Change of Address** You may inform the County Clerk and Recorder Elections Division of a change of address by email, fax, U.S. Mail, or at the County Clerk's office. It must be done at least 30 days before the election, and you must live in your precinct at least 30 days before the election.

## **Boulder County Elected Legislators**

2 U.S. Senators

2 U.S. Representatives: Congressional Districts 2 and 4

3 Colorado State Senators: Senate Districts 16, 17, 18

5 Colorado Representatives: House Districts 10, 11, 12, 13, 33

## **Boulder County Primary Candidates**

### **American Constitution Party**

No primary election

### **Democratic Party**

U.S. Senate: Mark Udall

U.S. House District 2: Joan Fitz-Gerald, Jared Polis, Will Shafroth

U.S. House District 4: Betsy Markey

State Senate: 16: Dan Gibbs; 17: Brandon Shaffer; 18: Cindy Carlisle, Rollie Heath

State House: 10: Dickey Lee Hullinghorst; 11: Jack Pommer; 12: Paul Weissmann;  
13: Claire Levy; 33: Dianne Primavera

CU Regent: 2nd Congressional District: Joseph Neguse

Boulder County Commissioners: District 1: Will Toor; District 2: Ben Pearlman;  
District 3: Cindy Domenico

Boulder County District Attorney: Stan Garnett

Boulder County Assessor: Jerry Roberts

**Green Party**

No primary election

**Libertarian Party**

Boulder County Commissioners: District 1: Bo Shaffer; District 2: Ralph Shnelvar;  
District 3: Randy Luallin

**Republican Party**

U.S. Senate: Bob Schaffer

U.S. House District 2: Scott Starin

U.S. House District 4: Marilyn Musgrave

State Senate: 16: Dan Ytterberg; 17: Katie Witt; 18: no candidate

State House: 10: Dorothy Marshall; 11: Catherine Jarrett; 12: Daniel Lucas;

13: Robert Houdeshell; 33: Nick Kliebenstein

CU Regent: 2nd Congressional District: no candidate

Boulder County Commissioners: District 1: Patrick Brophy; District 2: Aaron Hobbs;

District 3: Dick Murphy

Boulder County District Attorney: no candidate

Boulder County Assessor: no candidate

**Note:** Information provided is the best available as of June 15, 2008. Changes or modifications may occur before the August 12th election.

—Anne Fischer, Membership Director