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Neighbor to Neighbor



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My name is Sue Schafer. I am a teacher, a mother, an active participant in the Wheat Ridge community, and now a candidate for the Colorado House of Representatives District 24, which includes Wheat Ridge, Applewood, Edgewater, and small parts of Arvada and Lakewood. I serve on the Wheat Ridge 2020 Planning Committee, the Wheat Ridge Senior/Community Center Board, and am active in the League of Women Voters and my church. I worked my way through college and graduate schools, became a social studies teacher, the Colorado K-12 state curriculum director, and currently own a small education consulting business. Having raised two wonderful daughters, I know the challenges parents face every day in providing safe environments for our children and families. We need policies that protect and support families such as increased penalties for perpetrators of domestic violence, stiffer penalties for sexual predators, and more affordable health care for everyone in Colorado. Rep. Cheri Jahn is term limited. We need a consensus builder, and a problem solver, one who will work for common-sense policies that benefit everyone.

What will be my priorities as a legislator?

- 1) Health Care
- 2) Senior rights and benefits
- 3) Economic growth
- 4) Education.

Coloradoans should have affordable health insurance We must treat our seniors

with dignity and respect to reduce their struggles in meeting their daily needs. I support increasing Access-a-Ride and other forms of transportation for seniors and disabled persons. Senior housing should be more available and affordable..

We should raise the exemption for the business personal property tax. I am also strongly committed to job growth achieved

by solar and wind energy development which will reduce our dependence on foreign oil. For our community, we should redefine the enterprise zone statute to attract more businesses and jobs.

I believe we have over-emphasized a 4-year college degree for all students to the exclusion of providing training in trades, technologies and vocations. This is wrong and this is

a loss for both students and society. We should build partnerships and apprenticeships with local businesses and re-emphasize the value of the trades and industries. I will support a law recommending that school districts and colleges teach the 21st century skills of entrepreneurship, creativity, and computer technology.

The main reason I am running is represented in my initials SPS (Susan P. Schafer) which stand for Solve Problems Sooner! Throughout my career I have always worked to solve problems rather than complain about them!

I look forward to meeting with you as individuals or as groups. I would like to hear your ideas at sue@sueschafer.com or at 303-918-2660. And please visit my website www.sueschafer.com



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