



# Candidate Information Guide 2024

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## Letter from the Elbert County Clerk and Recorder

Dear Elbert County Citizen,

Congratulations on considering candidacy for an elected office.

Our office oversees ballot access for Elbert County elected offices to include: Commissioner, Clerk and Recorder, Treasurer, Assessor, Sheriff, Surveyor, and Coroner. If you are interested in running for any other elected office, please see page 13 for more information.

This guide provides basic information for individuals interested in pursuing candidacy for an Elbert County elected office. It is the sole responsibility of every candidate to know and comply with all laws, regulations, and requirements to run and become elected to office.

Our office is here to serve you. Please contact our team if you have additional questions after reviewing this guide at 303-621-3127 or [elections@elbertcounty-co.gov](mailto:elections@elbertcounty-co.gov).

Good Luck,



Rhonda Braun

Elbert County Clerk and Recorder



Rhonda Braun, Clerk and Recorder

## Candidate Checklist

- Verify your voter registration information is accurate and up to date, including party affiliation
- Understand county qualifications for office (see charts on pages 5-6)
- Familiarize yourself with [election and county government statutes](#)
- Review ballot access options and deadlines (pages 7-9)
- Read campaign finance and candidate filing requirements on the Colorado Secretary of State [website](#)
- Please contact the Elbert County Elections Division if you determine to access the ballot by petition or as a write-in

## County Qualifications for Office

Office	Age Requirement	General Requirements	Residency Requirement	Job Specific Requirements	Term Start & Length
Assessor	18	Must be a registered elector.	Resident of county for one year preceding his/her election.	N/A	Term Begins: 2nd Tuesday in January. Term Length: 4 years.
Clerk & Recorder	18	Must be a registered elector.	Resident of county for one year preceding his/her election.	N/A	Term Begins: 2nd Tuesday in January. Term Length: 4 years.
Commissioner	18	Must be a registered elector.	Resident of county and district for one year preceding his/her election.	N/A	Term Begins: 2nd Tuesday in January. Term Length: 4 years.
Coroner	18	Must be a registered elector.	Resident of county for one year preceding his/her election.	High school diploma or its equivalent or a college degree; has given proof of fingerprinting by a qualified law enforcement agency to clerk with candidate acceptance form/write-in affidavit or to board of county commissioners if filling vacancy; and has not been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a felony (those pardoned are eligible to run).	Term Begins: 2nd Tuesday in January. Term Length: 4 years.
Sheriff	18	Must be a registered elector.	Resident of county for one year preceding his/her election.	High school diploma or its equivalent or a college degree; has given a receipt of fingerprinting by a qualified law enforcement agency to clerk with candidate acceptance form/write-in affidavit; and has not been convicted of or pleaded guilty to a felony (those pardoned are eligible to run).	Term Begins: 2nd Tuesday in January. Term Length: 4 years.
Surveyor	18	Must be a registered elector.	Resident of county for one year preceding his/her election.	Shall be a professional land surveyor as provided in part 2 of article 25 of title 12, C.R.S.	Term Begins: 2nd Tuesday in January. Term Length: 4 years.
Treasurer	18	Must be a registered elector.	Resident of county for one year preceding his/her election.	N/A	Term Begins: 2nd Tuesday in January. Term Length: 4 years.
School Board Member	18	Must be a registered elector.	Registered elector of school district for one year preceding his/her election. Resident of the director district that will be represented (unless seeking an at-large director seat).	Any person who has been convicted of commission of a sexual offense against a child shall not be eligible for the office.	Term Begins: Within 10 days of receiving the certificate of election. Term Length: 4 years or 6 years, depending on the district.

Office	Statute Citation
Assessor	Colorado Constitution: Article XIV, Sections 8 & 10 Colorado Revised Statutes: 1-4-501; 30-10-801
Clerk & Recorder	Colorado Constitution: Article XIV, Sections 8 & 10 Colorado Revised Statutes: 1-4-501; 30-10-401
Commissioner	Colorado Constitution: Article XIV, Sections 8 & 10 Colorado Revised Statutes: 1-4-501;1-4-205; 30-10-301
Coroner	Colorado Constitution: Article XIV, Sections 8 & 10 Colorado Revised Statutes: 1-4-501; 30-10-601 & 601.5
Sheriff	Colorado Constitution: Article XIV, Sections 8 & 10 Colorado Revised Statutes: 1-4-501; 30-10-501 & 501.5
Surveyor	Colorado Constitution: Article XIV, Sections 8 & 10 Colorado Revised Statutes: 1-4-501; 30-10-901
Treasurer	Colorado Constitution: Article XIV, Sections 8 & 10 Colorado Revised Statutes: 1-4-501; 30-10-701
School Board Member	Colorado Revised Statutes: 22-31-105; 22-31-107; 22-31-125

## Ballot Access Options for County Candidates

All candidates must be affiliated with a **political party** for which they are seeking office, **or unaffiliated** for candidates wishing to petition on to the ballot no later than **January 1, 2024**.

CANDIDATE	NAME APPEARS ON WHICH EVEN-YEAR ELECTION BALLOT
<b>Major Party</b>	Primary Election Ballot (winner progresses to the General Election Ballot)
<b>Minor Party</b>	Primary Election Ballot (must be more than one candidate of the same party for that office) or General Election Ballot
<b>Unaffiliated</b>	General Election Ballot
<b>Write-in</b>	Primary or General Election Ballot

	MAJOR POLITICAL PARTY
<b>Candidate by Political Party Nomination</b>	Must receive 30% or more of the votes of all duly accredited assembly delegates at the county assembly and file a written acceptance with the County Clerk's office no later than four days after the adjournment of the assembly (C.R.S. 1-4-601)
<b>Candidate by Petition</b>	The petition must contain, whichever is less, 1,000 signatures or signatures equaling 10% of the votes cast at the last primary election for the same office and political party or, if there was no primary election, at the last preceding general election for which there was a candidate for the office. No person who attempted and failed to receive at least ten percent of the votes for the nomination of a political party assembly for a particular office shall be placed in nomination by petition on behalf of the political party for the same office. Party petitions shall not be circulated nor any signatures be obtained prior to the third Tuesday in January. Petitions must be filed no later than the close of business on the third Tuesday in March (C.R.S 1-4-801).
<b>Write-in Candidate by Affidavit</b>	A person who wishes to be a write-in candidate for an office in an election may do so by filing a Write-in candidate affidavit of intent. The affidavit shall be filed with the county clerk and recorder if it is for a county office, no later than the close of business on the sixty-seventh day before the primary and by the close of business on the one hundred tenth day before any other election. (C.R.S. 1-4-1101 and 1-4-1102)

<b>MINOR POLITICAL PARTY</b>	
<b>Candidate by Political Party Nomination</b>	Must receive 30% or more of the votes of all duly accredited assembly delegates at the county assembly and file a written acceptance with the County Clerk's office no later than four days after the adjournment of the assembly (C.R.S. 1-4-601). Minor party candidates nominated by assembly are placed on the general election ballot unless there is more than one candidate for that office nominated by assembly and/or petition; then the candidates for that office are placed on the primary election ballot (1-4-1304).
<b>Candidate by Petition</b>	The petition must contain whichever is less, 1,000 signatures or signatures equaling 2% of the votes cast for all candidates for that office in the most recent general election. The petition shall not be circulated nor any signatures be obtained prior to the first Monday in February in the general election year. Petitions shall be filed no later than the close of business, eighty-five days before the primary election (C.R.S. 1-4-802).
<b>Write-in Candidate by Affidavit</b>	A person who wishes to be a write-in candidate for an office in an election may do so by filing a Write-in candidate affidavit of intent. The affidavit shall be filed with the county clerk and recorder if it is for a county office, no later than the close of business on the sixty-seventh day before the primary and by the close of business on the one hundred tenth day before any other election. (C.R.S. 1-4-1101 and 1-4-1102)

<b>UNAFFILIATED</b>	
<b>Candidate by Petition</b>	The petition must contain whichever is less, 1,000 signatures or signatures equaling 2% of the votes cast for all candidates for that office in the most recent general election. The petition shall not be circulated nor any signatures be obtained prior to one hundred and seventy-three days before the general election. Petitions shall be filed no later than 3 p.m. on the one hundred seventeenth day before the general election with the county clerk and recorder (C.R.S. 1-4-802).
<b>Write-in Candidate by Affidavit</b>	A person who wishes to be a write-in candidate for an office in an election may do so by filing a Write-in candidate affidavit of intent. The affidavit shall be filed with the county clerk and recorder if it is for a county office, no later than the close of business on the sixty-seventh day before the primary and by the close of business on the one hundred tenth day before any other election. (C.R.S. 1-4-1101 and 1-4-1102)



## 2024 County Candidate Petition & Ballot Access Timeline

**January 1**

Last day to affiliate with a major or minor party to run as a party candidate, unless party rules, bylaws or constitution state otherwise

Last day to register as unaffiliated to be placed in nomination by petition as an unaffiliated candidate

**January 16**

First day to circulate a major party candidate petition

**February 5**

First day to circulate a minor party candidate petition

**March 19**

Last day to file a major party candidate petition no later than the close of business

**April 1**

Last day to file minor party candidate petition no later than the close of business

**April 19**

Last day to file an affidavit of intent as a write-in candidate for the June 25th Primary Election by close of business

**May 16**

First day an unaffiliated candidate may circulate a petition for nomination for the November 5th General Election

**June 25**

Primary Election Day

**July 11**

Last day to file an unaffiliated candidate petition for the November 5th General Election by 3:00 pm

**July 18**

Last day to file an affidavit of intent as a write-in candidate for the November 5th General Election by close of business

**November 5**

General Election Day

## 2024 County Candidate Petition Signature Requirements

	DEMOCRATIC	REPUBLICAN	MINOR	UNAFFILIATED
<b>General Requirements</b>	Whichever is less: 1,000 signatures or 10% of votes cast based upon previous Democratic Primary Election, or, if there was no primary election, at the last preceding general election for which there was a candidate for the office	Whichever is less: 1,000 signatures or 10% of votes cast based upon previous Republican Primary Election	Whichever is less: 1,000 signatures or 2% of votes cast based upon previous General Election.	Whichever is less: 1,000 signatures or 2% of votes cast based upon previous General Election.
<b>County Commissioner District 1</b>	For 2024 the requirement is <b>1000</b> signatures (10% of votes cast from 2020 General Election is 1538)	For 2024 the requirement is <b>543</b> signatures (10% of votes cast from 2020 Primary)	For 2024 the requirement is <b>308</b> signatures (2% of votes cast from 2020 General Election)	For 2024 the requirement is <b>308</b> signatures (2% of votes cast from 2020 General Election)
<b>County Commissioner District 3</b>	For 2024 the requirement is <b>1000</b> signatures (10% of votes cast from 2020 General Election is 1789)	For 2024 the requirement is <b>544</b> signatures (10% of votes cast from 2020 Primary)	For 2024 the requirement is <b>358</b> signatures (2% of votes cast from 2020 General Election)	For 2024 the requirement is <b>358</b> signatures (2% of votes cast from 2020 General Election)

## County and State Political Party Contact Information

ELBERT COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY	
<b>Website</b>	elbertcountyrepublicans.com
<b>Party Chair</b>	Tom Peterson
<b>Phone</b>	303-229-6710
<b>Email</b>	<a href="mailto:tmpeterson18@gmail.com">tmpeterson18@gmail.com</a>

ELBERT COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY	
<b>Website</b>	elbertcodems.net
<b>Party Chair</b>	Kathleen Conway
<b>Phone</b>	303-908-0831
<b>Email</b>	<a href="mailto:elcodemocrats@gmail.com">elcodemocrats@gmail.com</a>

COLORADO REPUBLICAN PARTY	
<b>Website</b>	cologop.org
<b>Party Chair</b>	TBD
<b>Main phone</b>	303-758-3333
<b>Main Email</b>	<a href="mailto:info@cologop.org">info@cologop.org</a>

COLORADO DEMOCRATIC PARTY	
<b>Website</b>	coloradodems.org
<b>Party Chair</b>	TBD
<b>Main phone</b>	303-623-4762
<b>Main Email</b>	<a href="mailto:info@coloradodem.org">info@coloradodem.org</a>

## Campaign Finance Information for Candidates

All candidates should familiarize themselves with Colorado campaign finance laws and rules. TRACER is the Colorado Secretary of State's online campaign finance filing system. It is the system by which candidate, committees, and political parties enter their reports of contributions and expenditures, and it contains a wealth of information related to campaign finance law in Colorado.

- TRACER can be accessed at: [www.tracer.sos.colorado.gov](http://www.tracer.sos.colorado.gov)
- Colorado Secretary of State: [www.coloradosos.gov](http://www.coloradosos.gov)
- Contact for assistance: [cpfhelp@coloradosos.gov](mailto:cpfhelp@coloradosos.gov)

**An individual becomes a candidate when they publicly announce their intent to run for office and thereafter receives a contribution or makes an expenditure in support of their candidacy.** A public announcement includes but is not limited to making a statement a reasonable person would expect to become public signifying an interest in a public office by means of a speech, advertisement, or other communication reported to or appearing in public media or any place that is accessible to the public. A public announcement also includes a stated intention to explore the possibility of seeking an office and/or the registration of a candidate committee.

**You must file a candidate affidavit with the appropriate filing office within 10 days of becoming a candidate for public office.** Candidates required to file affidavits with the Secretary of State must file the affidavit electronically using the online campaign finance reporting system, TRACER. The affidavit is an attestation that the candidate has familiarized themselves with campaign finance laws and regulations, so be sure to read the laws before submitting the affidavit.

## Running for other offices (state, municipal, school, or special district)

	<b>RUNNING FOR OTHER OFFICES</b>
<b>Municipal</b>	Please contact your municipal clerk
<b>School District</b>	Please contact your School District's Designated Election Official
<b>Special District</b>	Please contact your Special District's Designated Election Official
<b>State</b>	Please contact your political party and/or the Colorado Secretary of State

### Disclaimer

This guide is not legal advice. The information contained in this candidate guide summarizes the county candidate qualifications and provides citations and laws governing those qualifications. Any individual considering running for office is advised to review the candidate qualifications as set forth in statute in its entirety and to seek legal counsel.