

WHY I AM RUNNING FOR WELD COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER

People ask, "Why are you running?" My answer is, "How could I not?" I'm running because I love my county. I want Weld County to be the best county in the state, for all of its citizens. Citizens of Weld County deserve a choice in electing their next clerk and recorder. That was not the case four years ago, because the current clerk ran unopposed.

When an article appeared about the many problems in that office, I took notice. After reading through the 150 page, "Performance Review of the Weld County Clerk and Recorder's Office" ordered by the Weld County Council, I realized the severity of the problems. Following many complaints from residents and car dealers about long wait times, and employees reporting a hostile work climate, the council ordered the audit.

Employees work in a hostile work environment filled with favoritism, preferential treatment, retaliation and vindictiveness. This causes high employee turnover, long wait times, and poor customer service. This is unacceptable, so we must demand change.

My experience equips me with the ability to listen, analyze, and identify issues and solve problems. I'll work to reverse high employee turnover, and treat employees with the dignity and respect they deserve.

In addition, I'll work for complete transparency in the redistricting process and make the process accountable to the people of Weld County where it belongs. I'll work with county commissioners and the GIS Department for fair, impartial redistricting. It's time for local gerrymandering to come to an end.

As an attorney with a degree from the University of Denver, I currently serve as your Public Trustee. I have managed the Public Trustee's office almost 12 years. Appointed by Governor Bill Ritter and re-appointed by Governor John Hickenlooper, I run this office efficiently, and at no cost to the county, and I generate nearly \$3,000,000 in additional revenue. I also have a good working relationship with the county commissioners, the director of finance and county attorney.

When you fill out your ballot, remember me, Susie Velasquez, County Clerk and Recorder.