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### **For Immediate Release**

#### Milliken Native Shines Bright as Rising Star in Local Politics

It is always good to discover a hometown girl is doing well and giving back to the community. Susie Velasquez, a Milliken native is running for Weld County Clerk and Recorder. She is a product of Weld County schools - a graduate of Roosevelt High School, Aims Community College, University of Northern Colorado, and the University of Denver Law School. As an attorney, she has served as the Assistant Attorney General for the State of Colorado and now serves as the Weld County Public Trustee, and has managed this office for over 11 years.

“I grew up in Milliken,” Velasquez glows, “my dad worked for the railroad and the sugar factory in Johnstown. My mom worked at the Milliken potato dock sorting potatoes. In the summertime, my family worked the fields picking beans and cherries. We worked hard, my eight brothers and two sisters, 11 of us in all.” With all this amazing hard work and success, Velasquez is setting her sights on improving the Clerk and Recorder’s office. “I decided to run because the citizens of Weld County deserve to have a choice. I love Weld County, and some things need to change.” says Velasquez.

In the Clerk and Recorder’s Office, there has been low morale and high turnover. Audited by order of the Weld County Council, it became apparent that employees are going to work every day into a hostile work environment, filled with high occurrences of favoritism and retaliation. This has resulted in widespread employee turnover, which costs the county. Other indicators of poor leadership include high wait times in the motor vehicle department and poor customer service to the residents of Weld County. These issues are unacceptable.

The County Clerk’s office is also responsible for working with the County Commissioners to redraw their own district boundary lines. The redrawing of lines is done every few years adjusting for rapid population growth instead of after each census. Velasquez will be a strong

advocate for complete transparency in the redistricting process and returning accountability to the people of Weld County, ending any temptation for gerrymandering.

Susie Velasquez is uniquely qualified to take the reins of the Clerk and Recorder's office. Come meet her at a meet and greet event, Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 p.m., at Parish Park, 11 Raymond Pl, Johnstown, Colorado.

Velasquez raised her children in Weld County, and her grandchildren are being raised here as well. "I want to ensure that Weld County is the best place it can be for my children and yours. Let's make Weld County the best place for us all." For more information, go to [www.susie4weld.com](http://www.susie4weld.com).



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