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Zenzinger announces candidacy for Jeffco Commission

Her final term in State Senate ends in May

ARVADA, Colo. (Nov. 9, 2023) – Rachel Zenzinger announced she is a candidate for the Jefferson County Commission in the November 2024 election. She hopes to apply her collaborative style of leadership in a bid for the seat that will come open next year.

[Zenzinger](#), who has served eight years as State Senator for District 19 representing Arvada and part of Westminster, plans to finish her term at the state capitol in early May, then launch into the election campaign for the job as Jeffco Commissioner.

Colorado’s term-limit laws prevent her from running for another stint in the state senate.

“This seems like the next best opportunity for me to apply my skills in service to the community,” Zenzinger said, who is serving her fourth year on the legislature’s Joint Budget Committee. “Honestly that’s what it’s all about. I get huge satisfaction from serving the people of Jefferson County and wherever people can benefit most from my emphases on transparency and accessibility.”

Zenzinger began her political career as a member of the Arvada City Council, where she first forged her reputation as a results-oriented leader. Her bipartisan attitude helped the state progress in several key areas, including education, housing and transportation. She had her greatest impact in the legislature as the Chair of the Joint Budget Committee: That year, the \$40 billion budget came out of committee with a rare unanimous approval.

“Rachel has a way of working with people that motivates them to set aside differences to achieve the common good,” said Jefferson County Commissioner Lesley Dahlkemper. “Her budget-savvy policy background and her heart for community will serve Jefferson County residents well.”

The seat on the Jeffco Commission essentially came open with a recent announcement by current Commissioner Tracy Kraft-Tharp of Arvada. Zenzinger said she appreciated Kraft-Tharp’s years of dedicated service.

Andy Kerr, a Jeffco Commissioner who also worked with Zenzinger previously in the state senate, said he looks forward to working with her again.

“Rachel brings a huge amount of energy and integrity to any project, and I know we are going to accomplish more than ever on behalf of the people of Jefferson County,” he said.

About Rachel Zenzinger

After winning re-election to the Colorado State Senate in November 2020, Sen. Zenzinger has now served continuously since January 2017, on top of a brief term in 2014. She served as the Chair of the Joint Budget Committee, Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Chair of the Senate Education Committee, and Vice-Chair of the Statutory Revision Committee. Her district is SD-19, which encompasses the Jefferson County portion of Westminster and most of Arvada. Her professional background is in education. For more information about Sen. Zenzinger, go to www.RachelforColorado.com. She also invites email and phone inquiries at SenatorRachelZ@gmail.com and at 303-748-0770.