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RACHEL ZENZINGER ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY FOR COLORADO STATE SENATE

Vows to prioritize middle-class family issues

ARVADA, Colo. (Aug. 17, 2015) – Rachel Zenzinger, a former teacher and former member of the Arvada City Council, today announced her candidacy for the Colorado State Senate, District 19.

The former State Senator pledged that her No. 1 focus when she regains the seat will be to build a stronger middle class. “While the economy may be stabilizing for some, many are being left behind,” she said. “True economic recovery means all hardworking Coloradans have opportunities for good jobs, with fair pay, and a chance to get ahead.”

A mother of two young girls, Zenzinger understands the effects of the rising costs of housing, food, and health care. She knows firsthand that families are still struggling, challenged by issues such as skyrocketing tuition and childcare rates, and the high cost of elder care.

“We need a Senator who will stand on the side of hardworking families, not bow to an extreme party fringe,” Zenzinger said. “My opponent voted to increase income taxes on our active duty military service men and women (HB 15-1181) and elevated lobbyists, special interests, and big business above middle class families (SB 15-078). Westminster, Arvada and the entire state deserve better.”

State Senate Minority Leader Lucia Guzman said she was pleased to hear that Zenzinger is a candidate for the 2016 election. “This is the news we’ve been waiting for, that Rachel Zenzinger would run for this important seat in the legislature,” said Guzman. “We know of her dedication and her many community contributions.”

Zenzinger has a long history of public service in the Arvada-Westminster area, including her past service as a board member of the Arvada Community Food Bank, Arvada Council for the Arts & Humanities, Ralston House, and member of the Arvada Jefferson Kiwanis club. She worked at Regis University as coordinator for the Master of Arts in Education program; and she served in the development office of Catholic Charities.

Zenzinger was named by the Arvada Chamber of Commerce as one of the organizations, “Young Professionals of the Year” in 2011, and the Denver Post called her one of Colorado’s “Up-and-Coming Most Influential Women” in 2012. She was recognized as Legislator of the Year award from the Colorado Community College System in 2014.

Colorado State Senate District 19

Colorado State Senate District 19 encompasses the cities of Arvada and Westminster in Jefferson County. The district boundaries are approximately 52nd Avenue on the southern border, 120th Avenue on the northern border, Sheridan Boulevard to the east, and Indiana Avenue to the west.

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