

# Ray Douglas

for Park County Commissioner

District 3

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE



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Dear Park County Resident,

I'm Ray Douglas and I am running for Park County Commissioner to replace the term limited Mark Dowaliby.

**PERSONAL INFORMATION** – I am a 5th generation Colorado native and a C.S.U. graduate. My hobbies include hiking, fishing and hunting. I have lived in Park County for 26 years and have been married to my wife, Monica, for 32 years. We have raised two children here, both of which have graduated from Park County School District Re-2. I am a self-employed, small business owner and I have had my carpet installation business for 30 years. Small businesses are very important to me. We need to figure out a way to get tourists to stop in Park County and support local businesses. I am a lifelong Republican and have never changed my party affiliation. I strongly believe in fiscal conservatism and minimal government.

**ENGAGED** – I am currently the Precinct 1 Co-Chairperson for the Park County Republican Central Committee and was elected as a delegate to the Assembly in March. I participated in the Park County Strategic Master Plan in Fairplay and then attended the meeting at the Crow Hill Fire Station in Bailey to learn about the various concerns of the two communities. I have volunteered with the Town of Fairplay during the 4th of July Celebrations and Burro Days, as well as with the Park County Republicans during the Park County Fair and Burro Days. Over the past two years, I have attended 13 “Commish with a Dish” meetings that are held throughout Park County. I feel it is an important way to stay in touch with the different communities.

**EXPERIENCE** – I have been on the Fairplay Board of Trustees for five years and I believe this governmental experience has given me the skills and background to be an effective voice for you. During this time, the Board has assumed responsibility for the Sanitation District during which we have reduced fees by over \$17.00/month. That is over \$200.00/year for residents and business owners. I helped homeowners and business owners obtain a rebate on property taxes paid over the previous five years by implementing the Property Improvement Incentive Program to improve property aesthetics. I take budgeting and wise money management seriously and have proven this. As Commissioner, I will continue to be fiscally conservative.

## **PRIORITIES** –

- Residents county-wide are concerned about their road quality and I will place a budgetary emphasis on road improvements. Roads will always be an issue, no matter how much money is thrown at them. We need to do the best we can, with the resources we have to maintain our 1,700 miles of roads.
- Park County is a wonderful place to live and I am a strong supporter of personal property rights. Enforcement of the existing laws and ordinances is crucial so that landowners are free to safely enjoy what is theirs.
- It is time to clarify and update the Land Use Regulations (LURs). This document is too long and confusing. What is currently 400 pages could be approximately 100 making the LURs clear and concise. We live under enough rules and regulations; we do not need to pile on more.
- As Park County continues to grow, water has and will continue to be of utmost importance. We need to ensure that there is enough quality water to meet the needs of residents for both current demands, as well as the future.

**DEDICATION** – My mission as County Commissioner is to serve the public with honesty and integrity, to provide essential services through efficient and effective use of county resources and to be accountable to the citizens of Park County. It is critical to me to be an independent thinker, as well as to work in a cooperative manner with the entire Board of County Commissioners to ensure the success of Park County. We may not always agree, but we still need to get the work done. I have the experience and the desire to do just that. I want to change the perception of county government. As Commissioner, I will listen and be responsive; I will work for solutions, not just add more and more regulations. I am dedicated to Park County and will take my responsibilities as a Commissioner very seriously. I will attend meetings having been prepared by reading all the materials provided and will find answers to questions that may surface. I will analyze problems, determine the cause and face the issue head-on to find a solution. I will be engaged in all facets of the position. I will listen. I will be respectful. We all love Park County and the kind of life that living here affords. We are a tough, resilient and self-reliant group of individuals. To me, it's all about respect. We may not always agree on things, but I will respect you and your opinions.

**It would be an honor to serve you and I would appreciate your vote in the Primary Election on June 26th.**

Thank you for your support,  
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