

We meet the first Wednesday of the month



Celebrating Our 15th Year!

NOT JUST POLITICS AS USUAL

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday, March 17: Demystifying US Citizenship & Immigration Law, 9:15 –11:30am, The Armory Performing Arts Center, 300 Strong Street, Brighton, CO. The event is free, but **RSVP via eventbrite** with name of event.

EVERY Saturday: Longmont Leads with Love Weekly Vigil, 1–2pm, 6th and Main St.

Thursday, March 8: Sanctuary Women Speak Out, 7-8:30 pm, Unitarian Universalist Church of Boulder, 5001 Pennsylvania Ave, 80303 (where Ingrid Encalada is in sanctuary).

IF YOU BECAME A DELEGATE LAST NIGHT, DON'T FORGET: County Assembly, **Saturday, March 24,** 7:30am–1pm, Boulder High School, 1604 Arapahoe Ave, Boulder, CO. Go to bocodems.org for more information.

Friday, April 13: 4th CD Assembly meeting for Delegates, 1STBANK Center 11450 Broomfield Ln, Broomfield, CO. Time and details TBA when available.

Saturday, April 14: State Assembly meeting for Delegates, 8am–5pm, 1STBANK Center, 11450 Broomfield Ln, Broomfield, CO.

Friday, June 1: BCDP Annual Truman Dinner, 5:30–9:30pm, Plaza Convention Center, Longmont. Go to bocodems.org for more information.



TONIGHT'S AGENDA

- **ANNOUNCEMENTS** (Additional Announcements from the floor)
- **Introduce Board Members**
- **Recognize Electeds**
- **Since our last meeting...**
- **TONIGHT: Panel Discussion, "Being True Allies"**
- **Wrap Up / Next Event / Where to Find Us**



Since our last meeting...

- **Historic day at our Capitol:** A full day of riveting testimony last Friday, in support of sexual harassment victims, including **State Representative Faith Winter (HD35)**, who filed a confidential complaint 2 years ago, then came forward publicly when she learned there were additional cases.

44 votes were required to expel former State Rep.

Steve Lebsock, the vote was **52 for / 9 against expulsion.**

All against were republicans, **5 of which were women.**

Minutes before the vote, Lebsock changed his affiliation to Republican.

Video of testimony: youtube Colorado Channel, "Colorado House 2018 Legislative Day 52".



Since our last meeting...

- **CAUCUS LAST NIGHT:** Although turnout was low in some Supersites, overall turnout was 4x that of the 2014 Caucus.
- **Texas' first-in-the-nation Primaries were also last night:**
 - Highest turnout of Democrats since 2002
 - Of the nearly 50 women running for Congress, more than half won their primaries, including **Veronica Escobar**, Democrat. She is poised to be the first Latina to represent Texas in Congress.



TONIGHT:

being true allies



OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

**Northern Colorado
Dreamers United**
(NCDU)



Panel Speakers:

Angel Sanchez, moderator, LAD board member

Polly Christensen, Longmont City Council

Bob Norris, local immigration activist

State Representative **Jonathan Singer**, HD11



Don't Forget these important 2018 Midterm Election Dates:

- **County Assembly Saturday, March 24**
- **CD4 Assembly Friday, April 13**
- **State Assembly Saturday, April 14**
- **PRIMARY ELECTION Tuesday, June 26**
- **GENERAL ELECTION Tuesday, November 6**



Looking Ahead: 2018 Will Be a Bellwether for Change

And it's because of YOU! **THANK YOU!**

- Attendance for our meetings since January 2017 has been robust and growing.
- We'll continue to keep you up to date with info about candidates in your district — *there are always changes* — be the first to know!
- Once the primary candidates are nominated, we'll hold a **forum in early June. Stay tuned!**



Next LAD Meeting:

**“How to Speak to City Council
and Be Heard”**

Wednesday, April 4 • 6:30pm

Front Range Community College,



*We hope you've enjoyed this evening
and found it informative.*

Don't miss our next meeting...*Bring a friend!*



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SEND AN EMAIL WITH "SIGN ME UP" IN THE SUBJECT LINE TO SIGN UP FOR OUR EMAIL BLASTS. SLIDES FROM THIS EVENT WILL BE POSTED ON LONGMONTDEMS.ORG SOON... **THANKS!**



*“He who is different from me
does not impoverish me — he enriches me.
Our unity is constituted in something
higher than ourselves...”*

— ANTOINE DE SAINT-EXUPÉRY



Who Are We?

Demographically, we are becoming more diverse, adding vibrancy, new ideas and variety to our community. One in four Boulder County residents identifies as a person of color. More than 50% of Latinos here are younger than 25. Yet, only four of our county's 108 elected officials were people of color in 2017. Is this representative democracy? We must work to build a pipeline of diverse leaders.

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Our Education

We remain home to one of the state's largest achievement gaps between Latino and Anglo students. The disparities start early, before children even enter school. The Community Foundation's School Readiness Initiative has helped double preschool and full-day kindergarten, increased local school funding by nearly \$1 billion, and launched ELPASO, a new nonprofit Latino parent engagement movement.

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Our Health and Human Services

Health care coverage for lower-income people more than doubled after The Affordable Care Act, or “Obamacare,” took effect, although Latinos and those without a high school education still lagged behind. As of mid-2017, however, not only the ACA, but Medicaid itself, which covers people below the poverty line, were on shaky ground in Washington.

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Our Economy and Housing

Despite a growing reputation for affluence, our poverty rate remains on par with the national average. About 1,500 children in Boulder County experience homelessness each year. Their families are typically doubled up, couch surfing with friends, living in cars or sleeping in tents in the mountains. You could make a strong argument that almost all of our struggles flow downhill from the high cost of housing.

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Our Environment

Our ambitious climate goals promise to keep the fracking and municipalization debates alive for the foreseeable future. However, not everyone is part of this conversation. Our county's low-income neighborhoods are generally far less connected to bike paths, trails and even safe sidewalks.

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Our Arts and Culture

Boulder is home to more artists per capita than anywhere in the country outside Los Angeles and Santa Fe, according to the National Endowment for the Arts. But will a new generation of innovative, not-yet-established artists flock to Boulder County when the rent for even the darkest basement apartment is too expensive?

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Our Civic Participation

It may come as a surprise to some that locally, we are not very open to racial and ethnic minorities and refugees, according to the most recent Community Foundation survey. Openness to senior citizens is also waning locally, our survey found.

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