

Archuleta County Resolutions Report to the State Party Platform Committee

As adopted Unanimously, April 10, 2010

1. Fair and Independent Judiciary: In order to ensure fair and independent judiciary, we support the continuance of Colorado's merit selection process.

2. Proposed Land Trade for the Village at Wolf Creek: WHEREAS the Archuleta County Democratic Party (ACDP) maintains an active interest in the general well-being of the land, resources, citizens and communities of Colorado, and in particular of Archuleta County and the neighboring regions, and WHEREAS the ACDP believes that the proposed Village at Wolf Creek (VWC) project requires a scientifically thorough and publicly transparent examination of the numerous potential impacts prior to any decisions being made on the project, and WHEREAS such examination of potential impacts has not been completed to date, and WHEREAS the representatives of the VWC currently are proposing a legislative land exchange with the Rio Grande National Forest to expedite a revised development plan, and WHEREAS the ACDP believes any exchange process must involve reasonable opportunities for input from local governments, organizations and citizens, and WHEREAS an administrative exchange process is available which provides opportunities for such input prior to approval.

Therefore, be it resolved that The Archuleta County Democratic Party (ACDP) opposes a legislative land exchange for the proposed Village at Wolf Creek (VWC), and encourages the Archuleta County Board of County Commissioners, the Pagosa Springs Town Council, Representative John Salazar, Senator Michael Bennet, Senator Mark Udall, as well as the Democratic Parties of La Plata, Rio Grande, and Mineral Counties to oppose the proposed legislative land exchange.

Furthermore, should a land exchange remain a possibility for the proposed VWC, the ACDP strongly encourages the use of a publicly transparent administrative land exchange process, overseen by the Rio Grande National Forest. This process must include a complete and thorough Environmental Impact Statement and opportunities for input from local citizens, organizations, and governments.

3. Improving Public Participation in Local Affairs and Governance: In order to improve public participation in local affairs and governance, the ACDP encourages the Town Council, County Commission, and their appointed commissions and advisory groups to: a) have at least one meeting per quarter in the evening; b) provide at least 3 business days advance notice of their meetings, with a detailed agenda posted on their website; c) post the minutes of their meetings to their website within 3 business days of their approval.

4. Equal Marriage Rights: The ACDP will work towards explicit recognition by the Democratic Party of the need for the same marriage rights for same-sex couples as heterosexual couples, for Colorado to allow same-sex couples to marry under existing state marriage laws, and a possible interim measure, adopting a Civil Union statute that affords similar legal rights for same-sex couples as for heterosexual couples.

5. Repeal "Don't Ask, Don't Tell": The ACDP encourages President Obama and Congress to repeal the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy and allow gays and lesbians to serve openly and without harassment in the military.

6. Re-enact Glass-Steagall Act:

WHEREAS the Banking Act of 1933, also known as Glass-Steagall, introduced banking reforms and separated regular banking from investment banking and

WHEREAS the Glass-Steagall provisions that prohibit a bank-holding company from owning other financial companies were repealed by the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act of 1999, and trade instruments such as mortgage-backed securities and collateralized debt obligations and established so-called structured investment vehicles, or SIV's, that bought those securities, and

WHEREAS preventing deposit-taking banks from underwriting securities, engaging in proprietary trading, selling insurance or owning retail brokerages, would take them out of risky areas, filled with conflicts of interest,

WHEREAS in December 2009, Senator John McCain (R-AZ) and Senator Maria Cantwell (D-WA) jointly proposed re-enacting the Glass-Steagall Act to re-impose the separation of commercial and investment banking that had been in effect from the original Act in 1933,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the ACDP supports the re-enactment of the Glass-Steagall Act.

7. Election/Legislative Reform: We support amending the US Constitution to end corporate personhood and allow regulation of corporate contributions and expenditures on political activities.

Following the lead of Arizona, Maine, Connecticut, Portland, Oregon, and Albuquerque, NM, we support adoption of a voluntary public campaign finance system that would be available for candidates. Within Colorado, we support the plan outlined by Clean Campaigns for Colorado.

To ensure voter confidence in the outcome of our elections, they must be free, fair, and transparent. To this end, we support nationwide voting standards requiring the use of auditable "voter verified paper records."

8. Environment: We believe that global climate change is a major security threat to our nation and the ecosystems that sustain human life. Therefore, we oppose the continued use of coal and demand an immediate moratorium on any new coal power plants. We call for an emergency sustainable energy plan that will respond to our current global climate change crisis and switch our economy to one that is based upon only clean, renewable energy, such as wind, solar, geothermal, hydroelectric, biomass, and other waste-to-fuel technologies. We support sustainable agriculture, including organic farming and safe food practices, such as safety testing and labeling of genetically modified food and place of origin.

9. Universal Healthcare: The ACDP supports continued efforts to provide all US Citizens with health insurance coverage through a single payer system, and as an interim measure allowing them to buy in to Medicare as proposed by Congressman Grayson

10. Setting a Usury Threshold: We support the adoption of an interest rate cap and usury threshold not to exceed 36% per annum as is currently in place for US military personnel

11. Supporting Designation of Chimney Rock as a National Monument: The ACDP supports the designation of Chimney Rock National Archeological Area as a National Monument.