

Arvadans for Progressive Action

Jefferson County Treasurer Candidate Questionnaire

1.) Why do you want to be Jefferson County Treasurer?

I have been working with the public as an elected official for 22 years. I enjoy working with my constituents to solve problems and to improve the quality of life in our communities. Serving as Jefferson County Treasurer will allow me to serve a greater number of constituents (taxpayers) by bringing more transparency to the Treasurer's Office with regards to how taxpayer funds are managed and invested.

I will work with other county and state elected officials to see if we can bring the current property tax assessment debacle under control. Some property owners in Jefferson County (residential and commercial) are seeing their property taxes increased by as much as 400% in the past two years with no relief in sight. Unrealistic property taxes, in the end, are going to damage the economic vitality of Jefferson County and of small business owners.

2.) What experience qualifies you to be Jefferson County Treasurer?

My background and experience include being the Mayor and a member of City Council for the City of Wheat Ridge. I am currently the elected Treasurer, since November of 2015, for the City of Wheat Ridge. I am also a teacher at Wheat Ridge High School (WRHS) in Jefferson County. One a side note, as a teacher I would like to thank Jill Fellman and Lesley Dahlkemper for supporting students, parents and teachers while they served on the Jeffco School Board.

I haven't met a Democrat, Republican or Unaffiliate who doesn't want their hard-earned tax dollars managed and invested properly, and legally, via the Colorado Revised Statutes - Title 39. I have the background and experience to do the job for the taxpayers of Jefferson County. As the elected City Treasurer for the City of Wheat Ridge, I understand the job. I understand transparency and win-win public policy. I will work with the Jefferson County Commissioners to help move the County forward in a fiscally responsible manner. Please feel free to call me at 720-253-6785 (cell) or visit my webpage at www.jerryditullio.com.

3.) How will you be an effective Jefferson County Treasurer?

Proactive is my middle name. I am always looking for better processes, win-win public policy and more transparency for citizens and business owners. I have a proven track record of doing this as an elected official in Wheat Ridge. I have the background and experience to do the job for the taxpayers of Jefferson County. As the elected City Treasurer for the City of Wheat Ridge, I will work with the Jefferson County Commissioners to help move the County forward in a fiscally responsible manner. The following link is an example of what has been added to the City of Wheat Ridge

website since I have become Treasurer. New financial reporting (transparency) and taxpayer information -> <http://www.ci.wheatridge.co.us/242/City-Treasurer>

4.) How will you attract and retain good employees to the treasurer's office?

We will follow the necessary guidelines set forth by the Human Resources Dept. to properly advertise employment positions and vet all candidates openly and fairly. I want quality employees with outstanding customer service skills.

5.) What important steps will you take to improve gender equality and safety in the workplace for women?

If I am elected Jefferson County Treasurer there will be a zero-tolerance policy for sexual harassment, gender inequality and racism within the Treasurer's Office. I will have an open-door policy with all employees in our department to make sure concerns are addressed in a timely manner. We will follow the necessary guidelines set forth by the Human Resources Dept. to make sure problems are addressed and resolved if they arise. I want a safe and welcoming environment for employees and citizens.