

8TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CANDIDATE FORUM

JUNE 13TH, 2022

EMCEE: PASTOR STEVEN GRANT
MODERATOR: JEFF SLOAN

Presented by Greeley Republican Women



Agenda

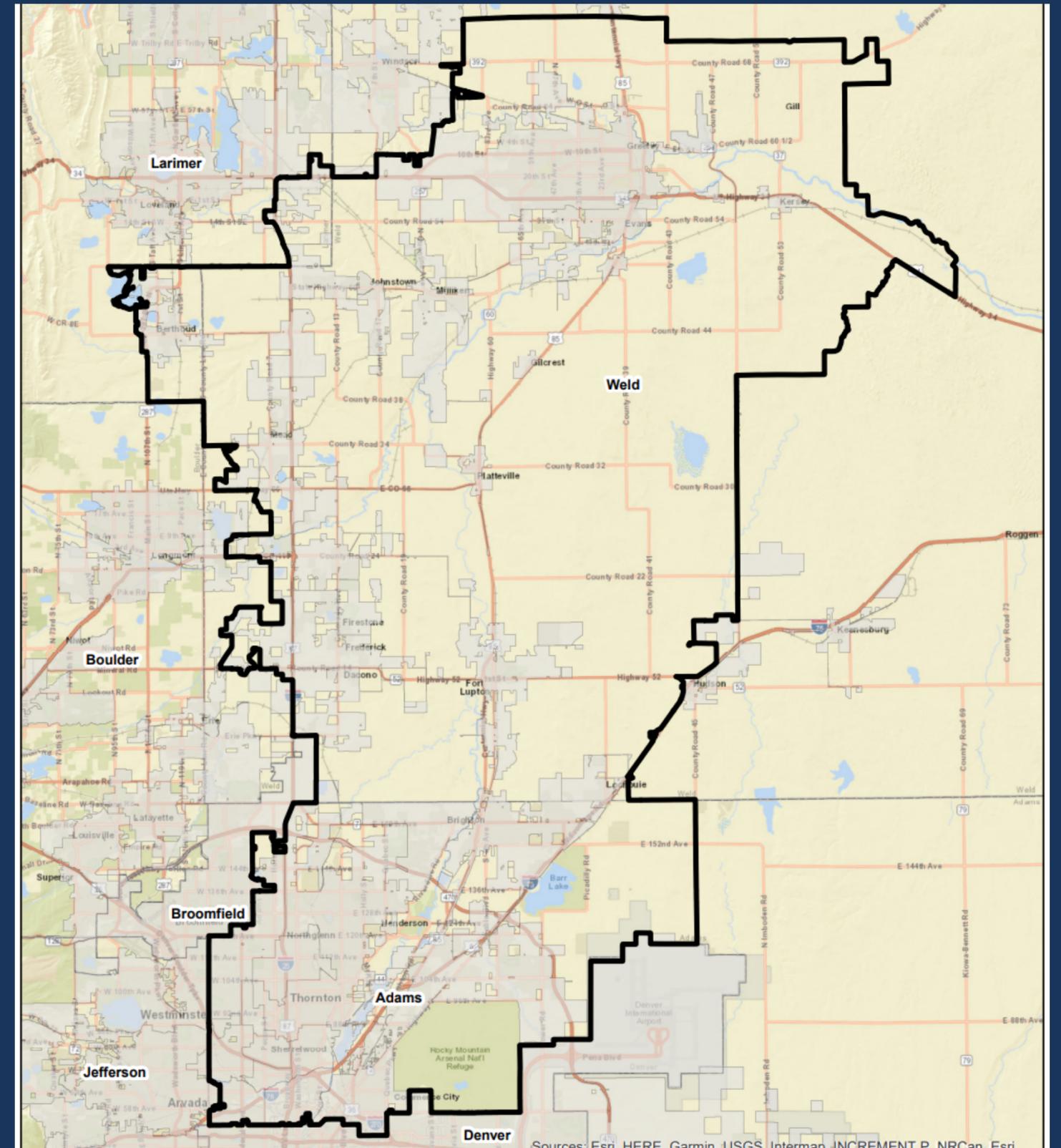


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- Pledge
- Introductions
- CU Regent Forum
- Colorado State Board of Education Forum
- Break
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- Closing/Announcements

WHERE IS CD8??

COLORADO'S 8TH
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
STRETCHES ALONG
INTERSTATE 25,
ENCOMPASSING SECTIONS
OF ADAMS COUNTY,
LARIMER COUNTY, AND
WELD COUNTY.

AN INTERACTIVE MAP
OF ALL DISTRICTS IS AVAILABLE AT
[REDISTRICTING.COLORADO.GOV](https://redistricting.colorado.gov)



Sources: Esri, HERE, Garmin, USGS, Intermap, INCREMENT P, NRCan, Esri

WHERE ARE THE DISTRICT'S POPULATION CENTERS?

CD8 is spread across Adams, Weld and Larimer counties.

The breakdown of population is as follows:

BY CITY:

BY COUNTY:

THORNTON | 141,000

COMMERCE CITY | 62,000

ADAMS | 456,000

GREELEY | 108,000

BRIGHTON | 39,000

WELD | 248,000

WESTMINSTER | 71,000

NORTHGLENN | 38,000

LARIMER | 17,000

Current County Representation by party:

ADAMS: 18 DEMOCRATS | 2 REPUBLICANS | 1 NOT LISTED

WELD: 13 REPUBLICANS | 1 NOT LISTED

LARIMER: 4 DEMOCRATS | 5 REPUBLICANS | 1 NOT LISTED

**COLORADO 8TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
CU REGENT CANDIDATES**



WHAT DO THE CU REGENTS DO?

REGENT FOCUS AREAS:

DIVERSITY

AFFORDABILITY

STUDENT AND FACULTY
ACHIEVEMENT

SERVING THE STATE

FREE SPEECH AND VIEWPOINT
DIVERSITY

THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOARD OF REGENTS CONSISTS OF MEMBERS SERVING STAGGERED SIX-YEAR TERMS, ONE ELECTED FROM EACH OF COLORADO'S SEVEN CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS (SOON TO BE 8 DISTRICTS) AND TWO FROM THE STATE AT LARGE. THE BOARD IS CHARGED CONSTITUTIONALLY WITH THE GENERAL SUPERVISION OF THE UNIVERSITY AND THE EXCLUSIVE CONTROL AND DIRECTION OF ALL FUNDS OF AND APPROPRIATIONS TO THE UNIVERSITY, UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW.





ERIC RINARD

I graduated from Denver South High School in 1981, and from CU Boulder in 1985 with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. For thirty years I have worked as an engineer at tech companies along the northern front range. I have lived near the center of what is now the 8th congressional district for about twenty years. Twelve years ago, I became a volunteer for my county Republican party, and six years ago became a board member at my children's public charter school. I am married with four children.

I am running for CU Regent because a sound education is the foundation for civic life of all Coloradans and the University of Colorado is a cornerstone of higher education in our state. Our CU system offers a world-class education at one of the lowest costs of any state university and I will seek to increase accessibility and reduce cost even further.

CU is also a leading research institution and as Regent I will constantly support the growth and diversity of research initiatives on all campuses.

My love of learning did not end with my graduation from the CU College of Engineering over three decades ago. I have learned much since then and I wish to share my decades of practical knowledge to help guide our beloved CU toward a future of even greater practical innovation, growing human prosperity for Colorado and beyond.



MARK VANDRIEL

I was born raised in Greeley. After I graduated at the top of my class from University High School, I chose to attend the University of Colorado. Being a Buffalo was one of the best choices I have ever made. I found new and lifelong friends, was able to distill my values and beliefs in a crucible of diverse thoughts, experienced working in boardrooms, and was able to lead several student groups and put on large events. During my junior year I became convinced that what I needed most was a year of service, so I skipped my senior year and moved to Arequipa, Peru where I taught English and Math to impoverished seventh and eighth graders. This experience convinced me that I loved educating, and I returned to the United States to complete my education and continue teaching. I have been an educator for thirteen years.

After receiving my bachelor's degree, I attended the University of South Carolina where I earned a PhD in American History. I taught undergraduates at USC for ten years. During my time at USC, I was heavily involved in campus administration. I served in the graduate student government, on the administrative graduate council, and on numerous steering and advisory councils. I sponsored a major healthcare initiative and built consensus from all levels of administration and ultimately the board of trustees for its successful implementation. Above all, I loved mentoring students and helped many solve problems, navigate academic challenges, and find the resources to succeed in college. Building from these experiences, in 2020 I founded a coaching business to provide mentoring and help undergraduates beyond USC access success in higher education. This happily allowed my family to return to northern Colorado. My spouse Erika is a music teacher and percussionist who currently teaches at Salida del Sol Academy in Greeley. We are shortly to celebrate our 8th year of marriage and have three children. We are happily introducing our kids to the wonderful parks and trails of the front range.

**COLORADO 8TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATES**



WHAT DOES THE COLORADO BOARD OF EDUCATION DO?

PROVIDES EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP FOR THE STATE

APPOINTS THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION AND THE DIRECTOR OF STATE BOARD RELATIONS

EMPLOYS PERSONNEL OF THE DEPT. OF EDUCATION

APPROVES THE DEPT. OF EDUCATION BUDGET

MAKES RULES, REGULATIONS AND POLICIES THAT GOVERN THE COLORADO DEPT. OF EDUCATION, PUBLIC EDUCATION INCLUDING PRE-KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 12TH GRADE, ADULT EDUCATION AND PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

ACCREDITS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS

FACILITATES THE PROVISION OF LIBRARY SERVICES TO CITIZENS OF COLORADO THROUGH THE STATE LIBRARY

DISTRIBUTES FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDS

REGULATES EDUCATOR LICENSING

SUPERVISES ADULT AND BASIC EDUCATION AND PUBLIC LIBRARIES

APPOINTS ADVISORY COMMITTEES

GRANTS WAIVERS OF COLORADO EDUCATION LAW AND REGULATION

EXERISES JUDICIAL AUTHORITY WITH REGARD TO APPEALS BY CHARTER SCHOOLS

SUBMITS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND GOVERNOR





PEGGY PROPST

I am Peggy Propst and am honored to be running for the State Board of Education in the newly formed 8th Congressional District. I was raised in Longmont, Colorado and attended Colorado State University. One of my great passions in life is education, and my 40 years of personal experience is extensive and varied. I homeschooled my children for 7 years, taught at both charter and private schools, helped found and lead a start-up charter school as Board Chair, and served as Vice-Chair of the largest charter school in Colorado. In addition, I acted as Director of the GEAR UP Federal Education Grant for at-risk public schools in Colorado, and from 2004-2010 represented the 5th Congressional District on the Colorado State Board of Education. I subsequently served as a County Commissioner for El Paso County, the most populated county in the state.

My Priorities:

- Address Declining Academic Performance.
- Teach American Exceptionalism Instead of Critical Race Theory.
- Shift the Focus from Sexual Issues Back to the Basics.

As a former State Board of Education member, I am fully aware of the difference a seasoned leader can make. There won't be any learning curve for me. I can hit the ground running, fighting for the hearts and minds of our children, and advocating for parents!



CODY LEBLANC

Cody is a 6th generation Ft. Lupton native. He is currently a Director on the Weld Re-8 Schools Board of Education. Cody has been an entrepreneur for most of his life. He started GENCOD, the parent company for several businesses ranging from pet products to landscaping services, at the age of six. Currently, Cody enjoys spending time in his coffee shop and visiting with his community.

He serves as Treasurer for the Ft. Lupton Food & Clothing Bank, a Founding Board Member of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Weld County – Ft. Lupton Clubhouse, member of the Ft. Lupton Booster Club, 17-year member to the Parent Teacher Student Association in Ft. Lupton Schools (where he currently serves as President of the Ft. Lupton High School PTSA), and Co-Chair of the Weld County Fair Royalty Committee. Cody is also a Founder and Co-Executive Director of the Freedom Advocates of the Rockies; an organization created to educate and inspire all people on what it means to be an actively engaged American.

Cody previously served as Director of Constituent Outreach for US Congressman Ken Buck, Mountain Director for Breeders of the American Rabbit National Specialty Club, Secretary of Rocky Mountain High Shows, Inc., President of Pikes Peak Rabbit Breeders Association, President of Weld County 4-H Exec. Council, President and Founder of TeenAge Republicans (TARS) of Weld County and Northern Colorado, District Captain with the Weld County Republican Party, and a member of the Ft. Lupton Trapper Days Committee.

COLORADO 8TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT CANDIDATES FOR CONGRESS



WHAT ARE THE POWERS OF CONGRESS?

Article I—the longest article of the Constitution—describes congressional powers.

Congress has the power to:

Make Laws

Declare War

Raise and provide public money and oversee its proper expenditure

Impeach and try federal officers

Approve presidential appointments

Approve treaties negotiated by the executive branch

Oversight and investigations

CONGRESS IS THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THAT REPRESENTS THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND MAKES THE NATION'S LAWS. IT SHARES POWER WITH THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH, LED BY THE PRESIDENT, AND THE JUDICIAL BRANCH, WHOSE HIGHEST BODY IS THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES. OF THE THREE BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT, CONGRESS IS THE ONLY ONE ELECTED DIRECTLY BY THE PEOPLE.



Jan Kulmann is an engineer for Whiting Petroleum and has been an oil and gas engineer in Colorado for the last 15 years. She's the mayor of Thornton, and she's a mom of two. Jan first got into serving her community because of her kids. She ran for the Stargate Charter School Board and helped expand it into Colorado's largest charter school. Through it all, she's kept her job as an oil and gas engineer. Jan recognizes that career politicians have abandoned the values that strengthen us.

- Jan wants school boards to focus on learning not political agendas.
- Jan wants all of us to live in safe communities. While the left antagonizes law enforcement, Jan increased funding for local law enforcement.
- Jan knows, cost of living and inflation is threatening our quality of life.
- And as an oil and gas engineer, Jan understands that energy self-reliance is a national security issue. She will fight to make America energy dominant again.

JAN KULMANN

In a sea of career politicians, Jan is a conservative outsider. Jan will get results. Jan is the one Pelosi can't beat.

Lori Saine is from Dacono, Colorado. She is a wife, mother and businesswoman. Lori believes in Freedom, the Constitution and our American way of life. Lori stands for freedom and led that fight both in the State Legislature and as a Weld County Commissioner. Lori was one of the most conservative champions in legislature, earning an "A" rating in 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017! She was one of only three legislators that earned an A grade from the Republican Liberty Caucus in 2019.

Lori differs from other Republicans in that she is not looking to work with Democrats to pass their socialist agenda nor is she looking for some kind of payday in exchange for selling out America to Corporate American and their allies in the Chinese Government.

America's future is on the line and the need for taxpayer champions in Congress has never been greater. Lori has been that champion in the Colorado House and is now running for Congress because the fight for America needs to be fought in Congress.

Lori is an award winning, proven leader, who will fight to stop the anti-family, anti-America, anti- God agenda that the left endorses. Lori is the Conservative Champion that Colorado needs for the new 8th Congressional District.



LORI SAINÉ



TYLER ALLCORN

Tyler Allcorn is a former Army Special Forces Green Beret and his teams have personally faced down ISIS and other extremist terrorist organizations who stand in opposition to the values we hold dear. For his service, Tyler was awarded two Bronze Stars and is proud of his eight-year service in helping to defend our liberties. Tyler's service, however, did not end there.

Today, Tyler works for a small business called Shift which helps former military service members find jobs while transitioning out of the military.

After years traveling the world and serving his country on the battlefield, Tyler and his wife Carly, the love of his life, chose Colorado to be the place to build their lives, call home and someday raise a family. Like many Coloradans, the Allcorn's are dog lovers, and they have two Australian Shepherds named Franklin and Elouise

Tyler has already proven that he is willing to give everything for America. Now, he is ready to deploy to Washington, DC and give his all for the 8th Congressional District. He is prepared to lead the way from day one and has the skillset to get the job done. There are too many career politicians who have sat in Washington for decades and failed us time and again. Tyler will not be one of them.

It's time to send in the Green Beret!



BARBARA KIRKMEYER

Barb Kirkmeyer has built a record as a conservative fighter who wins as the state senator from District 23, encompassing Broomfield and portions of Weld and Larimer counties and as a 20-year Weld County Commissioner.

In her first year as a state senator, Barb was able to pass 17 bills to promote economic and personal freedom and improve Coloradans' safety and quality of life, in spite of the Democrats' advantage in the chamber. She was acknowledged by Colorado Politics as a notable legislator who "debated like a statehouse veteran, not a first-year back bencher."

Senator Kirkmeyer serves on the Senate Education, Senate Health and Human Services and Senate Local Government Committees. She was also appointed to the Statutory Revisions Committee, where she serves as vice chair, the Public-School Finance Interim Committee, vice chair and the Early Childhood and School Readiness Interim Committee.

Barb Kirkmeyer is a 4th generation Coloradan who has lived in southern Weld County for over 35 years. As a Weld County Commissioner for 20 years, Kirkmeyer pursued a strong conservative agenda, leaving Weld County as Colorado's only large, debt-free county. She also helped coordinate an effort to make Weld County a Second Amendment sanctuary from liberal assaults on gun rights. Prior to serving as a county commissioner, Barb co-owned and operated a dairy farm, was a small business owner for 15 years, and served in Governor Owens' cabinet as the acting executive director of the Department of Local Affairs.

Kirkmeyer graduated from the University of Colorado with a degree in physical education. Both her daughters graduated from Weld County schools and live with their families in southern Weld County. When not involved in legislative related business, Kirkmeyer enjoys volunteering and spending time with her family, including her six grandsons.

Meet Our Emcee - Pastor Steven Grant

Steven Grant is Senior Pastor of Destiny Christian Center in Greeley, Colorado. He has ministered to government and public servants now for more than 15 years, and has been involved in aspects of civic involvement ranging from politics to pro-life and business-start-up's.

Pastor Grant has degrees in ministry and is also business-trained. He has worked for large business, has started two businesses of his own, and has planted three churches in Colorado and Indiana. His current work with government includes a role on the Weld Faith Partnership Council, a volunteer chaplaincy (with the Evans Police Department), and roles with various committees and organizations.

On the personal side, Steven loves music. He has been a recording artist, a worship leader and a studio musician featured on keyboards, vocals and saxes. He and his wife Cheryl are empty nesters who love their two daughters, their son-in-law, and their granddaughter. They are looking forward to meeting another grandchild sometime in September!



Meet Our Moderator – Jeff Sloan

Jeffrey D. "Jeff" Sloan is currently serving the local community in a variety of positions, volunteering within local government, non-profits and activities benefiting children and seniors.

He is the former Owner/Operator of Christian Brothers Automotive – Greeley, since its opening in October 2016 until its recent transfer in February 2022. Prior to this, he served on active duty in the USAF for 25 years as an Aircraft Maintenance Officer, retiring in July 2016.

He has been married to his wife, Janet Sloan, for 30 years and they have five children.



GREELEY REPUBLICAN WOMEN

MISSION:

- To promote an informed electorate through political education
- To Increase effectiveness of women in the cause of good government through active political participation
- To facilitate cooperation among Women's Republican clubs
- To foster loyalty to the Republican Party and to promote the party's ideals and platform
- To work for the election of the Republican Party's nominees



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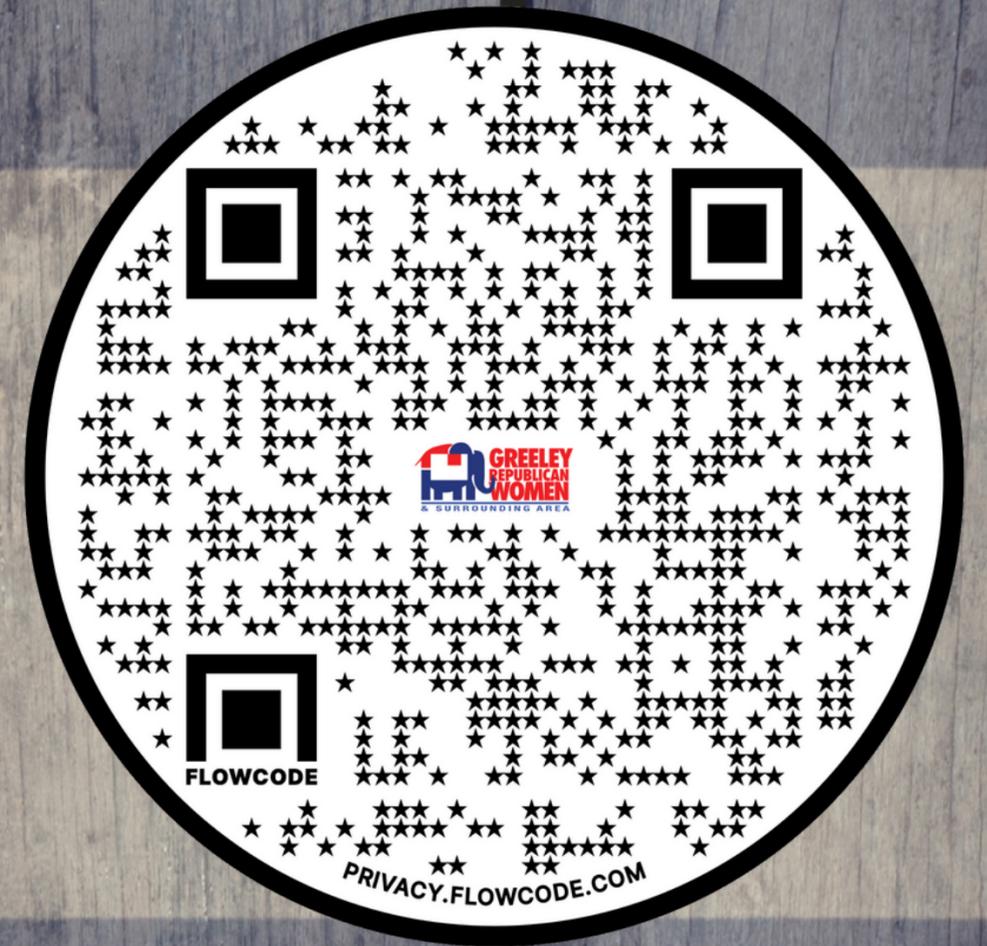
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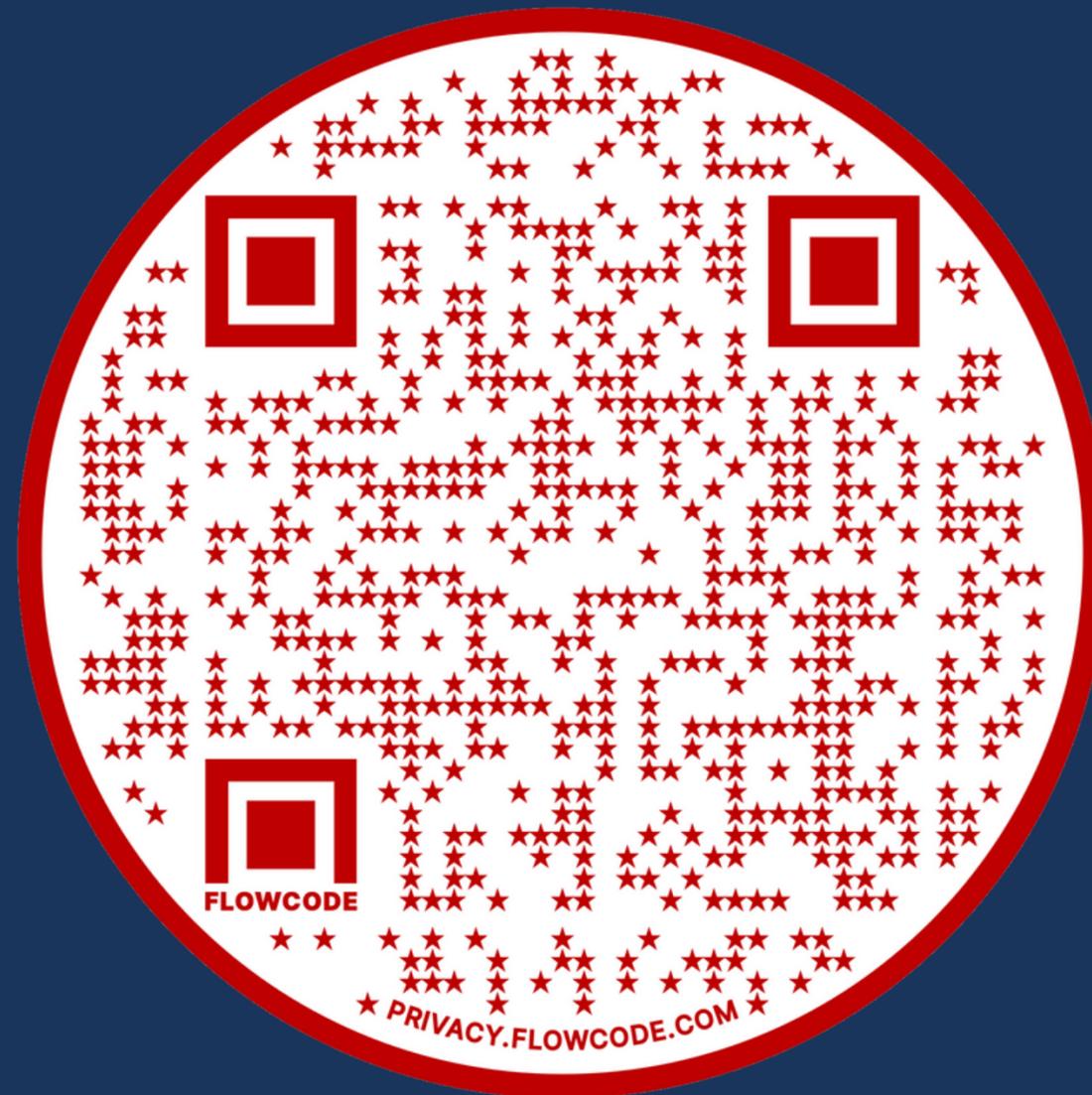
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