



Citizens Project

How did your State Representatives and Senators vote on bills that impact equity, inclusion, and justice?

Citizens Project monitors and takes positions on legislation that impact equity, inclusion, and justice. In 2022, Citizens Project took positions on 52 bills in the Colorado General Assembly. This report card identifies how each State Legislator from El Paso County voted on those bills.

2022

Legislator Report Card

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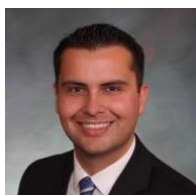
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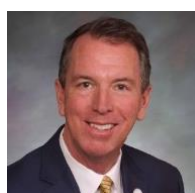
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**El Paso County Delegation to the
Colorado General Assembly**

Economic Justice

Mod Affordable Housing Tax Credit

House Bill 22-1051

This bill modified the Colorado affordable housing tax credit. It extended the time during which the credit may be claimed and increased the yearly amount of credits that can be allocated.

Citizens Project: **Support**

El Paso County Sponsors: Hisey

OUTCOME: **Became law**

EL PASO COUNTY DELEGATION VOTES:

With Citizens Project: Hisey, Lee, Liston

Against Citizens Project: Lundeen

Establish Fair Housing Unit Department of Law

House Bill 22-1082

This bill expands the statutory list of state laws for which the attorney general may bring civil and criminal enforcement actions. It also creates the fair housing unit within the department of law, and when there is reason to believe that there is a potential violation of law that risks consumer harm, public health, or public safety, or that is based on a substantiated complaint, authorizes the attorney general to investigate any person or organization as often as necessary.

Citizens Project: **Support**

El Paso County Sponsors: None

OUTCOME: **Became law**

EL PASO COUNTY DELEGATION VOTES:

With Citizens Project: Exum, Snyder

Against Citizens Project: Bradfield, Carver, Larson, Pico, Sandridge, Williams

Colorado Homeless Contribution Income Tax Credit

House Bill 22-1083

This bill repeals an existing income tax credit available to taxpayers who make contributions to enterprise zone administrators to promote temporary, emergency, or transitional housing programs for people experiencing homelessness and replaces that income tax credit with one that is available in the entire state. Instead of having the enterprise zone administrators and the office of economic development manage the credit, the bill places that responsibility on the division of housing in the department of local affairs.

Citizens Project: **Support**

El Paso County Sponsors: None

OUTCOME: **Became law**

EL PASO COUNTY DELEGATION VOTES:

With Citizens Project: Exum, , Larson, Pico, Snyder

Against Citizens Project: Carver, Sandridge, Williams

Excused: Bradfield

Economic Justice, cont.

Veterans and Military Status in Fair Housing

House Bill 22-1102

This bill forbids anyone selling or renting a dwelling from discriminating against an individual based on their veteran or military status. The bill forbids anyone from refusing to negotiate for housing with an individual on the basis of their veteran or military status or otherwise denying or withholding housing on the basis of an individual's veteran or military status.

Citizens Project: Support

El Paso County Sponsors: None

OUTCOME: Became law

EL PASO COUNTY DELEGATION VOTES:

With Citizens Project: Bradfield, Exum, Larson, Pico, Snyder

Against Citizens Project: Carver, Sandridge, Williams

Pay Equity Study

House Bill 22-1196

This bill an already existing task force to contract for a pay equity study. This study will assess pay inequities specific to gender, race, and other protected classes and provide recommendations to alleviate pay inequities and to comply with any other existing specifications.

Citizens Project: Support

El Paso County Sponsors: None

OUTCOME: Became law

EL PASO COUNTY DELEGATION VOTES:

With Citizens Project: Lee

Against Citizens Project: Hisey, Liston, Lundeen

State Grants Investments Local Affordable Housing

House Bill 22-1304

This bill creates 2 state grant programs: The local investments in transformational affordable housing grant, administered by the division of housing (DOH) in the department of local affairs,; and the infrastructure and strong communities grant program, administered by the division of local government in the department.

Citizens Project: Support

El Paso County Sponsors: Bradfield

OUTCOME: Became law

EL PASO COUNTY DELEGATION VOTES:

With Citizens Project: Bradfield, Exum, Snyder

Against Citizens Project: Larson, Pico, Sandridge, Williams

Excused: Carver

Economic Justice, cont.

Tribal Governments Included in State Programs

Senate Bill 22-104

This bill requires new and amended state statutes that define entities eligible for state grant or benefit programs to INCLUDE tribal governments or agencies that are acting in Colorado.

Citizens Project: Support

El Paso County Sponsors: None

OUTCOME: Became law

EL PASO COUNTY DELEGATION VOTES:

With Citizens Project: Bradfield, Exum, Larson, Snyder

Against Citizens Project: Carver, Pico, Sandridge, Williams

Establish State Procurement Equity Program

Senate Bill 22-163

This bill creates a program that increases opportunities for historically underrepresented businesses to be hired in state contracting jobs.

Citizens Project: Support

El Paso County Sponsors: None

OUTCOME: Became law

EL PASO COUNTY DELEGATION VOTES:

With Citizens Project: Exum, Snyder

Against Citizens Project: Bradfield, Carver, Larson, Pico, Sandridge, Williams

Education

Teen Parent Driving Instruction Course

House Bill 22-1042

This bill requires the state Department of Human Services to reimburse a county department for the costs of providing driving instruction to eligible teen parents.

Citizens Project: Support

El Paso County Sponsors: Exum, Hisey

OUTCOME: Became law

EL PASO COUNTY DELEGATION VOTES:

With Citizens Project: Bradfield, Exum, Larson, Snyder

Against Citizens Project: Carver, Pico, Sandridge, Williams

Prohibiting Transcript and Diploma Withholding

House Bill 22-1049

This bill prohibits a postsecondary institution from withholding a student's transcript or diploma because the student owes a debt. It also prohibits charging additional fees or using the transcript or diploma as a tool for debt collection.

Citizens Project: Support

El Paso County Sponsors: None

OUTCOME: Became law

EL PASO COUNTY DELEGATION VOTES:

With Citizens Project: Exum, Snyder

Against Citizens Project: Carver, Larson, Pico, Sandridge, Williams

Excused: Bradfield

PERA Employment After Teacher Retirement

House Bill 22-1057

This bill waives the Public Employees' Retirement Association's (PERA) limit on the number of days retired teachers can work as substitute teachers while there are critical substitute teacher shortages.

Citizens Project: Support

El Paso County Sponsors: Bradfield

OUTCOME: Became law

EL PASO COUNTY DELEGATION VOTES:

With Citizens Project: Hisey, Lee, Liston, Lundeen

Against Citizens Project: None

Education, cont.

Contribution Limits School District Director Candidate

House Bill 22-1060

This bill sets limits on contributions to candidates running for school district board member positions.

Citizens Project: Support

El Paso County Sponsors: None

OUTCOME: Became law

EL PASO COUNTY DELEGATION VOTES:

With Citizens Project: Lee

Against Citizens Project: Hisey, Liston, Lundeen

Ultrasound Video Demonstration in Sex Education

House Bill 22-1136

The bill requires a 5-minute high-definition ultrasound video demonstration showing each stage of human development as a requirement of comprehensive human sexuality education.

Citizens Project: Oppose

El Paso County Sponsors: Pico

OUTCOME: Bill postponed indefinitely

Prohibit Discriminatory Practices in Schools

House Bill 22-1206

The bill prohibits teaching or using instructional materials at public schools that promote discrimination. The bill prohibits public schools from certain discriminatory practices based on a student's, student's family, or teacher's race or ethnicity. The bill waives sovereign immunity and creates a civil action against a school and the school district that violates a prohibition.

Citizens Project: Strongly Oppose

El Paso County Sponsors: Williams

OUTCOME: Bill postponed indefinitely

Funding for Educational Opportunities

Senate Bill 22-039

This bill repeals the budget stabilization factor for the 2023-24 budget year to establish a Hope Scholarship Program by transferring \$723 million from the general fund to the state education fund. The bill makes a one-time transfer, increases state expenditures, and reduces revenue to school districts.

Citizens Project: Oppose

El Paso County Sponsors: Lundeen

OUTCOME: Bill postponed indefinitely

Elections

Ineligible Jurors Voter Registration

House Bill 22-1084

This bill requires county clerks and recorders to cancel the voter registration of all persons who report as ineligible to as a trial or grand juror because they are either not a citizen or do not live in the county in which they are summoned for jury duty.

Citizens Project: Oppose

El Paso County Sponsors: Hisey

OUTCOME: Bill postponed indefinitely

The Vote Without Fear Act

House Bill 22-1086

This bill prohibits a person from openly carrying a firearm within any polling location or central count facility, or within 100 feet of a ballot drop box while election activity is in progress.

Citizens Project: Strongly Support

El Paso County Sponsors: None

OUTCOME: Became law

EL PASO COUNTY DELEGATION VOTES:

With Citizens Project: Lee

Against Citizens Project: Hisey, Liston, Lundeen

Internal Election Security Measures

Senate Bill 22-153

This bill increases election security measures for the secretary of state's office, election officials, candidates for elected office, and voters.

Citizens Project: Support

El Paso County Sponsors: None

OUTCOME: Became law

EL PASO COUNTY DELEGATION VOTES:

With Citizens Project: Exum, Snyder

Against Citizens Project: Bradfield, Carver, Larson, Pico, Sandridge, Williams

Equity

Statewide Equity Office

House Bill 22-1397

This bill creates a statewide equity office that is charged with providing best practices and resources and guidance for state agencies in offering equitable services to the residents of Colorado, as well as providing an accepting and diverse environment for state employees.

Citizens Project: Support

El Paso County Sponsors: None

OUTCOME: Became law

EL PASO COUNTY DELEGATION VOTES:

With Citizens Project: Lee

Against Citizens Project: Hisey, Liston, Lundeen

Health Equity

Modernization of the Older Coloradans' Act

House Bill 22-1035

This bill updates the existing Older Coloradans' Act, which supports older Coloradans through including social services, health and well-being services and preparing the state's infrastructure for an increasing older population of Coloradans.

Citizens Project: Support

El Paso County Sponsors: Bradfield

OUTCOME: Became law

EL PASO COUNTY DELEGATION VOTES:

With Citizens Project: Bradfield, Carver, Exum, Larson, Pico, Snyder

Against Citizens Project: Sandridge, Williams

Sales Tax Exemption Essential Hygiene Products

House Bill 22-1055

This bill exempts feminine hygiene products and diapers from all sales taxes, starting on January 1, 2023.

Citizens Project: Strongly Support

El Paso County Sponsors: None

OUTCOME: Became law

EL PASO COUNTY DELEGATION VOTES:

With Citizens Project: Hisey, Lee

Against Citizens Project: Liston, Lundeen

Affirm Parentage Adoption in Assisted Reproduction

House Bill 22-1153

This bill allows parents of children conceived as a result of assisted reproduction to complete adoption of the child and specifies the procedures and requirements for the adoption.

Citizens Project: Support

El Paso County Sponsors: None

OUTCOME: Became law

EL PASO COUNTY DELEGATION VOTES:

With Citizens Project: Carver, Exum, Larson, Snyder

Against Citizens Project: Pico, Sandridge, Williams

Excused: Bradfield

Health Equity, cont.

Reproductive Health Equity Act

House Bill 22-1279

This bill declares that every individual has the right to make reproductive health care decisions free from government interference. This includes the right to use or refuse contraception, and the right to continue a pregnancy or have an abortion. The fertilized egg, embryo, or fetus does not have independent or derivative rights under the laws of the state.

Citizens Project: Strongly Support

El Paso County Sponsors: None

OUTCOME: Became law

EL PASO COUNTY DELEGATION VOTES:

With Citizens Project: Lee

Against Citizens Project: Hisey, Liston, Lundeen

Health Benefits for Colorado Children and Pregnant Persons

House Bill 22-1289

This bill makes significant changes to health insurance coverage for low-income pregnant people and children in low-income families, including providing full high-quality coverage for such persons who would not otherwise be covered, creating an outreach strategy for enrolling eligible groups, funding breast-feeding and pregnancy support systems, and authorizing an expansion of the survey of birthing parents to reach birthing people of color in Colorado.

Citizens Project: Support

El Paso County Sponsors: None

OUTCOME: Became law

EL PASO COUNTY DELEGATION VOTES:

With Citizens Project: Exum, Snyder

Against Citizens Project: Bradfield, Carver, Larson, Pico, Sandridge, Williams

Immigration

Remedy for Improper Guilty Pleas

Senate Bill 22-103

This bill finds that some criminal defendants were not effectively advised of immigration consequences to a guilty plea, and therefore, the defendants did not knowingly, intelligently, and voluntarily enter a guilty plea. The bill authorizes these persons to petition the court for an order vacating the guilty plea.

Citizens Project: Support

El Paso County Sponsors: None

OUTCOME: Became law

EL PASO COUNTY DELEGATION VOTES:

With Citizens Project: Hisey, Lee, Liston, Lundeen

Against Citizens Project: None

Justice

Jail Standards Commission

House Bill 22-1063

This bill creates the Colorado Jail Standards Commission, which creates standards for the operation of Colorado's county jails and updates the standards as necessary.

Citizens Project: Support

El Paso County Sponsors: None

OUTCOME: Became law

EL PASO COUNTY DELEGATION VOTES:

With Citizens Project: Hisey, Lee, Liston

Against Citizens Project: Lundeen

Abolishing Abortion in Colorado

House Bill 22-1079

The bill defines a person to include an unborn child at all stages of gestation, from fertilization to natural death, as it relates to a private right of action and current homicide and assault provisions.

Citizens Project: Oppose

El Paso County Sponsors: Pico

OUTCOME: *Bill postponed indefinitely

Prohibit Sexual Act Without Consent

House Bill 22-1169

This bill broadens the scope of the definition of sexual assault to include the knowledge the victim did not consent.

Citizens Project: Support

El Paso County Sponsors: Hisey

OUTCOME: Became law

EL PASO COUNTY DELEGATION VOTES:

With Citizens Project: Hisey, Lee, Liston, Lundeen

Against Citizens Project: None

Justice, cont.

Crime Prevention Through Safer Streets

Senate Bill 22-001

This bill allows local government agencies to apply for Department of Public Safety (DPS) grants for improvements designed to create safer streets. The bill appropriates \$10.3 million to DPS for the grant program.

Citizens Project: Support

El Paso County Sponsors: None

OUTCOME: Became law

EL PASO COUNTY DELEGATION VOTES:

With Citizens Project: Lee

Against Citizens Project: Hisey, Liston, Lundeen

Pretrial Diversion for Person with Behavioral Health

Senate Bill 22-010

This bill expands the existing diversion program in the juvenile justice system to include programs that identify eligible individuals with behavioral health disorders and divert them into community treatment programs instead of the criminal justice system.

Citizens Project: Support

El Paso County Sponsors: Lee

OUTCOME: Became law

EL PASO COUNTY DELEGATION VOTES:

With Citizens Project: Hisey, Lee, Liston, Lundeen

Against Citizens Project: None

Expand Court Reminder Program

Senate Bill 22-018

This bill requires the court reminder program, which provides text message reminders to defendants to appear at each of their scheduled court appearances, to automatically enroll every defendant. Defendants may opt out of the program.

Citizens Project: Support

El Paso County Sponsors: Lee

OUTCOME: Became law

EL PASO COUNTY DELEGATION VOTES:

With Citizens Project: Bradfield, Carver, Exum, Snyder

Against Citizens Project: Larson, Pico, Sandridge, Williams

Justice, cont.

Treatment Behavioral Health Disorders Justice System

Senate Bill 22-021

This bill broadens the scope of the Legislative Oversight Committee and associated task force to include behavioral health disorders in the treatment of persons with mental health disorders in the criminal and juvenile justice systems. It also extends the repeal date of the committee and task force to July 1, 2027.

Citizens Project: Support

El Paso County Sponsors: Lee

OUTCOME: Became law

EL PASO COUNTY DELEGATION VOTES:

With Citizens Project: Bradfield, Exum, Snyder

Against Citizens Project: Carver, Larson, Pico, Sandridge, Williams

Sealing Criminal Records

Senate Bill 22-099

This bill broadens current protections by requiring a consumer reporting agency to exclude sealed and expunged records from a consumer report (e.g. credit rating). It allows the record to be sealed if the defendant still owes fines, court fees, late fees or other court-ordered fees.

Citizens Project: Support

El Paso County Sponsors: Hisey, Larson

OUTCOME: Became law

EL PASO COUNTY DELEGATION VOTES:

With Citizens Project: Bradfield, Carver, Exum, Larson, Pico, Sandridge, Snyder

Against Citizens Project: Williams

Prohibit Labor Actions Against Public Employers

Senate Bill 22-109

The bill prohibits every public employee and every employee organization from directly or indirectly inducing, instigating, encouraging, authorizing, ratifying, or participating in picketing, a strike, work stoppage, or work slowdown (prohibited action) against any public employer and prohibits a public employer from consenting to or condoning a prohibited action.

Citizens Project: Oppose

El Paso County Sponsors: Pico

OUTCOME: *Bill postponed indefinitely

Youth Advocacy

Right to Counsel for Youth

House Bill 22-1038

This bill requires that children of 12 years or older are provided with specialized legal representation counsel in neglect and dependency proceedings. The bill also prohibits the waiver of the right to counsel and allows a child or youth to be a party to such proceedings.

Citizens Project: Support

El Paso County Sponsors: None

OUTCOME: Became law

EL PASO COUNTY DELEGATION VOTES:

With Citizens Project: Exum, Carver, Larson, Pico, Sandridge, Snyder, Williams

Against Citizens Project: None

Excused: Bradfield

Emergency Temporary Care for Children

House Bill 22-1056

This bill requires the general assembly to annually appropriate money to the state department sufficient to fund 5 nights of care for each juvenile placed in a licensed temporary shelter. Each judicial district must submit their plan for providing temporary shelter for juveniles to the state department on an annual basis.

Citizens Project: Support

El Paso County Sponsors: None

OUTCOME: Became law

EL PASO COUNTY DELEGATION VOTES:

With Citizens Project: Hisey, Lee, Liston

Against Citizens Project: Lundeen

Higher Education Support for Foster Youth

Senate Bill 22-008

This bill requires the institution of higher education to provide a liaison to students who have been in foster care. This changes the responsibility of providing that liaison from the public school district to the higher education institution.

Citizens Project: Strongly Support

El Paso County Sponsors: None

OUTCOME: Became law

EL PASO COUNTY DELEGATION VOTES:

With Citizens Project: Hisey, Lee

Against Citizens Project: Liston, Lundeen

EL PASO COUNTY DELEGATION VOTES

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Representative																						
Shane Sandridge	HD 14		X	X	X						X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X			
Dave Williams	HD 15		X	X	X						X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	S		
Andres Pico	HD 16		X	✓	✓						X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	S		
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Marc Snyder	HD 18	HD 18	✓	✓	✓						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			
Terri Carver	HD 20		X	X	X						X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X			
Mary Bradfield	HD 21	HD 21	X		✓						S	✓	X	✓			S					
Colin Larson	HD 22		X	✓	✓						X	✓	X	✓	X		X	X	X			
Senator																						
Dennis Hisey	SD 2	SD 11	S								X									S	X	
Paul Lundeen	SD 9	SD 9	X								X									S	X	
Larry Liston	SD 10		✓								X										X	
Pete Lee	SD 11		✓								✓										✓	

*Bill lost. Not all legislators had a chance to vote.

Running for office in 2022

✓ Vote with Citizens Project position

S Sponsor for Citizens Project supported bill

— No opportunity to vote

X Vote against Citizens Project position

S Sponsor for Citizens Project opposed bill

