

## **RESIDENTS OF LA PLATA COUNTY VOTE FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

### **Federal Offices:**

President of the United States

Four year term

Elected in years divisible by four i.e. 2004, 2008, 2012

Term limited after two terms

Incumbent Barack Obama (D) serving first term

U.S. Senators

Two senators represent each state

Six year term

Elected in years divisible by two, both senators not elected in same year

No term limit

Incumbent Mark Udall (D), elected in 2008, may run for reelection in 2014

Incumbent Michael Bennet (D), appointed in 2008, may run for reelection in 2010

U.S. Representative

Seven representatives represent Colorado

La Plata County is in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District of Colorado

Two year term

Elected in years divisible by two

No term limit

Incumbent John Salazar (D), reelected in 2008, may run for reelection in 2010

### **State Offices:**

Colorado House of Representatives

There are 65 Representatives

La Plata County is in the 59<sup>th</sup> District

Two year term

Elected in years divisible by two

Term limited to four terms (eight years)

Incumbent Ellen Roberts (R), reelected in 2008, may run for reelection in 2010

Colorado Senate

There are 35 Senators

La Plata County is in the 6<sup>th</sup> District

Four year term

Elected in years divisible by two, but not same year as Presidential election i.e.

2002, 2006, 2010

Term limited to two terms (eight years)

Incumbent Jim Isgar (D), reelected in 2006, term limited in 2010

Other state offices are four year terms

Elected in years divisible by two, but not same year as Presidential election i.e.

2002, 2006, 2010

Term limited to two terms (eight years)

Governor

Incumbent Bill Ritter (D), elected in 2006, may run for reelection in 2010

Lieutenant Governor

Incumbent Barbara O'Brien (D), elected in 2006, may run for reelection in 2010

Secretary of State

Incumbent Bernie Buescher (D), appointed in 2008, may run for reelection in 2010

State Treasurer

Incumbent Cary Kennedy (D), elected in 2006, may run for reelection in 2010

Attorney General

Incumbent John Suthers (R), appointed in 2005, elected in 2006, may run for reelection in 2010

Colorado State Board of Education

There are 7 Board Members; one from each of the 7 Congressional Districts  
La Plata County is in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District  
Six year term with no pay  
Elected in years divisible by two  
Term limited to two terms (12 years)  
Incumbent Marcia Neal (R), elected in 2008, may run for reelection in 2014

Colorado University Board of Regents

There are 9 Regents; one from each of the 7 Congressional Districts, and two members at large  
La Plata County is in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District  
Six year term  
Elected in years divisible by two  
Term limited to two terms (12 years)  
Incumbent Tilman "Tillie" Bishop (R), elected in 2006, may run for reelection in 2012  
At large members;  
Stephen Ludwig (D), elected in 2006, term will end in early 2013  
Steve Bosley (R), elected in 2004, term will end in early, 2011

**State Judicial Branch:**

Supreme Court and Court of Appeals Judges are nominated by the Supreme Court Nominating Commission and appointed by the Governor for an initial term of two years. Subsequently, the State Commission on Judicial Performance assesses the performance of the Judges and recommends whether or not a Judge should be "retained" on the bench. The Judge is then on the ballot for voter agreement or disagreement for retention.

Retention votes occur in years divisible by two

There are no term limits for Judges, but they must retire at age 72

Colorado Supreme Court

There are 7 Justices on the Colorado Supreme Court  
Justices are considered for retention every ten years  
Incumbent Supreme Court Justices are listed at:  
<http://www.courts.state.co.us/supct/supctjustices.htm>

Colorado Court of Appeals

There are 19 judges on the Colorado Court of Appeals  
Judges are considered for retention every eight years  
Incumbent Court of Appeals Judges are listed at:  
<http://www.courts.state.co.us/coa/coajudges.htm>

**District Judicial Branch:**

Colorado has twenty-two Judicial Districts

La Plata, Archuleta and San Juan Counties are in the 6<sup>th</sup> Judicial District of Colorado  
District Attorney

Four year term

Elected in years divisible by four i.e. 2004, 2008, 2012

Term limited to two terms (eight years)

Incumbent Todd Risberg (D), elected in 2008, may run for reelection in 2012

## Judges

District and County Judges are nominated by the Sixth Judicial District Nominating Commission and appointed by the Governor for an initial term of two years. Subsequently, the Sixth Judicial District Performance Commission assesses the performance of the Judges and recommends whether or not a Judge should be "retained" on the bench. The Judge is then on the ballot for voter agreement or disagreement for retention.

Retention votes occur in years divisible by two

There are no term limits for Judges, but they must retire at age 72

District Court Judges are considered for retention every six years

District Judges:

Gregory G. Lyman, Chief Judge, sworn into office in June, 1996. Term Expiration/Retention date 2010

David L. Dickenson, sworn into office in December, 1998. Term Expiration/Retention date 2014

Jeffrey R. Wilson, sworn into office in July, 2002. Term Expiration/Retention date 2010

County Court Judges are considered for retention every four years

County Judge:

Martha T. Minot, La Plata County Judge, sworn into office in March, 1995. Term Expiration/Retention date 2010

## County Offices:

### County Commissioners

La Plata County is governed by three county commissioners; one commissioner must represent each of the three districts within the County. They are elected at large; there is no home rule

Four year terms

Elected in years divisible by two, i.e. 2006, 2008, 2010

Not all commissioners elected in same year

Term limited after two terms (eight years)

Incumbents: Joelle Riddle (D), District 1, Western La Plata County, elected in 2006, may run for reelection in 2010  
Kellie Hotter (R), District 2, Central La Plata County, elected in 2008, may run for reelection in 2012  
Wally White (D), District 3, Eastern La Plata County, reelected in 2008, term limited in 2012

All other county officers are four year terms

Elected in years divisible by two, but not same year as Presidential election i.e. 2002, 2006, 2010

No term limits

### County Clerk and Recorder

Incumbent Linda Daley (R), first elected in 1990, may run for reelection in 2010

### County Treasurer

Incumbent Ed Murray (R), first elected in 1986, may run for reelection in 2010

### County Assessor

Incumbent Craig Larson (D), first elected in 1990, may run for reelection in 2010

### County Sheriff

Incumbent Sydney "Duke" Schirard (R), first elected in 1994, may run for reelection in 2010

### County Coroner

Incumbent Dr. Carol Huser (R), appointed in 2003, elected in 2006, may run for reelection in 2010

### County Surveyor

Incumbent Lawrence T. Connolly, PLS (D), appointed in 2000, elected in 2002, may run for reelection in 2010

Material for the above was obtained from the La Plata County Clerk and Recorder, The Colorado Secretary of State, The Colorado State Board of Education, The Regents of the University of Colorado, The Democratic Party of La Plata County, The Republican Party of La Plata County, and The League of Women Voters of Colorado and of La Plata County.

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