

Senate Races



Senate District 19: Rachel Zenzinger (D)

Senator Zenzinger was a strong proponent of issues positively impacting our region. She serves on the Education and Local Government Committees, is an outspoken advocate of public/private partnerships for highway construction, and led Senate opposition to HB 1375 which would have stopped future urban renewal projects.



Senate District 24: Co-Endorsement

While Judy Solano (D) and Beth Martinez Humenik (R) are both new to the Senate race, each brings a strong record of public service that leads us to a co-endorsement. We feel both candidates would be supportive of Chamber priorities and would serve the Metro North region well.



Judy Solano (D)

Ms. Solano served eight years in the Colorado House and was a member of the Appropriations and Economic Development/Job Creation Committees. Her interests include education, natural resources, energy, and mental health.



Beth Martinez Humenik (R)

Ms. Martinez Humenik has a municipal government background and has served on Thornton's City Council for seven years. A substitute teacher who's active in the community, her interests include planned growth/development, education, and energy.



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2014 Metro North Chamber Legislative Candidate Endorsements



The 2014 legislative session proved successful in many ways for the Chamber and Metro North region. With the support of our legislators we were able to effectively oppose several bills potentially harmful to our members and the region. We appreciate the collaborative spirit in which our legislators worked with us and look forward to strengthening those ties to effect additional pro-business change.

Looking ahead to the 2015 session, several opportunities remain for additional discussion and action. One Metro North priority is reform of the current construction defect statute. Although legislation was introduced to correct the current law, the session ended before action could be taken. We welcome a detailed discussion and debate on this important public policy topic in the new year.

The Chamber remains focused on expanding our local economy, strengthening recent job creation trends, and building a foundation for future growth through solid strategies regarding taxation, energy, transportation, urban renewal, and education. We are dedicated to presenting the best possible candidates to accomplish these regional goals and believe the people presented herein will do their best for Metro North and merit your support.

The Business & Government Affairs Committee (BGA) of the Metro North Chamber has identified the most business-minded candidates through an extensive interview process based on MNCC priorities. With the sole purpose of providing a framework of the positions and policies of each of the candidates, we are pleased to present our 2014 legislative candidate endorsements. Learn more about our BGA Committee at www.MetroNorthChamber.com.

✓ **House District 27: Libby Szabo (R)**

Rep. Szabo is a three term veteran legislator and a solid advocate for small business and its future development. She sponsored HB 1033, the Regulatory Reform Act of 2014, which helps businesses effectively implement annual state regulations. She also supported the Chamber's opposition to urban renewal bill as presented in the House.



✓ **House District 29: Tracy Kraft-Tharp (D)**

Rep. Kraft-Tharp sponsored several economic development bills supported by the Chamber, including modifications to the state's job growth incentive tax credit. She served as Vice Chair of the Business Committee, is a member of the Transportation Committee, and supports the Chamber on urban renewal reform.



✓ **House District 30: Jenise May (D)**

Rep. May's service on the Joint Budget and Appropriations Committees provides extensive knowledge on how we fund key programs. She led the opposition to HB 1154 which would have mandated unrealistic compensation requirements for community colleges regarding their adjunct faculty, and is a supporter of urban renewal reform.



✓ **House District 31: Joe Salazar (D)**

Rep. Salazar has proven himself to be a focused, analytical thinker in dealing with complex legislative issues. He went against his party's leadership with his opposition to the urban renewal reform bill and spoke in support of renewal opportunities. He also worked well across-the-aisle to effect regulatory reform.



✓ **House District 32: Dominick Moreno (D)**

Rep. Moreno was a Chamber ally on several issues of concern to the Metro North region. He supports our position on urban renewal reform, favors construction defect reform to increase the amount of affordable housing, and supports public/private transportation partnerships to address highway issues.



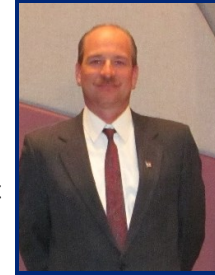
✓ **House District 33: Dianne Primavera (D)**

Rep. Primavera has shown veteran leadership skills during her tenure in office. She was a sponsor of the bill that expanded the business personal property tax credit, a measure strongly supported by the Chamber. She is a supporter of public/private partnerships to effect transportation solutions, and says more entry level housing is needed in the marketplace.



✓ **House District 34: Steve Lebsock (D)**

Rep. Lebsock was a solid supporter of legislation affecting the Metro North region. A member of the House Agriculture and Local Government Committees, he proved himself an expert on issues related to local governments. He was a leading opponent of last session's urban renewal bill, raising several concerns about its potential negative impact.



✓ **House District 35: Faith Winter (D)**

Ms. Winter has served on the Westminster City Council for several years, currently as Mayor Pro Tem. She is a supporter of local government rights, says her top two priorities are education and transportation, and supports public/private transportation solutions to road issues. She is pro-economic development and worked in support of urban renewal reform last session.



✓ **House District 56: Kevin Priola (R)**

Rep. Priola continues to be a strong supporter of Chamber priorities. Another House veteran, he is a tireless worker to minimize business regulations so as not to impede growth. He voted against the urban renewal bill as presented, supporting the concept as a needed legislative tool. He also supported the expansion of the business personal property tax credit.



✓ **House District 63: Lori Saine (R)**

Rep. Saine was the leading Republican opponent to last year's urban renewal bill, was an advocate for reducing business personal property taxes, and was against any new regulations imposed on business. She says transportation public/private partnerships have worked well and favors more transparency in the future.

