

Barbara Kirkmeyer (CO-08) Research Report

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Republican Candidate in
Colorado's 8th Congressional District

Research Memo – 2022

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Significant Findings

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- ✓ Kirkmeyer received special favors from former Governor Bill Owens—including contract changes to keep her job after Owens left office in 2007.
 - ✓ Kirkmeyer served in several positions in the Colorado state government—including as Director of the Division of Local Government and Deputy Director (later appointed Acting Director) of the Department of Local Affairs.
 - ✓ Kirkmeyer was notified by the incoming Ritter administration that her position as the Director of the Division of Local Government would expire.
 - ✓ Kirkmeyer sued the incoming Ritter administration and claimed that one of Owens' officials included a provision in her contract that allowed her to return to her job under the new administration.
- ✓ Kirkmeyer violated state law when she earned \$35,500 for writing grants for town governments less than six months after leaving her state government position.
 - ✓ The law stated that former state employees may not contract or be employed by employers who contract with a state agency six months following termination of employment.
- ✓ In March 2017, the IRS audited the Weld County government after the commissioners accumulated nearly \$50,000 in mileage expenses—Kirkmeyer claimed \$10,000 in mileage reimbursements.
 - ✓ In November 2017, Weld County was ordered to pay more than \$30,000 in late filing fees to the IRS after it was discovered that there were 59 payments to third-party vendors in 2015 that should have been issued 1099 forms.
- ✓ In June 2018, Kirkmeyer faced a recall campaign and was accused of several ethics violations—including selling personal property to Anadarko Petroleum which had been engaged in business with the county.
 - ✓ Kirkmeyer made \$158,333 from the sale of the property.
- ✓ The recall campaign accused Kirkmeyer of taking in travel reimbursements and municipal contributions and grants funding for personal use.
 - ✓ Between 2012-2014, Kirkmeyer claimed \$10,000 in mileage reimbursements.
 - ✓ According to Complete Colorado, as the President of the board of the South Platte Valley Historical Society Kirkmeyer, and one of her daughters, solicited donations from sponsors to host a craft fair but kept 20% of the donations as “commission.”

- Kirkmeyer and her daughter exceeded the \$600 yearly threshold; no 1099s were given to either.

Kirkmeyer Opposed Funding For Emergency Responders And Ambulance Services, Drawing Criticism From Local Law Enforcement

- ✓ After Kirkmeyer said the state would no longer support radio purchases by local governments, the Arapahoe County Sheriff criticized the decision as a “short-sighted approach to the state’s No. 1 priority, interoperable communication.”
- ✓ Kirkmeyer voted against approving University of Colorado Health’s ambulance license request to allow the health care provider to use its ambulance service in Windsor, Severance, Johnstown, and Milliken.

A Staunch Oil And Gas Supporter, Kirkmeyer Supported Efforts To Make It Easier To Drill On Residential Land And Limit Local Control Over Oil And Gas Regulations, And Fought Renewable Energy Sources

- ✓ Kirkmeyer voted in favor of rules that allowed oil and gas companies to drill residential areas without going through public hearings or getting landowners’ sign off on proposed drilling plans.
- ✓ Kirkmeyer supported an oil drilling operation near a middle school in Greeley.
- ✓ Kirkmeyer opposed Senate Bill 181, which would change oil and gas regulations by prioritizing public health and safety and filed four ballot measures that aimed to roll back the bill’s proposed changes.
- ✓ Kirkmeyer opposed allowing solar installations the same access to agriculturally zoned land that oil and gas drilling used, claiming regulations were needed to protect farmers from the solar industry.
- ✓ Kirkmeyer was named in lawsuit by a renewable energy firm filed against the Weld County Commissioners after they shut down the firm’s plant.
 - ✓ According to the commissioners, Heartland Biogas broke almost 10 state and county rules, including air quality regulations and permitting infractions.
 - ✓ Dairy farmers claimed they depended on the plant to handle their farm’s manure sustainably.

Kirkmeyer Oversaw The Improper Use Of \$1.1 Million In Homeland Security Grants

- ✓ Federal auditors found state officials improperly spent \$1.1 million in grant money on rent for an emergency response center that the auditor believed had already been paid for.
- ✓ Kirkmeyer, the acting director of the Department of Local Affairs, claimed the audit was incorrectly based on a theory that the department was trying to purchase the office space.
- ✓ The state of Colorado repaid the \$1.5 million grant to the Department of Homeland Security.

Kirkmeyer Was An Abortion Extremist Who Supported Banning Abortion Without Exceptions

- ✓ Kirkmeyer supported banning abortion without exceptions, even in cases of rape, incest or danger to the pregnant person’s life.
- ✓ Kirkmeyer told the American Family Association she was a “proud and consistent supporter of the personhood movement.”

- ✓ The American Family Association is a Southern Poverty Law Center-designated hate group known for their extreme anti-LGBTQ views, including blaming LGBTQ people for the Holocaust.
- ✓ Kirkmeyer supported defunding Planned Parenthood.
- ✓ Kirkmeyer voted to ban Plan B emergency contraception from Weld County-funded health clinics and said she still stood by that vote three years later.

Kirkmeyer Supported Nullifying LGBTQ People’s Marriages And Allowing LGBTQ People To Be Fired And Denied Service Based On Their Sexual Orientation Or Gender Identity

- ✓ In 2014, Kirkmeyer told the American Family Association’s voter guide that she “strongly agreed” that the government didn’t have the authority to allow LGBTQ people to marry.
- ✓ In 2020, Kirkmeyer told the American Family Association’s voter guide that marriages between two people of the same gender should not be legal or supported with public funds.
 - ✓ Kirkmeyer said businesses should be able to deny services to gay couples and that educational institutions should continue receiving taxpayer funds if they banned students from marrying someone of the same gender.
- ✓ Kirkmeyer opposed adding sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression as protected classes in non-discrimination laws.

Kirkmeyer Supported Repealing Colorado’s Gun Laws And Declaring Weld County A “Second Amendment Sanctuary”

- ✓ Kirkmeyer said that repealing red flag laws was one of her top three priorities and opposed efforts to create red flag laws in the state.
- ✓ Kirkmeyer supported a resolution declaring Weld County a “second amendment sanctuary” that excused law enforcement officers from complying with red flag laws.
 - ✓ The resolution stated that the commissioners would support the sheriff if he decided not to enforce the Extreme Risk Protection Order bill and that funds would not be put toward building storage facilities for weapons seized by law enforcement.
 - ✓ The Extreme Risk Protection Order allowed law enforcement to seek the removal of a person’s firearms if they were deemed to be at risk of harming themselves or others.
- ✓ Kirkmeyer voted against a law that required gun owners to report stolen or lost firearms.

Kirkmeyer Was A Secessionist

- ✓ In 2013, Kirkmeyer said she supported Weld and several other counties in Northern Colorado seceding and forming their own state.
- ✓ Kirkmeyer voted to put the secession question on the ballot.
 - ✓ The ballot measure failed in Weld by 14 points, but Kirkmeyer still praised the effort.

Kirkmeyer Was A Registered Lobbyist

- ✓ Between 2003 & 2004, Kirkmeyer was registered as a lobbyist in Denver, Colorado.
 - ✓ The address listed on Kirkmeyer's lobbyist summary, 1313 Sherman St RM 521, was associated with the Local Affairs-Local Government division of the Department of Local Affairs.
- ✓ In 2003, Kirkmeyer reported 71 hours of lobbying and didn't use any public fund for this lobbying activity.

Background

- **FULL LEGAL NAME:** Barbara Jean Kirkmeyer (~63 years old)
- **BORN:** 9/15/1958
- **FAMILY:** Single; Katie (~37 age, daughter) & Caroline Anne Maxwell (~33, daughter); Six grandsons
- **HOME:** Brighton, Colorado
- **EDUCATION:** B.S., University of Colorado—Boulder (1980); Teaching Certificate, State of Colorado (1980)
- **PROFESSIONAL:** Deputy Director, Colorado Department of Local Affairs (2001-2005 & 2006-2007); Acting Executive Director, Colorado Department of Local Affairs (2005-2006); Director, Division of Local Government (2005-2007)
- **POLITICAL:** Weld County Commissioner, 3rd District (1993-2001, 2008-2020); Colorado State Senate (2021-Present)
- **COMMITTEES:** Member, Joint Early Childhood and School Readiness Legislative Commission; Member, Joint Health Insurance Exchange Oversight Committee, Vice Chair, Joint School Finance Legislative Interim Committee; Vice Chair, Joint Statutory Revision Committee; Member, Senate Education Committee; Member, Senate Health and Human Services Committee; Member, Senate Local Government Committee
- **NON-PROFIT:** President, South Platte Valley Historical Society
- **AWARDS:** Commissioner of the Year, Colorado Counties, Inc. (1997 & 2019); "40 Top Women in Energy," Denver Business Journal (2015); Everett Hogelin Memorial Award (2020); Freshman Commissioner of the Year, Colorado Counties (1993); Distinguished Commissioner of the Year, Colorado Counties (2000); President's Award, Colorado Emergency Manager's Association (2004); Friend of Pharmacy Award, Colorado Pharmacists Society (2021); Emerging Legislative Leaders Program, State Legislative Leaders Foundation (2021); Class of Emerging, GOPAC (2021); Faith, Family and Freedom Award, Centennial Institute (2021)
- **ORGANIZATIONS:** Founder, Weld County Natural Gas Coalition (2009); Member, Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church; Former President, South Platte Valley Historical Society; Chair, Fort Lupton Urban Renewal Authority Board, Board Member, Dacano Urban Renewal Authority Board; Vice Chair, Family Resource Center—South Weld County; Board Member, Boys and Girls Club of Weld County; Board Member, Boys and Girls Club—Forth Lupton Club; Former Chair & Board Member, Northwest United Federal Credit Union

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2005-2006: Kirkmeyer Sued The State To Enforce A Special Contract Provision Granted To Her By Former Governor Bill Owens To Let Her Keep Her Position In A Future Administration

Kirkmeyer Served As The Deputy Director Of The Department Of Local Affairs And Was Later Appointed To Be The Acting Director Of The Department

2001-2005 & 2006-2007: Kirkmeyer Was The Deputy Director Of The Department Of Local Affairs.

“Barbara Kirkmeyer, acting director of the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA). Kirkmeyer presently is deputy director of that department.” [US States News, 12/29/05]

- **December 2005: Kirkmeyer Was Appointed To Be Acting Director Of The Department Of Local Affairs.** “Owens also appointed Barbara Kirkmeyer to be acting director of the Department of Local Affairs, replacing Michael Beasley, who went to work for Xcel Energy. Kirkmeyer was deputy director of that department.” [Associated Press, 12/29/05]
- **August 2006: Kirkmeyer Resigned As Acting Director Of The Department Of Local Affairs.** “The Department of Local Affairs manages Homeland Security grants that are awarded by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and decides how most of the money will be spent. Kirkmeyer will return to her former position as the director of the Division of Local Government. Her resignation comes weeks before auditors from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General arrive in Colorado to review how the state has used \$152 million in terrorism grants since 2002.” [9News, [8/23/06](#)]
- **August 2006: After Resigning As Acting Director Of The Department Of Local Affairs, Kirkmeyer Returned To Her Former Position As The Director Of The Division Of Local Government.** “Kirkmeyer will return to her former position as the director of the Division of Local Government. Her resignation comes weeks before auditors from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General arrive in Colorado to review how the state has used \$152 million in terrorism grants since 2002.” [9News, [8/23/06](#)]

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Kirkmeyer Was Notified By Governor Bill Ritter's Administration That Her Position Would Expire In June 2007, But Kirkmeyer Had Her Contract Altered During The Final Year Of Owens' Term That Would Have Allowed Her To Remain In Her Position

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- **2006: Kirkmeyer Had The Standard Language Of Her Contract Altered During The Final Year Of Governor Bill Owens' Term.** "Democratic Gov. Bill Ritter's administration has notified 10 top state workers - all appointees of his Republican predecessor, Gov. Bill Owens - that their jobs will expire June 30 [...] Barbara Kirkmeyer, director of the Division of Local Government and former interim director of the Department of Local Affairs. Of those contract employees, only Kirkmeyer had the standard language in her contract altered during the final year of Owens' term in office. In 2006, some department directors added a provision to the senior-executive service contracts that provided a guarantee that those people could stay in high-paying jobs on the state payroll. Early in Ritter's tenure, the governor's top administrative appointees notified the 22 Owens appointees who had such terms in their contract that the Ritter administration would not honor the language. Kirkmeyer said she has consulted a lawyer to determine her rights under that contract language." [Denver Post, 5/4/07]

The Contracts Prevented The Incoming Administration From Forming Their Own Team By Limiting The Number Of Job Openings In Lead Department Positions By Ensuring Political Appointees Kept Their Positions In The New Administration. "The contracts, valued at nearly \$2.8 million this year, would tie Gov. Bill Ritter's hands in forming his own team by limiting the number of job openings his department heads could fill and by ensuring that Republican political appointees survive in a Democratic administration. Evan Dreyer, spokesman for Ritter, said the governor's office on Tuesday delivered letters to state departments notifying managers that the Ritter administration will not honor the job-guarantee provision." [Denver Post, 2/20/07]

Ritter Officials Said They Would Not Honor The Contract, Saying It Violated Personnel Rules

Ritter Officials Said That The Contracts Violated Personnel Rules, And That They Would Not Honor Them. "But Ritter officials said in February that the contracts violated personnel rules, and they would not honor them. The state's departments of Personnel and Local Affairs as well as Kirkpatrick and personnel executive director Rich Gonzales are named in the lawsuit. Department spokeswomen declined comment, citing the ongoing litigation." [Denver Post, 9/6/07]

Kirkmeyer Sued The Ritter Administration, Claiming That One Of Owens' Officials Included A Provision In Her Contract That Would Let Her Stay Under A New Administration

Kirkmeyer Sued The Ritter Administration, And Claimed That One Of Owens' Officials Included A Provision That Allowed Owens Officials To Return To State Jobs Under A New Administration. "Kirkmeyer's attorney argues that Owens' Department of Personnel and Administration executive director Jeff Wells acted properly when including the provision to allow Owens officials to return to state jobs under the new administration. Wells "had full power and authority to establish terms and conditions for contracting," the lawsuit claims. But Ritter officials said in February that the contracts violated personnel rules, and they would not honor them." [Denver Post, 9/6/07]

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Affairs. The ruling, which was announced earlier this month, affirms that then DOLA Executive Director Susan Kirkpatrick was within her rights to remove Kirkmeyer from her position as director of the state's division of local government in 2007 and not offer her another position within DOLA." [Greeley Tribune, 11/1/14]

Kirkmeyer Violated State Law When She Earned \$35,500 For Writing Grants For Town Governments Within Six Months Of Leaving Her State Government Position

Kirkmeyer Was Investigated For Violating A Law That Restricted Recent State Employees From Contracting With A State Agency On Certain Matters Within Six Months Of Termination Of Employment

Kirkmeyer Was Investigated For Violating A Law That Restricted Recent State Employees From Contracting Or Being Employed By Someone Who Contracts With A State Agency On Certain Matters. "A Weld County commissioner candidate has helped several Weld communities earn state grants, but the legality of her involvement in some of those processes is now in question. Weld District Attorney Ken Buck is investigating a complaint that Barbara Kirkmeyer, the Republican candidate for Weld commissioner District 3, violated a law that restricts recent state employees from contracting or being employed by someone who contracts with a state agency on certain matters." [Greeley Tribune, 9/27/08]

- **The Law Established That Public Officials, Local Government Officials, Or Employees Should Not "Be Interested In Any Contract Made By Them In Their Official Capacity Or By Any Body, Agency, Or Board Of Which They Are Members Or Employees."** "On Friday, Kirkmeyer said she was told the complaint regards an 'Interests in Contracts' law that reads, 'members of the general assembly, public office, local government officials or employees shall not be interested in any contract made by them in their official capacity or by any body, agency, or board of which they are members or employees.'" [Greeley Tribune, 9/27/08]
- **The Law Also Established That Former Employees May Not Contract Or Be Employed By An Employer Who Contracts With A State Agency Or Any Local Government Involving Matters Which They Had Been Involved In During Their Former Employment.** "The law also reads, 'A former employee may not, within six months following the termination of his employment, contract or be employed by an employer who contracts with a state agency or any local government involving matters with which he was directly involved during his employment.'" [Greeley Tribune, 9/27/08]

Prior To Writing The Grants, Kirkmeyer Served In Several Local Government Positions

2001: Kirkmeyer Gave Up Her Weld Commissioner Seat After Two Terms Due To Term Limits. "In 2001, Kirkmeyer, 49, gave up her Weld commissioner seat after two terms due to term limits." [Greeley Tribune, 9/27/08]

- **1993-2001 & 2008-2020: Kirkmeyer Served As Weld County Commissioner.** [iVoterGuide, Barbara Kirkmeyer, [2020](#)]

2002-2007: Kirkmeyer Held Several Positions In Town Governments. "From 2002-2007, she held various positions in town governments, and in 2006, she served as executive director for the Colorado Department of Local Affairs." [Greeley Tribune, 9/27/08]

2006-2007: Kirkmeyer Served As The Executive Director For The Colorado Department Of Local Affairs. "From 2002-2007, she held various positions in town governments, and in 2006, she served as executive director for the Colorado Department of Local Affairs." [Greeley Tribune, 9/27/08]

Less Than Three Months After Leaving The Department Of Local Affairs, Kirkmeyer Wrote Two Successful Grants For The Town Of Gilcrest Where She Earned \$10,000

Kirkmeyer Offered To Help The City Pursue Grant Funds And Would Earn \$5,000 For Each Grant Awarded Worth \$50,000 Or More—Which Was Agreed To Less Than Three Months After She Left The Department Of Local Affairs. “Kirkmeyer offered to help the city pursue grant funds. The agreement outlined in the Sept. 26, 2007, council agenda indicates she would earn \$5,000 for each grant awarded worth \$50,000 or more. This was less than three months after leaving her position at the Department of Local Affairs.” [Greeley Tribune, [9/26/08](#)]

- **October 2007: Two Grants Prepared By Kirkmeyer Were Approved By A Panel At The Department Of Local Affairs Worth \$249,000 And \$500,000.** “In October 2007, the council was presented with news that two grant requests prepared by Kirkmeyer were approved by a panel at the Department of Local Affairs. The grants awarded would garner \$249,000 for storm water funding and \$500,000 for other utilities funding.” [Greeley Tribune, [9/26/08](#)]
- **November 2007: The City Paid Kirkmeyer \$10,000 For Her Services In Preparing The Two Grants.** “In November 2007, the city paid Kirkmeyer \$10,000 for her services in preparing the two successful grant applications.” [Greeley Tribune, [9/26/08](#)]
- **HEADLINE: “Weld DA investigates county commissioner candidate.”** [Greeley Tribune, [9/26/08](#)]

Kirkmeyer Said She Was Unaware The Law Existed And Helped Ten Weld Communities With Grants And Helped Gilcrest And Fort Lupton With Its Grants Prior To January 1st, 2008, When Her Six Month Constraint Expired. “Unaware that the law existed, Kirkmeyer said she has helped 10 Weld communities with grants and helped Gilcrest and Fort Lupton with its grants prior to Jan. 1, 2008, when her six-month constraint expired.” [Greeley Tribune, [9/26/08](#)]

- **Kirkmeyer Served As The Interim Town Administrator For Gilcrest.** “Kirkmeyer is running against Tom Petitt of Kersey for the district 3 seat on the county commission. She also serves as the interim town administrator for Gilcrest.” [Greeley Tribune, [9/26/08](#)]

Kirkmeyer Claimed She Did Not Violate State Law Because She Had No “Interest” In The Contracts And Only Writes The Grants For Town Governments. “However, Kirkmeyer believes she has not violated the statute because she has no "interest" in the contracts as the law states. Kirkmeyer said she doesn't sign the grants, lobby for the grants or talk to executive directors about the grants. She said she just writes the grants for the town governments.” [Greeley Tribune, [9/26/08](#)]

2007-2008: Kirkmeyer Earned A Total Of \$35,500 For Her Grant Writing Services With Three Towns

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- **2007-2008: The Weld District Attorney’s Office Said Kirkmeyer Likely Broke State Law When She Wrote Grants For Firestone, Gilcrest, And Fort Lupton.** “While three Weld County towns benefited with more than \$2.6 million in grants in the last year, the way they got them was likely against the rules. The Weld District Attorney’s Office said newly elected Weld County Commissioner Barbara Kirkmeyer likely broke a state law when she helped the towns of Firestone, Gilcrest and Fort Lupton earn state grants from 2007-2008, but there is no penalty to pursue in this case.” [Greeley Tribune, [5/11/11](#)]

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- **HEADLINE: “Weld DA: New Commissioner Violated Law.”** [Greeley Tribune, [5/11/11](#)]

The Weld County DA Issued An Affidavit That There Was No Evidence That Kirkmeyer Was Aware Of The Provision Prohibiting Former State Employees From Taking Part In Contracts Within Six Months Of The Termination Of Employment. “Officials with the state department confirmed Friday they had received Buck’s letter and affidavit, which stated that there is no evidence Kirkmeyer was aware of the law’s provisions before entering into the contracts with the towns. ‘We’re still continuing to review on our end,’ said Linda Rice, department of Local Affairs public information officer. ‘From our preliminary review, we haven’t found anything that would be a cause of concern.’” [Greeley Tribune, [5/11/11](#)]

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March 2017: The IRS Audited Weld County Government Following A Complaint From A Former Weld County Council Member Focused On Reimbursements To Commissioners For Travel Between Their Homes And Work. “Weld County government is the target of an IRS audit following a complaint from former Weld County Council member Jeff Hare. The audit, announced via a letter to the county Wednesday, is likely to focus on reimbursements to county commissioners for travel between their homes and work, a practice first reported by The Tribune in October 2014. The audit is set to take place April 6 at county offices. IRS officials asked for myriad documents, so it’s possible the focus of the audit goes beyond just the mileage issue.” [Greeley Tribune, 3/16/17]

- **Weld County Commissioners Accumulated Nearly \$50,000 In Expenses Related To Driving To The Office Each Morning From Their Homes While No Other County Employees Saw The Same Benefit.** “The Tribune reported in 2014 that commissioners racked up nearly \$50,000 in expenses just related to driving to the office each morning from their homes during a three-year period. No other county employees enjoy the benefit, although Sheriff’s deputies attempted to claim mileage after the initial Tribune article and were denied. County officials have defended the practice by saying most commissioners are required to live within the districts from which they’re elected, which puts a burden on commissioners who are farther from county offices in Greeley.” [Greeley Tribune, 3/16/17]
- **2012-2014: Kirkmeyer Claimed \$10,000 In Mileage Reimbursements.** “It’s unclear at this time whether all the commissioners still claim mileage. Commissioner Barbara Kirkmeyer claimed about \$10,000 in mileage reimbursements between 2012-14, and she said she continues to do so and cites a state statute that allows the practice for commissioners and state legislators. Colorado Revised Statute 30-2-103 states that county commissioners ‘shall be allowed their actual and necessary maintenance expenses, together with such mileage as shall be determined by resolution of the board of county commissioners of the county or as provided by the charter of a home rule county... for each mile actually traveled whether within or without the state when engaged in business on behalf of the county.’ Mileage is not reimbursed for commissioners using a county vehicle, the statute states.” [Greeley Tribune, 3/16/17]

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- **Reimbursements For Home-To-Work Commuting Mileage Were Supposed To Be Taxable—The County Did Not Withhold Taxes On The Reimbursements Which Meant They Owed \$3,000 To The IRS.** “The main issue with mileage, which only Weld County Commissioner Barbara Kirkmeyer still claims, is the reimbursements for home-to-work commuting mileage are supposed to be taxable, according to the IRS. The county did not withhold taxes on those reimbursements, which means the county owes the IRS \$3,000.” [Greeley Tribune, [11/15/17](#)]

The IRS Also Found 59 Payments To Third-Party Vendors In 2015 That Should Have Been Issued 1099 Forms Which Resulted In \$30,680 In Late Filing Fees. “The IRS found issues in one other area: Weld’s payments to third-party vendors. Weld County has more than 30,000 vendors, including welfare recipients, and the IRS found 59 payments in 2015 in which a 1099 form should have been issued by the county. The result is a \$30,680 bill for late filing fees.” [Greeley Tribune, [11/15/17](#)]

June 2018: Kirkmeyer Faced A Recall Campaign Led By A Platteville Resident Who Claimed Kirkmeyer Was Responsible For Two Deaths At A Street Crossing, And Accused Kirkmeyer Of Several Ethics Violations

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June 2018: Kirkmeyer Faced A Recall Campaign Led By Platteville Resident Sara Mondragon And Recall Committee WECARE. “Weld County Commissioner Barbara Kirkmeyer faces a recall campaign led by Platteville resident Sara Mondragon and recall committee WECARE for Weld County (Working to Educate Citizens About Recall Efforts) for Weld County. Kirkmeyer represents District 3, a southeastern part of Weld County that includes Fort Lupton in addition to other communities. She is term-limited in 2020. In an interview Thursday, June 7, Kirkmeyer denounced the recall effort as biased and claimed it was being fueled by misinformation.” [Fort Lupton Press, 6/8/18]

- **Sara Mondragon Blamed Kirkmeyer For Two Deaths At The Fifth Street Crossing In Eaton, One Of Which Was Mondragon’s Nephew.** “Mondragon and the recall group list several reasons for seeking to recall Kirkmeyer, the most significant perhaps being blaming her for two deaths at the Fifth Street crossing in Eaton, one of which was Mondragon's nephew, Dallas Duran. ‘She's been on the board for the Highway 85 improvements for nine years and hasn't done anything,’ Mondragon claimed, ‘I don't know the numbers for the whole stretch of highway but I'm sure there have been more than just what's happened in Eaton. These deaths could have been prevented.’” [Fort Lupton Press, 6/8/18]
- **Sara Mondragon Claimed Kirkmeyer Did Little To Ensure Safety At The Fifth Street Crossing Intersection In Eaton While Serving On The Board For The Highway 85 Improvements.** “Mondragon and the recall group list several reasons for seeking to recall Kirkmeyer, the most significant perhaps being blaming her for two deaths at the Fifth Street crossing in Eaton, one of which was Mondragon's nephew, Dallas Duran.

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The Recall Campaign Accused Kirkmeyer Of Selling Personal Real Estate To A Business Engaged With The County, Travel Reimbursements, And Taking Municipal Contributions And Grants Funding For Personal Use. “The recall campaign also accused Kirkmeyer of misusing her office for personal and financial gain through various means, including selling personal real estate to a business engaged with the county, illegally seeking reimbursements for travel expenses, and taking portions of municipal contributions and grants funding for personal use.” [Fort Lupton Press, 6/8/18]

August 2013: Kirkmeyer And Her Siblings Sold 110 Acres Of Land For \$950,000 To Anadarko Petroleum. “In August 2013, Kirkmeyer, along with other property owners (her siblings), sold 110 acres of land to Weld P205 Land Holdings LLC for \$950,000. The Land Holdings company appears to be a front group for Anadarko Petroleum. The actual value of the property, according to the Weld County Assessor, was \$112,000. Anadarko did have business before the Board of Weld County Commissioners at the time.” [Greeley Tribune, [7/7/18](#)]

- **According To The Weld County Assessor The Actual Value Of The Property Was \$112,000.** “The actual value of the property, according to the Weld County Assessor, was \$112,000.” [Greeley Tribune, [7/7/18](#)]
- **The Assessed Value Is 29% Of The Actual Value For Farmland In Colorado.** “There are a couple issues with this claim. First, assessed value is just 29 percent of actual value for farmland in Colorado. It’s the percentage used for taxing purposes. Even if the group meant actual value, when it comes to farmland, actual value does not represent real value. Here’s why: Weld County Assessor Chris Woodruff said the state’s constitution outlines a specific formula for the valuation of agricultural land, and that formula does not take into account sale prices. Instead, it uses a 10-year average and looks at commodity prices and typical landlord expenses. The result is that the “actual value” is usually way less than the sale price of any given piece of agricultural land.” [Greeley Tribune, [7/7/18](#)]
- **Kirkmeyer Said She Owned One-Sixth Of The Property, And Was Not Involved With The Development Of The Sale.** “The real estate in question, a parcel of vacant land near County Roads 6 and 21 near Fort Lupton, was sold by a group that included Kirkmeyer in August 2013 to Weld P205 Land Holdings LLC, who sold the land to Anadarko the following day. Though her signature appears on the warranty deed notarizing the sale, Kirkmeyer claims she only owned one-sixth of the property and was not involved with the development of the sale.” [Fort Lupton Press, 6/8/18]
- **Kirkmeyer Made \$158,333 From The Sale Of The Property.** “Finally, Kirkmeyer owned one-sixth of a share of the land in question, with brother Brian Zehnder owning 50 percent and brother Stephen Zehnder owning one third. Kirkmeyer’s total earnings from the sale were \$158,333.” [Greeley Tribune, [7/7/18](#)]
- **The Property Was Listed For \$9,000-\$10,000 Per Acre, But Actually Sold For \$8,633 Per Acre.** “If Anadarko, through the Land Holdings group, sought to influence Kirkmeyer in upcoming land use applications, it didn’t exactly break the bank. Zehnder said the property was listed for \$9,000-\$10,000 per acre, but he ended up getting \$8,633 per acre.” [Greeley Tribune, [7/7/18](#)]
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Kirkmeyer Confirmed She Claimed Travel Expenses But Claimed The Practice Was Legal. “Kirkmeyer confirmed that she claims travel expenses for work and defended the practice as legal. Indeed, county commissioners are allowed to claim reimbursements for work-related travel expenses under Colorado state law. No evidence was found in county payroll records of Kirkmeyer receiving additional pay beyond her salary and travel reimbursements.” [Fort Lupton Press, 6/8/18]

- **2012-2014: Kirkmeyer Claimed \$10,000 In Mileage Reimbursements.** “It's unclear at this time whether all the commissioners still claim mileage. Commissioner Barbara Kirkmeyer claimed about \$10,000 in mileage reimbursements between 2012-14, and she said she continues to do so and cites a state statute that allows the practice for commissioners and state legislators. Colorado Revised Statute 30-2-103 states that county commissioners ‘shall be allowed their actual and necessary maintenance expenses, together with such mileage as shall be determined by resolution of the board of county commissioners of the county or as provided by the charter of a home rule county... for each mile actually traveled whether within or without the state when engaged in business on behalf of the county.’ Mileage is not reimbursed for commissioners using a county vehicle, the statute states.” [Greeley Tribune, 3/16/17]

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Kirkmeyer Served As The President Of The Board For The South Platte Valley Historical Society (SPVHS). “The SPVHS is a 501 (c)3 nonprofit. Its purpose, according to its website, is for the preservation and maintenance of sites, structures and objects of historical significance in the South Platte Valley area. It represents Lancaster Lupton’s original fort and settlement in the area. They said Kirkmeyer has been the president of the board for as long as they can remember. She always had the final word when anyone disagreed with her. The only way they could break free from the problems was to quit.” [Complete Colorado, [8/6/18](#)]

Kirkmeyer And One Of Her Daughters Solicited Donations From Sponsors For A Craft Fair Hosted By SPVHS But Kept 20% Of The Donations For Themselves As Commission. “During the summers of 2015 and 2016, SPVHS attempted to host a craft fair called Market at the Fort. The Fort is a replica of the original trading fort built by Lancaster Lupton in the 1830s. It is the SPVHS’s anchor project. Kirkmeyer, along with one of her daughters, solicited donations from ‘sponsors’ for the event. They kept 20 percent of the donations for themselves as commission.” [Complete Colorado, [8/6/18](#)]

- **Though Kirkmeyer And Her Daughter Exceeded The \$600 Yearly Threshold, Neither Were Given 1099s.** “Kirkmeyer, along with one of her daughters, solicited donations from “sponsors” for the event. They kept 20 percent of the donations for themselves as commission. Although both women exceeded the \$600 yearly threshold, no 1099s (a tax form required by the IRS) were ever given to the two women, Everson said. Everson said Kirkmeyer told her the threshold was much higher before it had to be reported to the IRS. Additionally, neither of the women registered with the Secretary of State’s office as solicitors, which is required under certain circumstances. Although it is unclear whether the woman met the circumstances that would require registering, in Everson and Barrington’s minds, Kirkmeyer was still violating the board’s conflict of interest policies.” [Complete Colorado, [8/6/18](#)]

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August 2006: Kirkmeyer Resigned A Week After Arapahoe County Sheriff J. Grayson Robinson Sent A Critical Letter To Kirkmeyer And The Governor’s Chief Of Staff Criticizing Her Statement That Radio Purchases Wouldn’t Be Supported By The State. “Kirkmeyer’s tenure in charge of the department ended about a week after Arapahoe County Sheriff J. Grayson Robinson sent a critical letter to her and to Bob Lee, the governor’s chief of staff. Writing on behalf of a group that represents emergency responders in Denver and nine other metro counties, Robinson raised a series of questions about recent ‘policy statements’ made by Kirkmeyer. According to the letter, Kirkmeyer said the state would no longer support radio purchases by local governments. Robinson wrote that the group considered that a ‘short-sighted approach to the state’s No. 1 priority, interoperable communications.’” [Denver Post, [8/23/06](#)]

Kirkmeyer Voted Against Approving University Of Colorado Health’s License Request To Allow The Use Of Its Ambulance Service In Numerous Towns In Colorado’s New 8th Congressional District

Kirkmeyer Voted Against Approving University Of Colorado Health’s Ambulance License Request To Allow The Health Care Provider To Use Its Ambulance Service In Windsor, Severance, Johnstown, And Milliken. “Weld County commissioners on Monday voted to approve University of Colorado Health’s ambulance license request, allowing the health care provider that operates hospitals in Fort Collins and Loveland to provide ambulance services in Windsor, Severance, Johnstown and Milliken starting May 15. ‘Our focus has always been on providing the very best, fastest and high quality care and we look forward to now providing that care to the residents of western Weld County,’ UCHealth spokesman Dan Weaver said. The license request was approved on a 3-2 vote, with Commissioners Sean Conway and Barbara Kirkmeyer voting no.” [Fort Collins Coloradoan, 4/17/13]

- **Johnstown And Milliken Were Located In Colorado’s New 8th Congressional District.** [Colorado Independent Redistricting Commissions, Interactive Map, accessed [12/7/21](#)]

A Staunch Oil And Gas Supporter, Kirkmeyer Supported Efforts To Make It Easier To Drill On Residential Land And Limit Local Control Over Oil And Gas Regulations, And Fought Renewable Energy Sources

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Kirkmeyer Supported An Oil And Gas Drilling Operation Near A Middle School In Greeley. “Weld County commissioners on Wednesday unanimously approved a massive oil and gas drilling operation near a Greeley middle school, but not before blistering critics who hinted that officials cared more about energy development than the lives of children. ‘Do you really believe I’d endanger their health? Really?’ said Commissioner Sean Conway. He and other commissioners said they have children and grandchildren who have lived next to oil and gas drilling rigs in Weld County for decades and have shown no ill effects from extraction activity.” [Denver Post, 6/30/16]

- **Kirkmeyer: “For 32 Years, I’ve Lived In The Middle Of Oil And Gas...So Please Don’t Tell Me That I Wouldn’t Know How Something Like This Would Affect Me.”** “‘For 32 years, I’ve lived in the middle of oil and gas,’ Commissioner Barbara Kirkmeyer said. ‘So please don’t tell me that I wouldn’t know how something like this would affect me.’ [...] The commissioners praised the plans of Extraction Oil and Gas to put 24 drilled wells, 18 oil tanks, two water tanks and associated production equipment about 1,300 feet from Bella Romero Academy’s grades 4-8 campus, just east of Greeley. ‘I believe they have gone above and beyond what is required of them,’ Kirkmeyer said.” [Denver Post, 6/30/16]
- **Greeley Was Located In Colorado’s New 8th Congressional District.** [Colorado Independent Redistricting Commissions, Interactive Map, accessed [12/7/21](#)]

Kirkmeyer Voted In Favor Of Rules That Allowed Oil Companies To Drill In Residential Areas Without Going Through Public Hearings Or Getting Landowners’ Approval

Kirkmeyer Voted In Favor Of Rules That Allowed Oil And Gas Companies To Drill In Residential Areas Without Going Through Public Hearings And Were Not Required To Get Landowners To Sign Off On Drilling Plans. “If it seems oil and gas companies enjoy a bit of freedom in Weld County now, just wait until February. Weld County commissioners adopted new rules on oil and gas development Monday morning. They say the companies will no longer have to go through public hearings on any new projects, even if they’re drilling in residential areas. Companies will not have to get landowners to sign off on their plans; they will just have to prove they tried to. About a dozen industry representatives heralded the changes during the meeting, and despite Weld County residents’ recent activist streak, no oil and gas opponents showed up to protest. Commissioners voted 5-0 in favor, publicly lauding the industry’s [sic] importance to the county. The rules go into effect Feb. 1.” [Energy Monitor Worldwide, 11/29/16]

Kirkmeyer Opposed And Tried To Roll Back Legislation That Would Prioritize Public Health And Safety In Oil & Gas Regulation And Clarify Local Authority Overseeing Oil And Gas Development

Kirkmeyer Opposed Senate Bill 181, That Would Change Oil And Gas Regulations By Prioritizing Public Health And Safety And Clarified Local Authority Overseeing Oil And Gas Development. “A bill that would change oil and gas regulations by prioritizing public health and safety and clarifying communities’ role in overseeing development was sent to the full Colorado House on Wednesday after it cleared the last committee. The House delayed consideration of Senate Bill 19-181 after originally planning to open debate Wednesday evening. Earlier in the day, the House Appropriations Committee voted 7-4 for the legislation. As in the Senate, the bill was passed on a party line vote: Democrats for it and Republicans opposed [...] Weld County Commissioner Barbara Kirkmeyer, who has testified several times against the bill in legislative hearings, has filed four ballot proposals that would roll back the changes proposed in the legislation.” [Denver Post, [3/28/19](#)]

March 2019: Kirkmeyer Filed Four Ballot Proposals That Aimed To Roll Back The Proposed Changes In Senate Bill 181. “Weld County Commissioner Barbara Kirkmeyer, who has testified several times against the bill in legislative hearings, has filed four ballot proposals that would roll back the changes proposed in the legislation. The four ballot questions, also submitted by John Brackney, a former Arapahoe County commissioner, would establish an independent oil and gas commission to ensure decisions about regulation of oil and gas are free from ‘undue political influence by any one political party, any one special interest or any one elected official or collection of political appointees.’” [Denver Post, [3/28/19](#)]

- **Kirkmeyer Helped Craft Language For A Measure That Would Create The Independent Oil And Gas Regulatory Commission To Replace The Colorado Oil And Gas Conservation Commission.** “The proposed measure would create the Independent Oil and Gas Regulatory Commission to replace the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission. The new commission would be made up of subject matter experts with no conflicts of interest and who haven’t been legislators, commissioners or lobbyists within the past five years. A list of such people would be crafted by Republicans and Democrats, and retired judges would choose three of those people for commission seats.” [Greeley Tribune, [4/29/19](#)]
- **The Ballot Measures Would Repeal Colorado’s New Oil And Gas Regulations Entirely But Were Rejected By The State Title Board After Determining The Language Violated The State’s Single Subject Rule.** “The ballot measure also would repeal Colorado’s new oil and gas regulations in their entirety. There’s just one problem. When the potential ballot language was examined by the state title board a couple of weeks ago, that board rejected the language because it violated the state’s single subject rule. And Kirkmeyer’s group dropped its motion for a rehearing before the title board, saying in a statement they would go forward with the measure in 2020.” [Greeley Tribune, [4/29/19](#)]

Kirkmeyer Opposed Allowing Solar Installations The Same Access To Agriculturally Zoned Land That Oil And Gas Drilling Used, Said Farmers Needed To Be Protected From The Solar Industry

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December 2015: Kirkmeyer Opposed Allowing Solar Installations The Same Access To Agriculturally Zoned Land That Covers 75% Of Weld County That Oil And Gas Drilling Use. “Not all energy production in Weld County is created equal. If a proposed ordinance goes through, solar installations would no longer be allowed the same access to agriculturally zoned land which covers about 75 percent of the county that oil and gas drilling operations enjoy. Oil and gas drilling is considered a use by right. The proposed rule would limit solar development to land zoned for industrial uses, keeping owners of farmland from installing small solar projects and preventing solar companies from buying property to turn into solar facilities [...] Commissioner Barbara Kirkmeyer pushed hard for solar's industrial designation, saying solar facilities don't fit on farmland.” [Denver Post, 12/23/15]

Greeley Tribune Editorial: “If A Farmer In Weld Chooses To Allow A Solar Company To Use His Or Her Property To Build A Solar Farm, This Ordinance Would Block It.” “Sometimes things just don't add up. Apparently, the Weld County commissioners are thinking of requiring all solar facilities to sit on land zoned industrial. So, if a farmer in Weld chooses to allow a solar company to use his or her property to build a solar farm, this ordinance would block it. In countless cases, our commissioners have fought long and hard for property rights. The fact they would even consider a move like this makes no sense [...] The commissioners seem split on the proposal with Commissioner Barbara Kirkmeyer pushing hard for the change. Her claim is oil drilling has to be done in a specific place because that's where the oil is. ‘It's a natural resource, and it is where it is,’ Kirkmeyer said. ‘You can't really zone oil and gas.’” [Greeley Tribune, Editorial, 12/26/15]

- **HEADLINE: “Placing limitations on solar installations makes no sense.”** [Greeley Tribune, Editorial, 12/26/15]

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Kirkmeyer Claimed That Regulations Were Needed To Protect Farmers And Residents From The Solar Industry. “During both hearings, Commissioner Barbara Kirkmeyer said the regulations need to protect farmers and residents from the solar industry. During Monday’s meeting, she alluded to a statement in the county’s right to farm statement, which says, ‘Agricultural users of the land should not be expected to change their long-established agricultural practices to accommodate the intrusions of urban users into a rural area.’” [Greeley Tribune, 1/25/16]

- **HEADLINE: “Residents criticize Weld County commissioners’ proposed solar regulations.”** [Greeley Tribune, 1/25/16]
- **Residents Voiced Concern That The Commissioners Were Playing Favorites By Overregulating Solar While Not Regulating Oil And Gas Enough.** “Ken Hall, a Windsor resident who lives on farmland, said oil company representatives have decided they want to build 13 wells on his small property. Drilling for oil and gas is a use by right on agricultural land, so those companies don’t have to seek the same permitting solar companies do. ‘It seems we are a right-to-drill county over a right to farm,’ he said. He said these regulations would make it harder for solar companies to come to the county than for oil and gas to. ‘It seems a little bit backwards and counter-productive to me,’ he said. Greeley resident Nadine Worley echoed the sentiment. ‘I’m very concerned that you’re planning to overregulate solar, and that you’re not regulating oil and gas enough,’ she said. David Kisker, a resident in unincorporated Weld County, accused the board of picking favorites in the energy industry, then gave a personal account of living next to a solar project. He had one in his backyard for five years. ‘I never heard it,’ he said. ‘I never smelled it. There was never any dust generated by it.’” [Greeley Tribune, 1/25/16]

Greeley Tribune Editorial: “Weld County Commissioners Have Once Again Left Us Scratching Our Heads...The Crew Floated An Ordinance That Would Prohibit Solar Farms On Land Zoned For Agriculture, Which We Came Out Against.” “Weld County commissioners have once again left us scratching our heads. Toward the end of last year, the crew floated an ordinance that would prohibit solar farms on land zoned for agriculture, which we came out against. As of right now, oil and gas as well as coal mining are allowed, but the commissioners are discussing giving solar-seeking parties a different set of rules to live by [...] Why? According to Commissioner Barbara Kirkmeyer, who seems to be spearheading to movement, it’s to protect Weld’s farmers from the solar industry. She referred to solar as an urban-use intruding into a rural area. Many residents, including us, responded to that with a resounding ... WHAT? With oil and gas being an incredibly industrial and urban process that exists throughout rural Weld -- yet having no such restrictions -- this entire proposal simply makes no sense.” [Greeley Tribune, Editorial, 1/27/16]

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March 2016: The Weld County Commissioners Dropped The Proposed Solar Regulations. “Weld County officials are scrapping proposed solar regulations that drew criticism from both residents and industry representatives and going back to the drawing board. The Board of Weld County Commissioners voted Monday to send the regulations back to the planning commission for a hearing. The planning commission acts as an advisory board and is the first step in getting a project or rule change passed. ‘Essentially, we’re pushing reset, and it starts all over,’ said Commissioner Barbara Kirkmeyer.” [Greeley Tribune, 3/7/16]

Greeley Tribune Editorial: “We’d Like To Applaud The Weld County Commissioners For Scrapping The Proposed Solar Regulations A Couple Weeks Ago. Our Only Quibble Now Comes From The Comments Of Commissioner Barbara Kirkmeyer.” “We’d like to applaud the Weld County commissioners for scrapping the proposed solar regulations a couple weeks ago. Our only quibble now comes from the comments of Commissioner Barbara Kirkmeyer. ‘Essentially, we’re pushing reset,’ she said. Since there’s no way to push delete instead -- there’s no rules on the books right now for solar farms, and the commissioners want to get something down in case

a big proposal comes calling -- we would at least like it if rules made it as easy for solar farms to come to Weld as oil and gas developments.” [Greeley Tribune, 3/29/16]

- **Kirkmeyer Said That The Commissioners Were “Pushing Reset” On The Regulations On Solar Farms.** “We'd like to applaud the Weld County commissioners for scrapping the proposed solar regulations a couple weeks ago. Our only quibble now comes from the comments of Commissioner Barbara Kirkmeyer. ‘Essentially, we're pushing reset,’ she said. Since there's no way to push delete instead -- there's no rules on the books right now for solar farms, and the commissioners want to get something down in case a big proposal comes calling -- we would at least like it if rules made it as easy for solar farms to come to Weld as oil and gas developments.” [Greeley Tribune, 3/29/16]
- **HEADLINE: “Rules for solar farms to come to Weld County need to be as easy as ones for oil and gas developments.”** [Greeley Tribune, 3/29/16]

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May 2016: The Weld County Commissioners Proposed New Rules That Allowed Solar Projects On Agricultural Land, But Operators Would Have To Go Through The Same Permitting Process As Other Industries. “Weld County leaders are giving solar regulations a second try, and they're getting a warmer welcome this time. Last year, the Board of Weld County Commissioners tried to boot all future solar projects from land zoned for agriculture. After residents and industry representatives complained, the commissioners decided to ‘hit the reset button.’ Commissioners discussed the new proposed rules during their meeting Monday morning. They'll talk about them a few times before voting on their adoption later this year. The new proposed rules are softer on the county's burgeoning solar industry. Solar projects would be allowed on ag land, and operators would have to go through the same permitting process as companies in other industries. Only organizations that plan to build sprawling, utility-level sites would have to go through a tougher process.” [Greeley Tribune, 5/23/16]

Kirkmeyer Voted For A Resolution Calling Upon The Colorado Oil And Gas Conservation Commission Not To Increase “Setbacks” For Oil And Gas Facilities’ Distance From Buildings

Kirkmeyer Voted In Favor Of A Resolution Calling Upon The Colorado Oil And Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) To Dismiss Its Decision To Increase “Setbacks” For Oil And Gas Facilities. “The Weld County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution on Wednesday, January 16, 2013, calling upon the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) to dismiss its recent decision to increase setbacks for oil and gas facilities and to convene ‘a meaningful stakeholder process that will consider the need for a close working and coordinating relationship between local governments and the COGCC...’ The resolution cites numerous issues with the COGCC rule-making process including: the lack of stakeholder outreach by the COGCC to the Local Governmental Designees (LGD's) of three of the highest producing counties in the state, including Weld County; the violation of C.R.S. 24-4-103(4)(a) regarding the rule-making process of the COGCC ruling; and the underestimation of the comparison of the probable costs and benefits of the proposed rule to the probable costs and benefits of inaction as is also required by Colorado Revised Statute (C.R.S. 24-4-103(4.5)(IV)). ‘The process we witnessed last week at the hearings was government at its worst,’ said Weld County Commissioner Barbara Kirkmeyer. ‘To rush this rule change through in the manner they did, without allowing the public to view and analyze the language and the impacts of the change, is irresponsible.’” [Targeted News Service, 1/17/13]

- **The Commissioners Demanded That Colorado Regulators Withdraw Their Decision To Increase The Distance Between Oil And Natural Gas Drilling Activity And Buildings And Said They Would Disregard The State’s New Rules.** “Weld County commissioners on Wednesday demanded that Colorado regulators withdraw their decision to increase distances between oil and natural-gas drilling activity and buildings, and said they would disregard the state’s new rules. Commissioners have ‘no intention of changing Weld County’s

setbacks,' according to a resolution that commissioners passed at their meeting. Commissioners criticized recent rulemaking by the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission." [Biz West, [1/17/13](#)]

- **The Commissioners Cited Issues With COGCC's Lack Of Outreach To The Local Governmental Designees.** "' The resolution cites numerous issues with the COGCC rule-making process including: the lack of stakeholder outreach by the COGCC to the Local Governmental Designees (LGD's) of three of the highest producing counties in the state, including Weld County; the violation of C.R.S. 24-4-103(4)(a) regarding the rule-making process of the COGCC ruling; and the underestimation of the comparison of the probable costs and benefits of the proposed rule to the probable costs and benefits of inaction as is also required by Colorado Revised Statute (C.R.S. 24-4-103(4.5)(IV)). 'The process we witnessed last week at the hearings was government at its worst,' said Weld County Commissioner Barbara Kirkmeyer. 'To rush this rule change through in the manner they did, without allowing the public to view and analyze the language and the impacts of the change, is irresponsible.'" [Targeted News Service, 1/17/13]

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Kirkmeyer Claimed Fracking Bans Exacerbated "Unwarranted Fears" And That Increasing Regulation Impeded Responsible Development. "Fracking bans are 'further exacerbating unwarranted fears,' says Barbara Kirkmeyer, a Weld County commissioner. Kirkmeyer claims the state oil and gas commission, by caving in to activists and increasing regulation, impedes responsible development." [High Country News, 9/2/13]

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The Lawsuit Was Filed On Behalf Of Heartland Biogas Of San Diego, And Claimed The Commissioners Abused The Company's Constitutional Right To Due Process When They Suspended Their Special Review Permit. "The lawsuit was filed Tuesday in Denver U.S. District Court on behalf of Heartland Biogas of San Diego against five Weld County commissioners. It claims the officials abused the company's constitutional due process rights when they suspended its special review permit on Dec. 19. Heartland is seeking monetary damages against the county and reinstatement of its special review permit. The lawsuit claims the government decision could cost the company \$29.4 million in shutdown costs, \$3.2 million a month in profits, and permanently damage its contracts with local ranchers and gas companies." [Denver Post, [12/28/16](#)]

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The Weld County Commissioners Concluded That Heartland Biogas Broke Almost 10 State And County Rules, Including Air Quality Regulations And Permitting Infractions. “Weld County commissioners have voted to suspend the permits of a major biogas factory that has been emitting a foul odor. The Greeley Tribune reports that commissioners on Monday concluded that Heartland Biogas has broken almost 10 state and county rules, including air quality regulations and permitting infractions.” [Denver Post, [12/28/16](#)]

Heartland Biogas Received Hundreds Of Complaints Regarding The Smell Coming From The Factory. “Heartland came under scrutiny in July after it racked up hundreds of complaints about the smell coming from the factory. Heartland Biogas takes waste ranging from cow manure to expired food and turns it into natural gas and compost.” [Denver Post, [12/28/16](#)]

Dairy Farmers Claimed The Plant Helped Them Deal With Manure Sustainably

A Dairy Farmer Said He Depended On Heartland Biogas To Handle His Farm’s Manure Sustainably. “A handful of people stuck up for the company, including dairy farmers who said the plant was the only sustainable way for them to get rid of manure. Recycling experts said the plant was vital for Colorado’s future. Paul Shelton, a nearby dairy farmer, said he and his business depend on Heartland Biogas to handle the farm’s manure sustainably. His employees deliver 12 semi-truckloads of manure to the plant every day, he said. If the plant were to close, he’d likely have to spend about \$1 million to build infrastructure to handle the manure on his own site.” [Denver Post, [12/20/16](#)]

February 2017: The Weld County Commissioners Filed An Injunction Requesting The Judge Enforce The County Order To Shut Down The Company

The Weld County Commissioners Filed An Injunction Requesting The Judge Enforce The County Order To Shut Down The Company. “Weld County lawyers argue, simply, any negative consequences related to a shutdown are the company’s own fault. Weld County on Wednesday filed an official answer to the lawsuit and included an injunction of its own. This one asks the judge to enforce what the county says is a legitimate county order to shut down the company. ‘Enforcement of the compliance order is reasonable and necessary to protect the authority of a governmental body and to protect the interests of the citizens of Weld County served by the (Board of County Commissioners),’ the county argued in court documents.” [Greeley Tribune, [2/2/17](#)]

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Kirkmeyer Oversaw The Improper Use Of \$1.1 Million In Homeland Security Grants

Federal Auditors Found That State Officials Improperly Used Homeland Security Grants On An Emergency Facility Center That Had Already Been Paid For

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- **The Department Of Local Affairs Managed Homeland Security Grants And Decided How The Money Was Spent.** “The Department of Local Affairs manages Homeland Security grants that are awarded by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and decides how most of the money will be spent. Kirkmeyer will return to her former position as the director of the Division of Local Government. Her resignation comes weeks before auditors from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General arrive in Colorado to review how the state has used \$152 million in terrorism grants since 2002.” [9News, [8/23/06](#)]

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- **HEADLINE: “State auditor questions emergency center’s costs.”** [Denver Post, [7/17/06](#)]

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department was trying to buy the office space. Instead, the department, which has an option to purchase, obtained a ‘perpetual lease’ on the space. Kirkmeyer said federal auditors also are incorrect. She said the department agreed to return the money because the federal government had threatened to withhold millions in future homeland-security funding.” [Denver Post, 7/18/06]

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Colorado Repaid The Department Of Homeland Security \$1.5 Million Amid Claims The State Improperly Used The Funds On An Emergency Center. “Colorado will repay the Department of Homeland Security \$1.5 million, although Colorado disputes the federal government’s contention that it wrongly used the money on an emergency center at Denver’s South Metro Fire and Rescue Station.” [The Gazette, 7/1/06]

Denver Post: “During Her Eight-Month Tenure, The State Caved In To A Demand From The Department Of Homeland Security To Repay \$1.5 Million In Misspent Grant Money To Create An Emergency-Response Center In Centennial.” “Kirkmeyer did not return phone calls seeking comment. Owens spokesman Dan Hopkins said Kirkmeyer resigned for personal reasons. During her eight-month tenure, the state caved in to a demand from the Department of Homeland Security to repay \$1.5 million in misspent grant money to create an emergency-response center in Centennial. Soon after that June announcement, state auditors found state officials have agreed to pay \$1.1 million – about \$28,600 per month – to rent space in that building. Throughout the process, Kirkmeyer said federal and state auditors were wrong.” [Denver Post, [8/22/06](#)]

- **HEADLINE: “Head of state homeland security grant program quits.”** [Denver Post, [8/22/06](#)]

Kirkmeyer Was An Abortion Extremist Who Said There Was No Circumstance Under Which Abortion Should Be Permitted

Kirkmeyer Told A Hate Group That She Was A “Proud And Consistent Supporter Of The Personhood Movement” – Paving The Way To Overturn Roe And Give Fertilized Eggs The Same Rights As People

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17. Should abortion be allowed under extenuating circumstances? If so, what circumstances?

No. Standing up for the unborn means more than just making speeches. As a County Commissioner, I voted to ban the Plan B abortion bill, and have been a proud and consistent supporter of the Personhood movement, unambiguously defending life from conception.

[iVoterGuide, Barbara Kirkmeyer, [2014](#)]

Kirkmeyer Would Ban Abortion, Even In Cases Of Rape, Incest, Or Danger To The Pregnant Person’s Life. According to the American Family Association’s iVoterGuide, Kirkmeyer answered “I don’t believe in abortion” to the question “Under what circumstances should abortion be allowed?”

Under what circumstances should abortion be allowed?

I don't believe in abortion

[iVoterGuide, Barbara Kirkmeyer, [2020](#)]

- **Kirkmeyer Said She Was 100% Pro-Life, “No Exceptions.”** “Barbara Kirkmeyer, a Weld County commissioner, vows she'll be ‘Jared Polis' worst nightmare’ if she's elected. She hopes to repeal Senate Bill 181, which allows municipalities to place limits on oil and gas drilling, and the red flag law, which allows judges to temporarily confiscate someone's firearms if they're deemed a risk to themselves or others. She supports school choice, opposes magazine limits and other gun restrictions, wants to rein in the state budget and is ‘100% pro-life, no exceptions.’” [Fort Collins Coloradoan, 6/14/20]

Kirkmeyer Said That She Believed Life Began At Conception. According to the American Family Association’s iVoterGuide, Kirkmeyer “strongly agrees” with the statement that “Human life begins at conception and deserves legal protection at every stage until natural death.”

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Strongly Agree

[iVoterGuide, Barbara Kirkmeyer, [2014](#)]

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Kirkmeyer Supported Defunding Planned Parenthood

Kirkmeyer “Strongly Agrees” With The Statement That “Abortion Providers, Including Planned Parenthood, Should Not Receive Taxpayer Funds Or Grants From Federal, State, Or Local Government.”

Abortion providers, including Planned Parenthood, should not receive taxpayer funds or grants from federal, state, or local governments.

Strongly Agree

[iVoterGuide, Barbara Kirkmeyer, [2020](#)]

Kirkmeyer Voted To Ban Contraception From Weld County-Funded Health Clinics

Kirkmeyer Voted To Ban Plan B And Emergency Contraception From Weld County-Funded Health Clinics – Then Said Three Years Later That She Stood By Her Vote. “When Garcia proposed striking Plan B – also referred to as the morning after pill – from county clinics’ options for family planning, Kirkmeyer was the only commissioner to vote against the measure, but voted for it after their last discussion on the matter in July 2010. Kirkmeyer said in a interview on Tuesday that her initial concerns didn’t revolve just around the availability of Plan B to low-income women, but on whether the county would lose state and federal funding for its clinics if commissioners stopped providing emergency contraception. After commissioners’ third meeting, she said the funding aspect was worked out, and Wallace came back with a workable suggestion to refer women to places where they can get Plan B. ‘I would say honestly, it was a 5-0 vote back in 2010, and I would still stick with that vote,’ Kirkmeyer said.” [Greeley Tribune, [2/6/13](#)]

Kirkmeyer Bragged About Voting To Ban Plan B, Erroneously Calling It An Abortion Pill.

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Kirkmeyer Voted Against Funding Diaper Banks During The Pandemic, Citing Lack Of Means Testing

Kirkmeyer Voted Against Funding Diaper Banks During The Pandemic, Citing Her Concern That The Appropriation Lacked Income Eligibility Criteria. “The legislation, called ‘Emergency Supplies for Colorado Babies and Families,’ would provide \$4 million in funding to diaper banks over the next two years, helping them meet the increase in need caused by the COVID-19 financial fallout. [...] State Sen. Barbara Kirkmeyer (R-Weld County), the only woman in the Colorado Republican Senate caucus, voted against the bill in the Senate Health and Human Services committee, citing her concern that families who could afford diapers would go get them for free instead. ‘There needs to be an income eligibility criteria here and I just don’t see one,’ Kirkmeyer said at the March 3 hearing. ‘We want to make sure that we are reducing the barriers to distribution,’ said Pettersen, who expressed doubt that people who could afford diapers would show up to wait in line at a diaper bank.” [Colorado Times Recorder, [5/6/21](#)]

Kirkmeyer Supported Nullifying LGBTQ People’s Marriages And Allowing LGBTQ People To Be Fired And Denied Service For Who They Are

As Recently As 2020, Kirkmeyer Said That Marriage Equality Should Be Taken Away, And That Businesses Should Be Able To Discriminate Against Gay Couples

2014: Kirkmeyer Told The American Family Association’s Voter Guide That She “Strongly Agreed” That The Government Did Not Have The Authority To Allow LGBTQ People To Marry.

7. Marriage is a union of one man and one woman. No government has the authority to alter this definition.

Strongly Agree

[iVoterGuide, Barbara Kirkmeyer, [2014](#)]

2020: Kirkmeyer Told The American Family Association’s Voter Guide That Marriages Between Two People Of The Same Gender Should Not Be Legal Or Supported With Public Funds.

Governments should define marriage as between one man and one woman; no other definition of marriage should be legalized or supported with taxpayer or public funds.

Agree

[iVoterGuide, Barbara Kirkmeyer, [2020](#)]

2020: Kirkmeyer Said That Businesses Should Be Able To Deny Services To Gay Couples And That Educational Institutions Should Continue Receiving Taxpayer Funds If They Banned Students From Marrying Someone Of The Same Gender.

Governments should not discriminate against individuals, organizations or small businesses because of their belief that marriage is only a union of one man and one woman.

Strongly Agree

[iVoterGuide, Barbara Kirkmeyer, [2020](#)]

Kirkmeyer Opposed Adding Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, And Gender Expression As Protected Classes In Non-Discrimination Laws

2020: Kirkmeyer Told Hate Group American Family Association That She Opposed Adding Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, And Gender Expression As Protected Classes In Non-Discrimination Laws.

I support adding sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression as protected classes in non-discrimination laws.

Strongly Disagree

[iVoterGuide, Barbara Kirkmeyer, [2020](#)]

Kirkmeyer Supported Repealing Colorado’s Gun Laws And Declaring Weld County A “Second Amendment Sanctuary”– Putting Coloradoans At Risk

2020: Kirkmeyer Told A Hate Group That Blamed LGBTQ People For The Holocaust, The American Family Association, That She Supported Allowing Teachers To Carry Guns At School

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2nd Amendment

Should teachers be allowed to carry guns at school?

Yes

[iVoterGuide, Barbara Kirkmeyer, [2020](#)]

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Kirkmeyer Opposed Efforts To Establish Red Flag Laws In Colorado And Supported A Resolution Declaring Weld County A “Second Amendment Sanctuary” That Excused Law Enforcement Officers From Complying With State Gun Laws

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In priority order, what three areas of legislation do you propose to author or sponsor if elected?

1. Given the current situation we are in with COVID 19 and the State Declared Emergency, I will work to curtail Executive powers that are not in line with the Constitution. And ensure a check and balance between executive and legislative branches; and between State and County governments. 2. Legislation that requires an Independent Oil and Gas Conservation Commission and promotes responsible energy development in our state. 3. Repeal the unconstitutional "Red Flag" law

[iVoterGuide, Barbara Kirkmeyer, [2020](#)]

- **Kirkmeyer: “I Will Work To Repeal The ‘Red Flag’ Law And Always Defend Our Right To Keep And Bear Arms.”** “The Second Amendment is a fundamental right guaranteed by our Constitution. I fought to make Weld County a sanctuary county from Polis' unconstitutional "red flag" law. I will work to repeal the "red flag" law and always defend our right to keep and bear arms.” [Fort Collins Coloradoan, 6/14/20]

- **Colorado Red Flag Laws Allowed Judges To Temporarily Remove Someone's Firearms If They Proved To Be A Danger To Themselves Or Others.** "Colorado's red flag law will go into effect Jan. 1, 2020 -- it's the one that allows a judge to temporarily remove somebody's firearms if they're a danger to themselves or others. The law has raised a lot of questions for Coloradans about how it'll be implemented, who will enforce it and how it's different from other states with similar laws." [CPR News, [12/27/19](#)]

Kirkmeyer Said She Would Work To Repeal Colorado's Red Flag Law And Magazine Capacity Restrictions.

What restrictions on gun ownership are needed to protect public safety?

I oppose restrictions on gun ownership and will work to repeal the magazine limit and unconstitutional "red flag" law.

[iVoterGuide, Barbara Kirkmeyer, [2020](#)]

Kirkmeyer Opposed Efforts To Create Red Flag Laws In Colorado And Claimed Legislation Including Such Provisions Allowed People's Firearms To Be Confiscated From Private Property. "Colorado's Red Flag law has moved one step closer to becoming official in the state. It would give law enforcement officers the authority to remove firearms from people who are either considered dangerous to themselves or others [...] Others believe the law is too broad and unconstitutional. Weld County Commissioner Barbara Kirkmeyer said, 'I think they are just trying to hide behind a veil here. I think the real out behind this law is to be able to come in and have the ability to confiscate people's firearms their private property.'" [Fox-31 KDVR, 3/4/19]

Kirkmeyer Supported A Resolution Declaring Weld County A "Second Amendment Sanctuary" In Response To Colorado Red Flag Laws

Kirkmeyer Supported A Resolution Declaring Weld County A "Second Amendment Sanctuary," That Excused Law Enforcement Officers From Complying With The Red Flag Law And Other State Gun Laws. "Weld County on Wednesday became a so-called 'Second Amendment sanctuary county'. The Weld County Commission unanimously passed a resolution that excuses law enforcement officers from complying with state gun laws that the commission and local law enforcement see as 'unconstitutional.' Commission Chair Barbara Kirkmeyer told Denver7 the county's resolution is a reaction to the 'red flag' bill making its way through Colorado's legislature, which would allow law enforcement officers to take firearms away from gun owners deemed a threat to themselves and others by a judge. But Kirkmeyer said the bill fails to address mental health and treatment - something bill sponsors argue is not the case but an argument that has been common from skeptics since this year's version was introduced. 'It's basically a stealth-type bill and it's really going to be used to just confiscate people's firearms, or else require a next step of a statewide registry of all of our handguns,' Kirkmeyer claimed." [Colorado Daily, 3/6/19]

- **The Resolution Stated That The Commissioners Would Not Put Funds Toward Building Storage Facilities For Weapons Seized By Law Enforcement.** "Through the resolution, the commissioners said they would not put money toward building a storage facility for weapons seized by law enforcement. Additionally, the commissioners said they will support Sheriff Steve Reams if he decides not to enforce the bill if it becomes a law." [Greeley Tribune, [3/6/19](#)]

The Resolution Also State That The Commissioners Would Support The Sheriff If He Decided Not To Enforce The Extreme Risk Protection Order Bill. "Additionally, the commissioners said they will support Sheriff Steve Reams if he decides not to enforce the bill if it becomes a law. The Extreme Risk Protection Order bill, which passed through the Colorado House on Monday, has been met with opposition in several Colorado counties." [Greeley Tribune, [3/6/19](#)]

- **The Extreme Risk Protection Order Bill Allowed Law Enforcement To Seek The Removal Of A Person's Firearms If They Were Deemed To Be At Risk Of Harming Themselves Or Others.** “The move comes in response to House Bill 19-1177, the extreme risk protection order bill that would allow law enforcement or others to seek the removal of firearms from individuals deemed to be at risk of harming themselves or others. That bill passed second reading in the House this past week, but still must officially pass out of the House before going to the Colorado Senate. Under the current bill, a judge could require a person to go without firearms for up to 364 days, or longer should the petitioner establish clear and convincing evidence that the respondent is still a danger to themselves or others.” [Greeley Tribune, [3/3/19](#)]

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Kirkmeyer Voted Against A Law That Required Gun Owners To Report Stolen Or Lost Firearms. “An individual who owns a firearm must report the loss or theft of that firearm to a law enforcement agency within 5 days after discovering that the firearm was lost or stolen. A first offense for failure to make such a report is a civil infraction punishable by a \$25 fine, and a second or subsequent offense is a misdemeanor punishable by a maximum \$500 fine. The 5-day reporting requirement does not apply to a licensed gun dealer. Another person who is a member of the owner's family or who resides with the owner may report the lost or stolen firearm. If the other person reports the loss or theft of the firearm, the owner is not required to make a report. A report by another person is not an acknowledgment of firearm ownership.” [Colorado General Assembly, SB21-078, [4/6/21](#)]

Kirkmeyer Was Accused Of Keeping Private Property Owners From Allowing Firearms On Their Own Property

The Rocky Mountain Gun Owners Accused Kirkmeyer Of Attempting To Keep Private Property Owners From Allowing Firearms On Their Own Property When She Moved To Keep Development Standards On The Special Review Permits

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The Rocky Mountain Gun Owners Accused Kirkmeyer Of Trying To Keep Private Property Owners In Weld County From Having Firearms On Their Property. “A gun rights group with a history of targeting conservatives has placed Weld County Commissioner Barbara Kirkmeyer in its crosshairs, essentially accusing her in a fundraising email of being a gun grabber. Kirkmeyer strongly disputes the claim, taking to Facebook to call the email ‘fake news,’ and saying Rocky Mountain Gun Owners founder Dudley Brown has ‘gone too far with his blatant, gross misrepresentation of the facts.’ The email from RMGO to its members centers on a land-use case for a horse racing track near Fort Lupton. Planning staff inserted a provision banning firearms on the property, and the applicants in the case objected.” [Greeley Tribune, [12/13/17](#)]

The Planning Commission Removed The Provision Disallowing Firearms On Private Property And Other Development Standards From The Use By Special Review Permit But Kirkmeyer Said She Would Likely Introduce A Motion To Reinstate The Development Standards

The Planning Commission Removed The Provision And Other Development Standards From The Use By Special Review Permit, But Kirkmeyer Said She Would Likely Introduce A Motion To Put All Development Standards Back. “The Planning Commission removed that and other development standards from the use by special review permit, but Kirkmeyer during a hearing on the subject said she would likely introduce a motion to put all development standards back in once the case comes back in mid-February.” [Greeley Tribune, [12/13/17](#)]

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Kirkmeyer Was A Secessionist

Kirkmeyer Supported Having Weld County Secede From Colorado

2013: Kirkmeyer Supported Weld And Several Other Northern Colorado Counties Seceding And Forming Their Own State And Voted To Put The Secession Question On The Ballot

In 2013, Kirkmeyer Said She Supported Weld And Several Other Northern Colorado Counties Seceding And Forming Their Own State. At the July 2013 meeting of the Weld County Board of Commissioner, Kirkmeyer, at the 10:23 mark, advocates for a 51st state. Says we talk about going out and voting and we do that. The people elected in Weld County are good, but we can’t vote for the people in other parts of the state. Says we need to move forward with 51st state because it raises the discussion and gets points out. This is the only way we can get this done is by being boisterous. It’s a long shot, but says like her grandparents she is all for being a pioneer. [YouTube, New Colorado, [7/29/13](#)]

- **[VIDEO] Kirkmeyer Advocated For Weld County To Secede From Colorado.** [10:25] “We talk about changing elections and changing legislatures. Believe me we are all elected and we go vote. I’m pretty sure most of the people in this room go vote. The folks in our area are fine. I don’t get to vote for the folks in the other areas. I think there are some things that need to be done [...] The 51st state is an idea and yes I think we should move forward with it. [...] Only way we are going to get it done is to be boisterous [...] we need to continue doing that. Is it a long shot? Sure. My grandparents were pioneers. My great grandparents were pioneers. I’m all for being a pioneer and at least giving it a shot.” [Weld BOCC Meeting Fort Lupton, YouTube, [7/29/13](#)] (VIDEO)

As A Weld County Commissioner, Kirkmeyer Voted To Put The Secession Question On The Ballot In 2013

As A Weld County Commissioner, Kirkmeyer Voted To Put The Secession Question On The Ballot In 2013. “‘After hearing from folks, and all of our meetings, there is a lot of frustration after the last legislative session and just in general,’ said Weld County Commissioner Barbara Kirkmeyer, who joined her fellow commissioners in a unanimous vote to put the secession question on the ballot in the fall. ‘What we heard was a resounding ‘yes’. Almost everyone said there was a disconnect between us, the [Denver] metro area and the governor.’” [SNL Daily Gas Report, 8/23/13]

The Ballot Measure To Secede Failed In Weld By 14 Points, But Kirkmeyer Still Praised The Effort

The Ballot Measure To Secede Failed In Weld By 14 Points, But Kirkmeyer Still Praised The Effort. “Weld County voters decided against secession and the creation of a 51st state Tuesday, defeating the initiative 57 percent to 43 percent. [...] Weld County Commissioner Barbara Kirkmeyer said a lot of good work was done pursuing secession and the effort sent a message in just four months. ‘We will regroup and work with other counties throughout the state of Colorado. I still think there was a message that was sent,’ said Kirkmeyer. ‘I still think there

was a lot of folks who said they feel disconnected from their state government, and that we need to look for some other answers. There still is a disconnect out there.’ [...] Kirkmeyer said the proposal kick-started the discussion that government is supposed to be about compromise, cooperation and communication. ‘If this turns things around and opens doors and people start working together more, I think all of that is a good thing,’ Kirkmeyer said.” [Greeley Tribune, [11/11/13](#)]

Kirkmeyer Said That Racism Was “Rare” And Posted An Anti-Semitic Cartoon Of Gov. Polis

Kirkmeyer’s Campaign Posted An Antisemitic, Possibly Homophobic Cartoon Of Gov. Polis

Kirkmeyer Posted A Cartoon Of Jared Polis With An Enlarged Nose And A Pink Wind Vane; In Nazi Germany, Gay Men Were Forced To Wear Pink Pins. “Kirkmeyer posted the cartoon in numerous conservative Facebook groups. [...] The Kirkmeyer campaign declined to discuss the cartoon over the phone, asking that questions be emailed instead. A subsequent email list of questioned yet to be answered, but this post will be updated if answers are received.” [Colorado Times Recorder, [3/19/20](#)]



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Is racism a threat to domestic security in the United States? Why or why not?

Racism exists, but thankfully it is rare in this day and age

[iVoterGuide, Barbara Kirkmeyer, [2020](#)]

Professional History

1997-2008: Kirkmeyer Co-Owned A Floral And Gift Shop

Kirkmeyer Co-Owned Audra Rose Floral And Gift Shop For 15 Years In Fort Collins. “Co-Owner/Operator - Audra Rose Floral and Gift Shop - 15 years, Fort Collins, Colorado.” [Barbara Kirkmeyer for Congress, accessed [11/30/21](#)]

Audra Rose Floral & Gift Shop Was Formed On June 23rd, 1997.

Summary

Details			
Name	AUDRA ROSE FLORAL & GIFT SHOP, INC., Dissolved September 29, 2008		
Status	Voluntarily Dissolved	Formation date	06/23/1997
ID number	19971099247	Form	Corporation
Periodic report month	June	Jurisdiction	Colorado
Principal office street address	2170 W DRAKE RD unit B9, FORT COLLINS, CO 80526, United States		
Principal office mailing address	3165 Stargazer Ct, Fort Collins, CO 80521, United States		

Registered Agent	
Name	KATHLEEN UDY
Street address	3165 STARGAZER CT., FORT COLLINS, CO 80521, United States
Mailing address	n/a

[Colorado Secretary of State, Business Entity Search, accessed [11/30/21](#)]

- **Audra Rose Floral & Gift Shop Was Voluntarily Dissolved On September 29th, 2008.** [Colorado Secretary of State, Business Entity Search, accessed [11/30/21](#)]

NOTE: Further research is needed to confirm the exact dates Kirkmeyer owned and operated her floral and gift shop and any other relevant information.

Kirkmeyer Co-Owned A Dairy Farm

Kirkmeyer Co-Owned A Dairy Farm Operation For 15 Years In Weld County. “Co-Owner, Dairy Farm Operation – 15 years, Weld County, Colorado.” [Barbara Kirkmeyer for Congress, accessed [11/30/21](#)]

NOTE: No records were located regarding the dairy farm via a search through the Colorado Secretary of State with Kirkmeyer listed as a registered agent or reserved name holder. Further research is needed to confirm the name and exact dates Kirkmeyer owned and operated her dairy farm and any other relevant information.

Kirkmeyer Co-Owned A Farming Operation

Kirkmeyer Co-Owned Farming Operations For 27 Years In Weld County. “Co-Owner, Farming Operations – 27 years, Weld County, Colorado.” [Barbara Kirkmeyer for Congress, accessed [11/30/21](#)]

NOTE: No records were located regarding the farming operation via a search through the Colorado Secretary of State with Kirkmeyer listed as a registered agent or reserved name holder. Further research is needed to confirm the name and exact dates Kirkmeyer owned and operated farming operations and any other relevant information.

Political Career

Election Results

2020: Colorado State Senate District 23 Election Results

2020: Colorado State Senate District 23 General Election Results		
Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Barbara Kirkmeyer (R)	71,570	55.1%
Sally Boccella (D)	58,227	44.9%

[Colorado Secretary of State, Election Results, accessed [11/20/21](#)]

2020: Colorado State Senate District 23 Primary Election Results		
Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Barbara Kirkmeyer	15,209	55.2%
Rupert Parchment	12,326	44.8%

[Colorado Secretary of State, Election Results, accessed [11/20/21](#)]

2016: Weld County Commissioner District 3 Election Results

2016: Weld County Commissioner District 3 General Election Results		
Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Barbara Kirkmeyer	20,265	52.7%
Lynette Kilpatrick	5,238	13.6%
Amanda Harper	12,945	33.6%

[Weld County, Election Results, accessed [11/20/21](#)]

2016: Weld County Commissioner District 3 Primary Election Results		
Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Barbara Kirkmeyer	4,025	100%

[Weld County, Election Results, accessed [11/20/21](#)]

2014: Colorado 4th Congressional District Election Results

2014: Colorado's 4 th Congressional District Primary Election Results		
Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Barbara Kirkmeyer	12,155	16.4%
Ken Buck	32,714	44.2%
Scott W. Renfroe	17,722	23.9%
Steve Laffey	11,433	15.4%

[Colorado Secretary of State, Election Results, accessed [11/20/21](#)]

2012: Weld County Commissioner District 3 Election Results

2012: Weld County Commissioner District 3 General Election Results		
Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Barbara Kirkmeyer	22,989	100%

[Weld County, Election Results, accessed [11/20/21](#)]

2012: Weld County Commissioner District 3 Primary Election Results

Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Barbara Kirkmeyer	2,604	72.4%
Lynette Kilpatrick	990	27.5%

[Weld County, Election Results, accessed [11/20/21](#)]

2008: Weld County Commissioner District 3 Election Results
2008: Weld County Commissioner District 3 General Election Results

Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Barbara Kirkmeyer	15,248	54.06%
Tom Pettit	12,960	45.9%

[Weld County, Election Results, accessed [11/20/21](#)]

2008: Weld County Commissioner District 3 Primary Election Results

Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Barbara Kirkmeyer	1,295	40.9%
Clair B. Orr	968	30.5%
Robert D. Masden	902	28.5%

[Weld County, Election Results, accessed [11/20/21](#)]

2000: Colorado State Representative District 31 Election Results
2000: Colorado State Representative District 31 Primary Election Results

Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Pam Rhodes	1,538	62.2%
Barbara Kirkmeyer	935	37.8%

[Colorado Secretary of State, Election Results, accessed [11/20/21](#)]

Campaign Finance
Kirkmeyer Raised A Total Of \$126,681.58 And Spent A Total Of \$133,499.67 In Her Run(s) For State-Level Office

According to the Colorado Secretary of State, Kirkmeyer raised \$126,681.58 and spent \$133,499.67 in their run for State Senate.

Kirkmeyer State Campaign Finance History

Year	Candidate (Office Sought) or Committee	Raised	Spent
2020	Committee To Elect Barbara Kirkmeyer To State Senate	\$124,231.58	\$123,458.95
2000	Committee To Elect Barbara Kirkmeyer-Sate Senate District 23	\$2,450	\$10,040.72
	Total:	\$126,681.58	\$133,499.67

[Colorado Secretary Of State, accessed [11/20/21](#)]

Kirkmeyer Raised A Total Of \$113,654.33 And Spent A Total Of \$130,193.81 In Her Run For Federal-Level Office

According the Federal Election Commission, Kirkmeyer raised \$113,654.33 and spent \$130,193.81 in her run for federal elected office

Kirkmeyer Federal Campaign Finance History

Year	Candidate (Office Sought) or Committee	Raised	Spent
2014	Kirkmeyer for Congress—CO-04	\$113,654.33	\$130,193.81
	Total:	\$113,654.33	\$130,193.81

[FEC.gov, accessed [11/21/21](#)]

2005-2007: Kirkmeyer Served As The Director Of The Colorado Division Of Local Government

Kirkmeyer Served As The Director Of The Division Of Local Government. “Barbara Kirkmeyer, acting director of the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA). Kirkmeyer is currently deputy director of that department. She has been with DOLA for five years, during which time she served as director of the Division of Local Government.” [Denver Business Journal, [12/29/05](#)]

June 2007: Kirkmeyer Was Notified By Governor Bill Ritter’s Administration That Her Position Would Expire June 30th. “Democratic Gov. Bill Ritter's administration has notified 10 top state workers - all appointees of his Republican predecessor, Gov. Bill Owens - that their jobs will expire June 30 [...] Barbara Kirkmeyer, director of the Division of Local Government and former interim director of the Department of Local Affairs.” [Denver Post, 5/4/07]

2005-2006: Kirkmeyer Served As The Acting Director Of The Colorado Department Of Local Affairs

December 2005: Kirkmeyer Was Appointed To Be The Acting Director Of The Department Of Local Affairs. “Barbara Kirkmeyer, acting director of the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA). Kirkmeyer is currently deputy director of that department.” [Denver Business Journal, [12/29/05](#)]

August 2006: Kirkmeyer Resigned As Acting Director Of The Colorado Department Of Local Affairs. “Barbara Kirkmeyer, acting director of the Colorado Department of Local Affairs, asked Gov. Bill Owens to demote her to her previous position as director of the department's division of local government.” [Denver Post, [8/23/06](#)]

2005: Kirkmeyer Served As The Deputy Director Of The Department Of Local Affairs

Kirkmeyer Served As The Deputy Director Of The Department Of Local Affairs. “Barbara Kirkmeyer, acting director of the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA). Kirkmeyer is currently deputy director of that department.” [Denver Business Journal, [12/29/05](#)]

1999-2003: Kirkmeyer Was Appointed To The Colorado State Board Of Human Services By Governor Bill Owens

1999-2003: Kirkmeyer Was Appointed To The State Board Of Human Services. “Gov. Bill Owens has appointed three new members to the State Board of Human Services, the governor's office announced Wednesday. Owens appointed two county commissioner and the director of a community-based group for four-year terms expiring March 1, 2003. The board sets policy for the Department of Human Services, the arm of state government responsible for administering welfare programs. Appointed were Barbara Kirkmeyer, a Weld County commissioner; Harold Klein Jr., an Otero County commissioner; and Arthur Hogling, chief executive officer of the Developmental Disabilities Resource Center.” [Denver Post, 3/11/99]

Personal Political History

Personal Political Donations

Kirkmeyer Has Given \$1,750 To Federal Political Candidates

According to the Federal Election Commission, Kirkmeyer has given \$1,750 to federal political candidates.

Kirkmeyer Political Giving History - Federal			
Date	Candidate (Office Sought) or Committee	Party	Amount
7/28/16	Committee to Elect Darryl Glenn	R	\$500
7/28/16	Committee to Elect Darryl Glenn	R	\$500
7/28/16	Committee to Elect Darryl Glenn	R	\$500
7/21/10	Gardner For Congress	R	\$250
		Total	\$1,750

[FEC, Individual Contribution Search, accessed [11/20/21](#)]

Kirkmeyer Has Given \$3,731 To State-Level Political Candidates

According to the Colorado Secretary of State, Kirkmeyer has given \$3,731 to state-level candidates.

Kirkmeyer Political Giving History - State			
Date	Candidate (Office Sought) or Committee	Party	Amount
10/11/21	Re-Elect Reams for Sheriff	R	\$22
7/5/21	Weld County Republican Central Committee	R	\$80
4/10/21	Agriculture Strong, Colorado United	N/A	\$50
4/9/21	Coloradoans for Colorado	N/A	\$50
8/2/20	Weld County Republican Central Committee	R	\$80
8/2/20	Weld County Republican Central Committee	R	\$150
6/19/20	Weld County Republican Central Committee	R	\$40
1/21/20	Women of Weld Small Donor Committee	N/A	\$40
10/4/19	Freeman for Commissioner	R	\$200
7/5/19	Committee to Elect Barbara Kirkmeyer to State Senate	R	\$100
5/9/19	Re-Elect Reams for Sheriff	R	\$150
4/8/19	Official Recall Colorado Governor Jared Polis	N/A	\$50
5/22/18	Committee to Elect Steve Moreno	R	\$100
4/12/18	Weld County Republican Central Committee	R	\$70
1/17/18	Women of Weld Small Donor Committee	N/A	\$50
9/14/17	We The People	R	\$100
8/21/17	Women of Weld Small Donor Committee	N/A	\$40
7/25/17	Weld County Republican Central Committee	R	\$50
11/22/16	Committee to Elect Barbara Kirkmeyer	R	\$103.84
6/3/16	Committee to Elect Lori Saine to HD 63	R	\$100
4/11/16	Weld County Republican Central Committee	R	\$70
3/7/16	Weld County Republican Central Committee	R	\$140
2/22/16	Weld County Republican Central Committee	R	\$40
11/19/15	Committee to Elect Nancy Doty	R	\$100

11/2/15	Committee to Re-Elect Barbara Kirkmeyer	R	\$150.94
6/26/15	Women of Weld Small Donor Committee	N/A	\$50
6/23/15	Weld County Republican Central Committee	R	\$80
4/29/14	Douglas County Republican Central Committee	R	\$150
3/17/14	Weld Country Republican Central Committee	R	\$60
1/15/14	Margie 4 Sheriff	R	\$100
8/26/13	Weld County Republican Central Committee	R	\$75
1/15/13	Committee to Re-Elect Kirkmeyer for Commissioner	R	\$158.97
9/17/12	Committee to Elect Skip Carlson to House District 50	R	\$400
3/28/12	Weld County Republican Central Committee	R	\$30
2/1/12	Weld County Republican Central Committee	R	\$60
1/18/12	Weld County Republican Central Committee	R	\$350
6/15/12	Weld County Republican Central Committee	R	\$10
2/22/11	Weld County Republican Central Committee	R	\$80
		Total	\$3,731

[Colorado Secretary of State, accessed [11/20/21](#)]

Public Records

Associated Entities

As of November 2021, Kirkmeyer had no associated entities. [Nexis Comprehensive Person Report, accessed 11/20/21]

NOTE: Further research necessary into Kirkmeyer's associated entities.

Criminal And Traffic Violation Record

As of November 2021, Kirkmeyer was not associated with any criminal or traffic violations. [Nexis Criminal Records search, accessed 11/20/21]

Bankruptcy, Judgments, & Liens

As of November 2021, Kirkmeyer was not associated with any bankruptcy, judgements, or liens. [Nexis Comprehensive Person Report, accessed 11/20/21]

Lobbying Disclosures

2003-2004: Kirkmeyer Was Registered As A Lobbyist In Denver, CO

January 2003: Kirkmeyer Was Registered As A Lobbyist In Denver, CO.

Lobbyist Summary

Lobbyist ID: 20035618747 **Status:** TERMINATED: 01/05/2004
Name: KIRKMEYER, BARBARA Termination Filed: 01/05/2004
Registration Date: 01/15/2003 **Reporting Status:** CURRENT

Lobbyist

Name: KIRKMEYER, BARBARA
Address: 1313 SHERMAN STREET
RM 521
City: DENVER **State:** CO **Zip/Postal Code:** 80203
Phone: 303.866.4988
Email: BARBARA.KIRKMEYER@STATE.CO.US

[Colorado Secretary of State, Lobbyist Summary, accessed [11/20/21](#)]

- **1313 Sherman St RM 521 Was Associated With The Local Affairs-Local Government Division Of The Department Of Local Affairs.** [Colorado.gov, accessed [12/7/21](#)]
- **January 2004: Kirkmeyer's Lobbyist Status Was Terminated.** [Colorado Secretary of State, Lobbyist Summary, accessed [11/20/21](#)]

2003: Kirkmeyer Reported 71 Hours Of Lobbying And Used \$0 In Public Funds.

Monthly Report Summary

Lobbyist ID: 20035618747

Registration ID: 20035618747

KIRKMEYER, BARBARA
1313 SHERMAN STREET
RM 521
DENVER CO 80203

Registration Status: TERMINATED:
01/05/2004
Disclosure Reporting Status: CURRENT
Reporting Year: 2003

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Month	Public Funds	Hours Lobbying	Date Filed	Latest Amended Date
January	0.00	10	02/14/2003	
February	0.00	2	03/11/2003	
March	0.00	4	04/16/2003	
April	0.00	10	05/09/2003	
May	0.00	2	06/10/2003	
June	0.00	1	07/16/2003	
July	0.00	5	08/14/2003	
August	0.00	10	09/12/2003	
September	0.00	15	10/14/2003	
October	0.00	5	11/13/2003	
November	0.00	5	12/16/2003	
December	0.00	2	01/05/2004	

[Colorado Secretary of State, Lobbyist Monthly Report Summary, accessed [11/20/21](#)]

COVID Relief Loans/Grants

As of November 2021, Kirkmeyer had no known associated entities that could have received COVID relief funding.