

Greetings to All La Plata County Democrats!!

From the first day I came to visit in Durango as a potential candidate on May 31, 2017 to the warm, wonderful welcome on the Colorado Democratic Party Bus Tour, you have inspired me with your hard work and dedication. I can never thank you enough!

Below is the concession letter I sent out to my email list and to the press on November 7.

November 7, 2018

The voters have spoken. I congratulate Scott Tipton on his reelection to the US House of Representatives.

Thank you ALL so much for believing in this campaign. You worked so hard and accomplished so much. You knocked over 50,000 doors, made countless phone calls. You showed up day after day, week after week. I can never thank you enough.

You inspired me.

For 18 months I listened to you. You are caring, compassionate, hard working, and committed to making our District, our State and our nation better. Now that this election is over, I fervently hope that you stay involved in your communities. We have so much work to do. Having a Democratic Governor, Attorney General, Treasurer, Secretary of State, State House and State Senate will help us move Colorado ahead.

The only way we can solve the problems facing us as a District- the Western Slope and Southern Colorado, State, and Nation is to build partnerships and use evidence for policy decisions. We must learn to disagree respectfully and really listen to one another. There is so much more that unites us than divides us.

We need to work towards

- An economy that works for everyone, not just the top 1%. That means investing in our infrastructure and our people
- Affordable, quality healthcare for everyone
- Public education that is fully funded and prepares ALL our children for success
- Science-based environmental protections so our economy can flourish and everyone has the opportunity to drink clean water, breath clean air, and experience free flowing rivers and intact wildlife habitat.
- Human dignity for ALL- that means protecting human rights, civil rights and voting rights
- Ending the overwhelming influence of big money and dark money on our politics
- Being a nation that is “of the people, by the people, and for the people”, as the first Republican President so beautifully said

We must remember, as the late Minnesota Senator Paul Wellstone always reminded us: “We all do better when we all do better”.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for believing in our campaign.

Yours for a more just, equitable, sustainable, and prosperous future for ALL,

Diane Mitsch Bush