

ANNETTE BUDD - ARAPAHOE COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER (R)

Key findings include:

- **Donated to Ted Harvey who is Chair of “Defend the President” a pro-Trump super PAC.** Budd has donated \$500 to CO State Senator Ted Harvey in 2024 [[FEC](#), accessed 3/21/26]. Harvey is the Chair for the Defend the President PAC, one of the largest pro-Trump PACs [[Open Secrets](#), 2/17/2019].
- **Campaign Manager to Jeffrey Patty who supported far-right measures such as anti-vaccine, anti-transgender and anti-choice policies.** [[Freedom Voter Guide](#), accessed 3/22/26].
- **Budd was a Field Representative for Representative Lauren Boebert.** [[LinkedIn](#), accessed 3/22/26].
- **Advocates for one day-in person voting and no mail in ballots.** Budd’s campaign advocates to have one day and in-person voting, only allowing mail-in ballots for certain exceptions. [[Annette for Arapahoe](#), accessed 3/26/2026]

Arapahoe County is one of the largest and most politically competitive counties in Colorado, encompassing a mix of suburban and exurban communities including Centennial, Aurora, and Littleton. The county has trended increasingly Democratic in federal and statewide elections over the past decade, though it retains a sizable Republican base, particularly in more suburban and exurban precincts. This makes countywide offices—especially administrative roles like Clerk and Recorder—competitive and politically salient.

The Clerk and Recorder oversees elections administration, motor vehicle services, recording of public documents, and other core government functions, making the office central to both election integrity and day-to-day constituent services. In recent cycles, Colorado clerk races have become more politicized amid national debates over election security and administration, elevating the importance of candidates’ views on election integrity, access, and trust in democratic systems [[Arapahoe County](#), accessed 3/21/26]

BACKGROUND

Annette Budd is a Republican candidate for Arapahoe County Clerk and Recorder. She has been a resident of Arapahoe County since the early 1990s and lives in Centennial with her husband Gary; together they have six children and eight grandchildren. Professionally, Budd has been involved in small business ownership—co-owning a carpet cleaning company [[Good Hands Carpet](#), accessed 3/21/26] and has extensive experience in homeschooling and Christian education communities, including teaching in homeschool co-op settings [[Credo](#), accessed 3/21/26]. Her campaign messaging emphasizes improving customer service within the Clerk’s office, particularly around wait times and administrative efficiency.

Budd was also a Field Representative for Representative Lauren Boebert and the Campaign Manager for Jeff Patty who ran for House District 38. Budd received her Associates in Arts Ministry from Nebraska Christian College [[LinkedIn](#), accessed 3/22/26].

Budd has donated \$500 to CO State Senator Ted Harvey in 2024 [[FEC](#), accessed 3/21/26]. Harvey is the Chair for the Defend the President PAC, one of the largest pro-Trump PACs [[Open Secrets](#), 2/17/2019]. Budd donated \$15 to the “Coloradans for the Protection of Women and Children” issue committee established in 2024 to oppose the passage of Colorado Amendment 79, the Right to Abortion and Health Insurance Coverage Initiative on the November 5, 2024 ballot [[Influence Watch](#), accessed 3/22/26]. She also donated to Republican candidate for House District 38 Jeffrey Patty, who supported far-right measures including anti-abortion initiatives, anti-vaccine initiatives and removing gender education in schools [[Freedom Voter Guide](#), accessed 3/22/26]. She was also his campaign manager [[LinkedIn](#), accessed 3/25/26].

TABLE: Budd State Level Contributions [[SOS](#), accessed 3/21/26]

Contributor	Contributor Type	Amount	Contribution Date	Recipient Name
ANNETTE BUDD	Individual	\$30.00	03/04/2022	ARAPAHOE COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY
ANNETTE BUDD	Individual	\$80.00	03/07/2024	ARAPAHOE COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY
ANNETTE BUDD	Individual	\$20.00	03/30/2016	ARAPAHOE COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY
ANNETTE BUDD	Individual	\$55.00	03/05/2014	ARAPAHOE COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY
ANNETTE BUDD	Individual	\$15.00	09/30/2024	COLORADANS FOR THE PROTECTION OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN
ANNETTE BUDD	Individual	\$104.48	11/04/2024	COLORADO REPUBLICAN PARTY IEC
ANNETTE BUDD	Individual	\$10.00	01/28/2024	DOUGLAS COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE
ANNETTE BUDD	Individual	\$35.00	07/11/2024	JEFF PATTY FOR COLORADO
ANNETTE BUDD	Individual	\$136.57	09/10/2024	JEFF PATTY FOR COLORADO
ANNETTE BUDD	Individual	\$25.00	03/09/2024	RED FUTURE COLORADO

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ON THE ISSUES

ELECTION TRUST

On Budd’s campaign website, she emphasizes restoring trust in elections and claims both Democrats and Republicans have led to distrust in elections and voting. Her campaign focuses on ensuring that only eligible voters can register, voter rolls are accurate, voter identification is presented before ballots cast, only allowing one-day and in-person voting (minus some expectations). [[Annette for Arapahoe](#), accessed 3/26/2026]

Budd’s campaign website also has a tab titled “This must stop!” that criticizes Joan Lopez, the current Clerk and Recorder for Arapahoe County. The page claims that Lopez changed the Cast Vote Record (CVR) for the 2020 elections. The tab also claims that in late 2024, a Yale assistant professor found a redaction problem in Arapahoe County’s 2020 election. Overall, a major theme alongside election trust is to unseat Lopez and claiming that she has not been truthful with election results surrounding local ballot initiatives.

IMPROVE SERVICE

Budd’s campaign focuses around improved service for the Clerk and Recorder office including allowing walk-in appointments, more reliable staff to answer phone calls, and an improved user friendly website.

ISSUE VULNERABILITIES & ADVERSE FINDINGS OF NOTE

REP. LAUREN BOEBERT

Budd was a Field Representative for Representative Lauren Boebert. [[LinkedIn](#), accessed 3/22/26].

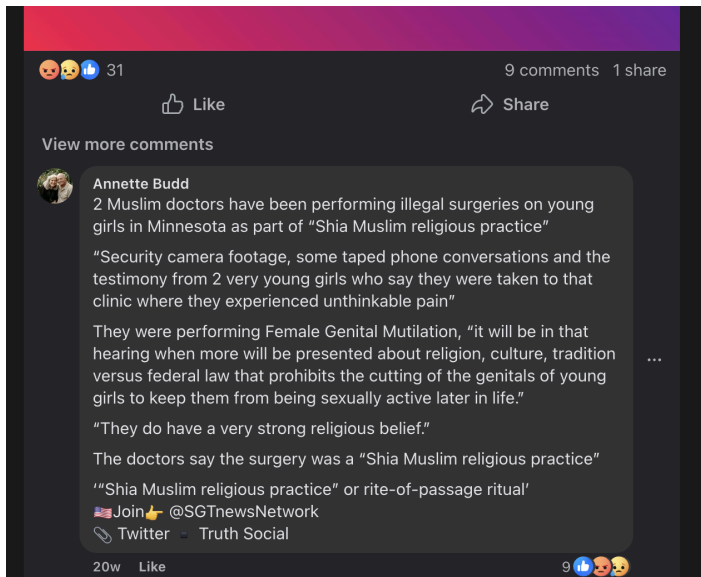
ISRAEL

Budd has a picture with an Israeli flag. [[Facebook](#), 10/11/2023]



ISLAMAPHOBIC SENTIMENTS

Budd posted that Muslim doctors performed illegal surgeries on young girls in Minnesota claiming it was Shia Muslim religious practice. [[Facebook](#), 1/11/2025]



CAMPAIGN MANAGER FOR JEFFREY PATTY

Budd was the campaign manager for Jeffrey Patty, who supported far right measures including anti-transgender, anti-vaccine, and anti-choice policies. [[Freedom Voter Guide](#), accessed 3/22/26]. [[LinkedIn](#), accessed 3/22/26].

SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS

[Campaign Website](#)
[Personal Facebook](#)
[LinkedIn](#)
[Instagram](#)