

ARAPAHOE COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER CANDIDATE ANNETTE BUDD (R)

Annette Budd is a Republican running for Arapahoe County Clerk and Recorder in 2026. Budd, who has lived in the county with her family for approximately three decades, has called herself an “entrepreneur with a heart to serve.” In 2026, she announced a campaign to challenge incumbent Joan Lopez. Budd has embraced and amplified conspiracies about the accuracy and legitimacy of the 2020 election; she has listed restoring faith in elections as a top priority of her campaign. According to Legistorm records, she has worked as a field representative for US Rep. Lauren Boebert since 2025. In 2024, Kamala Harris defeated Trump in the county, receiving 59.8% of the vote to Trump’s 38%.

Key Findings:

Budd has called herself an “entrepreneur with a heart to serve.” Budd and her husband Gary have six children and have lived in Arapahoe County since the early 1990s. According to Budd’s campaign website, “Annette has been deeply engaged in this community, building strong relationships and serving alongside her neighbors. Her faith in Jesus guides her commitment to serve others with humility, honesty, and compassion.” Since February 2025, Budd has been listed as a field representative for US Republican Representative Lauren Boebert. Her salary is listed as approximately \$68,000.

Budd is an election denier who has amplified conspiracies questioning the legitimacy of the 2020 election. “A growing number of people across the political spectrum are losing confidence in our elections,” Budd has said. “They are questioning whether their vote actually matters. The erosion of trust poses a real threat to the strength of our republic.” Budd has said that “restoring integrity and transparency in elections is essential... We see corruption being unearthed everywhere...” But supports Voter ID and “one day, in-person voting.” She has claimed incumbent Joan Lopez “changed the 2020 Cast Vote Record...more than four years” after certifying the results. She has claimed that “Biden and Trump voters” voted in sync on a county tax measure, which she called “statistically impossible...this is the same as a person flipping a coin and getting ‘heads’ 3,500 times in a row.”

Budd is also running on a platform of reforming government services and efficiency. “The current appointment-only system isn’t working,” Budd says on her website. “Annette will introduce a hybrid approach...welcoming walk-ins so everyone can be served in the matter that works best for them...The residents of Arapahoe County deserve a much higher level of service than they are currently receiving.” Budd has said that “life is busy and often complicated enough; interacting with government should not be frustrating.” She has criticized incumbent Joan Lopez for refusing to show up to an Arapahoe County Ethics Commission violation hearing in late 2019. According to Budd, “in the end, Lopez corrected the error and reimbursed the county for the personal vacation expenses for which she used county money.”

BACKGROUND & BIO

Budd calls herself an “entrepreneur with a heart to serve.” [Budd [LinkedIn](#)]

Listed professional affiliations with Good Hands Carpet Care and Representative Lauren Boebert. [Budd [LinkedIn](#)]

From February 2025-present Budd listed as field representative in Douglas County for Republican Representative Lauren Boebert. Her salary is listed as approximately \$68,000. [Legistorm.[com](#)]

Budd and husband Gary had six children and had lived in Arapahoe County since the early 1990s. “Annette Budd has proudly called Arapahoe County home since the early 1990s. She and her husband of forty years, Gary, experienced the joy of raising six children in Centennial. Today, they are blessed with eight grandchildren who are involved in the same type of community life that helped shape their own family.” [AnnetteforArapahoe.[com](#)]

- **“Their small, family-owned and operated business has served people from all over the metro area for almost thirty years.”** “Their small, family-owned and operated business has served people from all over the metro area for almost thirty years. Annette has been deeply engaged in this community, building strong relationships and serving alongside her neighbors. Her faith in Jesus guides her commitment to serve others with humility, honesty, and compassion.” [AnnetteforArapahoe.[com](#)]

Budd website: “Now it is time for her to step up again and lead the Clerk and Recorder’s Office with the same commitment to hard work and responsiveness, ensuring it serves every resident “Now it is time for her to step up again and lead the Clerk and Recorder's Office with the same commitment to hard work and responsiveness, ensuring it serves every resident with efficiency, transparency, and integrity.” [AnnetteforArapahoe.[com](#)]

Budd: “For...eight years, Joan Lopez has run the Arapahoe County clerk office, but do we see the competence and integrity needed to serve the citizens...?” “This Must Stop! For the past eight years, Joan Lopez has run the Arapahoe County Clerk office, but do we see the competence and integrity needed to serve the citizens of one of the biggest counties in Colorado?” [AnnetteforArapahoe.com/this-must-[stop](#)]

CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Monetary Contributions (October 2025-June 2026)	Expenditures (October 2025-June 2026)	Funds on Hand
\$735	\$709.17	\$467.83

[Colorado TRACER Database, Accessed 6/26]

POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Budd has made approximately \$400 in monetary contributions to Colorado candidates and committees. 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] Budd also donated \$25 to Scott Shamblin, the executive director of Colorado Right to Life. Shamblin created a fake website for people to report violations of Colorado's new anti-discrimination law, HB 1312, and previously testified against the law during its passage. [[The Denver Post](#), 5/22/2025]

Summary by: Type

Summary Groupings	Total
Monetary (Itemized)	\$399.48
Non-Monetary (Itemized)	\$284.53

Total Contributions = \$684.01

16 matching record(s) found.

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Contributor ▲	Covered Org	City, State	Type	Amount	Date	Recipient Name	In Kind?	Major	
ANNETTE BUDD	No	REDACTED BY SOS, CO	Monetary (Itemized)	\$55.00	03/05/2014	ARAPAHOE COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY	No	No	View
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ANNETTE BUDD	No	REDACTED BY SOS, CO	Non-Monetary (Itemized)	\$136.57	09/10/2024	JEFF PATTY FOR COLORADO	Yes	No	View
ANNETTE BUDD	No	REDACTED BY SOS, CO	Monetary (Itemized)	\$15.00	09/30/2024	COLORADANS FOR THE PROTECTION OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN	No	No	View
ANNETTE BUDD	No	REDACTED BY SOS, CO	Monetary (Itemized)	\$104.48	11/04/2024	COLORADO REPUBLICAN PARTY IEC	No	No	View
ANNETTE BUDD	No	CENTENNIAL, CO	Monetary (Itemized)	\$25.00	04/14/2026	SCOTT FOR COLORADO	No	No	View
ANNETTE BUDD	No	REDACTED BY SOS, CO	Non-Monetary (Itemized)	\$108.00	02/17/2026	CITIZENS TO ELECT ANNETTE BUDD	Yes	No	View
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[Colorado TRACER Databases, Accessed June 2026]

Budd has contributed \$525 to federal candidates and committees. According to federal campaign finance records, Budd contributed \$500 to Ted Harvey for Colorado in 2024 and \$25 to WinRed in

2024. Ted Harvey is chair of “Defend the President”, one of the largest pro-Trump PACs. [FEC Databases, Accessed June 2026][[Open Secrets](#), 2/17/2019]

AFFORDABILITY

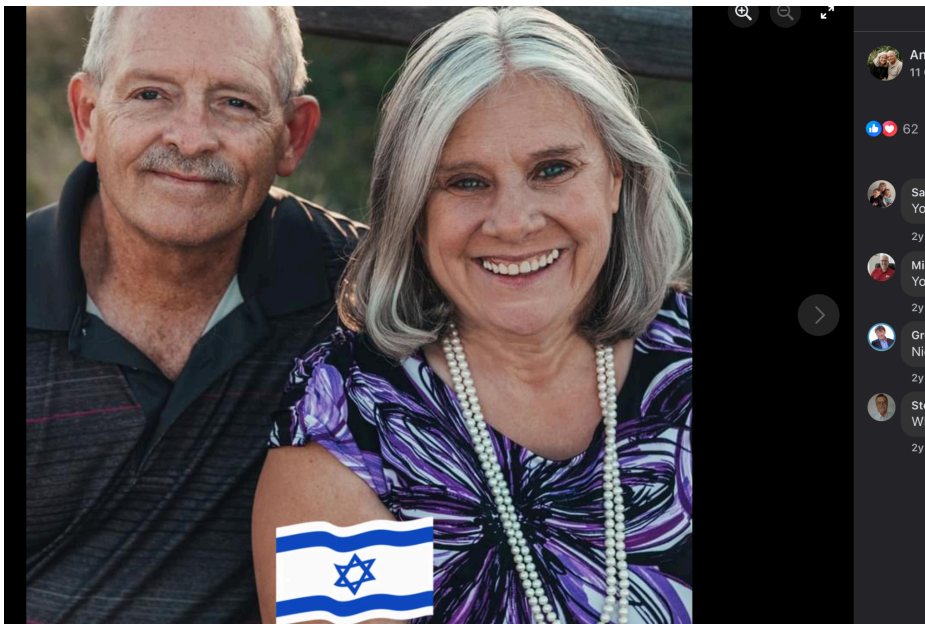
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BUDGETS & TAXES

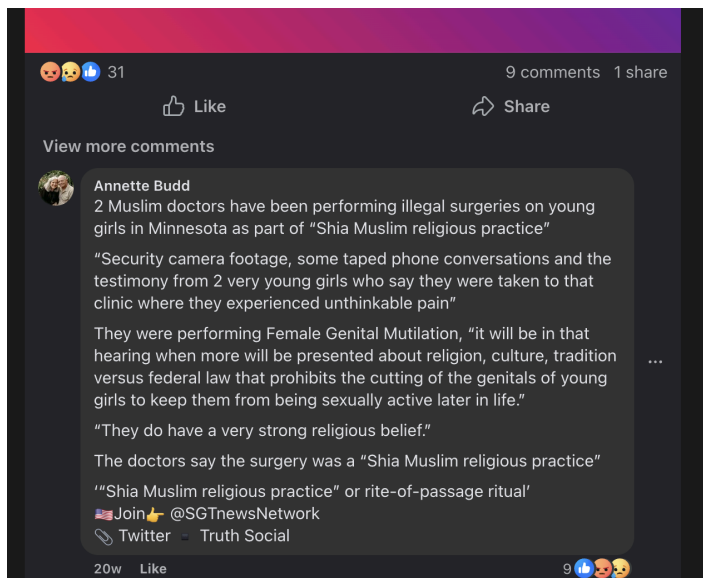
No findings identified.

CONTROVERSIES

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



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



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]

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

No findings identified.

ELECTIONS & BALLOT ACCESS

Budd: “A growing number of people across the political spectrum are losing confidence in our elections. They are questioning whether their vote actually matters. The erosion of trust poses a real threat to the strength of our republic.” “As your next Clerk and Recorder...Annette's mission is two-fold: Restore Trust...A growing number of people across the political spectrum are losing confidence in our elections. They are questioning whether their vote actually matters. This erosion of trust poses a real threat to the strength of our republic.” [AnnetteforArapahoe.[com](#)]

- **“Restoring integrity and transparency in elections is essential to make sure that every citizen knows their voice is heard and their vote truly counts. Annette will restore that trust.”** “Restoring integrity and transparency in elections is essential to make sure that every citizen knows their voice is heard and their vote truly counts. Annette will restore that trust...” [AnnetteforArapahoe.[com](#)]

Budd: “As Americans, our right to vote is a sacred trust...When this is undermined, that power is stripped from the people.” “As Americans, our right to vote is a sacred trust, the high cost of which was paid for by the great sacrifice of our founding fathers and by the brave men and women who followed in their footsteps as they struggled to preserve the blessings of liberty. How valuable is this right? Every vote is power placed in the hands of the American people. When this is undermined, that power is stripped from the people.” [AnnetteforArapahoe.com/[restore-trust](#)]

Budd: “We see corruption being unearthed everywhere...This must stop...both Democrats and Republicans have abused...trust...it is becoming widely recognized that corruption is system wide.” “We see corruption being unearthed everywhere. Oftentimes, politics is viewed more as a team sport than something which can have an impact upon every part of the daily lives of those who live under it. There is a tendency to pretend our side is good and the other side is bad. Sadly, Arapahoe County is no exception to this, as evidenced in the This must stop! In the last decade, both Democrats and Republicans have abused this trust. Increasingly, eyes are being opened on all sides of the political spectrum, and it is becoming widely recognized that corruption is system wide.” [AnnetteforArapahoe.com/[restore-trust](#)]

Budd: “The vast majority of people agree that we need transparent elections...Here is a list of items that would accomplish this goal...” “The vast majority of people agree that we need transparent elections; security we can see for ourselves. Here is a list of items that would accomplish this goal:” [AnnetteforArapahoe.com/[restore-trust](#)]

- **“Only eligible voters can register...”** “Only eligible voters can register...” [AnnetteforArapahoe.com/[restore-trust](#)]

- **“Voter rolls that are accurate and kept up to date...”** “Voter rolls that are accurate and kept up to date...” [AnnetteforArapahoe.com/[restore-trust](#)]
- **“Voter Identification presented before ballots are cast...”** “Voter Identification presented before ballots are cast...” [AnnetteforArapahoe.com/[restore-trust](#)]
- **“One day, in-person voting...”** “One day, in-person voting (mail-in exceptions made for military, sickness & travel).” [AnnetteforArapahoe.com/[restore-trust](#)]
- **“Transparent voting systems...”** “Transparent voting system that is fully auditable with no connection to a computer or the internet...” [AnnetteforArapahoe.com/[restore-trust](#)]
- **“The right to choose our own leaders is too important to be entrusted to systems that allow opportunities for fraud and abuse.”** “The right to choose our own leaders is too important to be entrusted to systems that allow opportunities for fraud and abuse. We must defend this right with the same determination as those who won it for us.” [AnnetteforArapahoe.com/[restore-trust](#)]

Budd: “More than four years after Joan Lopez certified the election results from 2020 were accurate...she changed the 2020 Cast Vote Record...” “More than four years after Joan Lopez certified the election results from 2020 were accurate, an election she herself was responsible to administer, she changed the 2020 Cast Vote Record (CVR). The CVR is the official record of the outcomes of an election.” [AnnetteforArapahoe.com/[this-must-stop](#)]

- **“In early 2025, Lopez authorized the public version of the original CVR to be replaced with a new document...the public is not allowed to see the original CVR...”** “In late 2024, according to the county, Yale assistant professor Shiro Kuriwaki found a redaction problem in Arapahoe County's 2020 election. (Redaction affects precincts so small it might be possible to tell from the record who voted which way.) In early 2025, Lopez authorized the public version of the original CVR to be replaced with a new document, claiming this is not a change to election records because the non-public original CVR was unchanged. However, since the public is not allowed to see the original CVR, the public only has Lopez's word for it.” [AnnetteforArapahoe.com/[this-must-stop](#)]
- **“Biden and Trump voters voting in sync on a tax issue...statistically impossible in an election...”** “The change was discovered by mathematician Ed Solomon, who was using the Arapahoe CVR as evidence in a Nevada case showing mathematical patterns (Biden and Trump voters voting in sync on a tax issue) that are statistically impossible in an election. The mathematical patterns were not in the new CVR. According to Dr. Walter Daugherty, a Harvard-trained expert in computer science and election auditing, more than 99% of the CVR was changed. The portion of the electorate that Kuriwaki described as being affected was only 5% of residents of Arapahoe County.” [AnnetteforArapahoe.com/[this-must-stop](#)]
- **“Statistically this is the same as a person flipping a coin and getting ‘heads’ 3,500 times in a row.”** “Dr. Daugherty explained this CVR also indicated the relationship between Biden and Trump voters and how those same people voted for or against Amendment B. (For reference, there was a provision in our tax code called the Gallagher Amendment. The Gallagher Amendment put a cap on property taxes. People who voted for Amendment B repealed that cap, significantly raising taxes; people who voted against Amendment B wanted to keep that cap in

place, not allowing taxes to be raised.) What we learn from the data, is that Trump and Biden voters voted exactly the same rate on this amendment. Statistically this is the same as a person flipping a coin and getting 'heads' 3,500 times in a row.”
[AnnetteforArapahoe.com/this-must-[stop](#)]

- **“Why change almost all of the CVR for an issue that affects a tiny part?”** “For those concerned about affordability, please note the passage of Amendment B made it much more expensive to live in Colorado. The citizens of this great state deserve accurate voting records to prove we voted for our taxes to be raised. Why didn't Lopez address the mathematician's observation but did address the observation of an assistant professor? Why change almost all of the CVR for an issue that affects a tiny part? Why make the change just before the CVR was presented as evidence in court? Why did the mathematical patterns, which were unrelated to redaction, disappear?” [AnnetteforArapahoe.com/this-must-[stop](#)]

“Even after Colorado’s Secretary of State Jena Griswold’s office posted the passwords to over 600 voting machines, Joan Lopez still uses a photo of herself and Griswold to promote her candidacy...” “If you would like more information concerning this troubling revelation, you can watch this video and/or read Mr. Daugherty's press release:... Even after Colorado's Secretary of State Jena Griswold's office posted the passwords to over 600 voting machines, Joan Lopez still uses a photo of herself and Griswold to promote her candidacy – raising serious questions about judgement, accountability, and the company she chooses to keep...Lopez's continuance of publicly aligning herself with Griswold after such a serious lapse reflects a disturbing lack of discernment and responsibility.”
[AnnetteforArapahoe.com/this-must-[stop](#)]

EDUCATION

No findings identified.

ENVIRONMENT

No findings identified.

ETHICS & GOOD GOVERNMENT

Budd: “The current appointment-only system isn’t working...Annette will introduce a hybrid approach...welcoming walk-ins so everyone can be served in the manner that works best for them.” “The current appointment-only system isn't working for Arapahoe County residents. Annette will introduce a hybrid approach — keeping appointments for those who plan ahead, while welcoming walk-ins so everyone can be served in the manner that works best for them. She will make the website easier to navigate, and for those who don't use the internet, there will be friendly, helpful staff who promptly answer the phones. Government should work for the people — not the other way around.”
[AnnetteforArapahoe.[com](#)]

- **“The residents of Arapahoe County deserve a much higher level of service than they are currently receiving.”** “Government should work for the people — not the other way around. Anyone who owns a car or a home, drives, gets married, travels internationally, and/or registers to vote is required to do business with the Clerk's Office. Everyone in Arapahoe County is affected by how efficiently, responsively and respectfully the office runs. The residents of

Arapahoe County deserve a much higher level of service than they are currently receiving.” [AnnetteforArapahoe.com/[service](#)]

- **“Walk-in appointments need to be available...Friendly and helpful staff need to promptly answer phone calls for those who do not use the internet.”** “Walk-in appointments need to be available for those who cannot navigate online systems or cannot wait long periods of time for an appointment...Friendly and helpful staff need to promptly answer phone calls for those who do not use the internet.” [AnnetteforArapahoe.com/[service](#)]
- **“Life is busy and often complicated enough; interacting with government should not be frustrating.”** “Those who prefer an online appointment system need to receive that service through a user-friendly website. Life is busy and often complicated enough; interacting with government should not be frustrating.” [AnnetteforArapahoe.com/[service](#)]
- **“Getting a marriage license in Arapahoe County can be an especially frustrating situation.”** “Getting a marriage license in Arapahoe County can be an especially frustrating situation. The following screenshot from the Clerk's website shows no available appointments. A call confirmed that this wasn't some online glitch. The appointment system only allows appointments to be scheduled for two weeks in the future. If a person wants to set an appointment, they must be one of the first people to hop online at the beginning of the next business day and hope someone else did not take one of the limited spots before they can make their own appointment.” [AnnetteforArapahoe.com/[service](#)]
- **“While it is true that Colorado counties do not issue driver’s licenses...many counties in our state have opted to serve their citizens by placing limited-service driver’s license offices inside existing county DMV offices.”** “While it is true that Colorado counties do not issue driver's licenses (as that is a function of the state), many counties in our state have opted to serve their citizens by placing limited-service driver's license offices inside existing county DMV offices. Neighboring Douglas County has done this. Take note of the following two screenshots which were taken at the same time on February 26th. Residents of Centennial or Aurora have to use the Colorado State website to make an appointment to renew a license. The screenshots show the user would have had to wait a month for an appointment. Many people have complained that they had to wait six weeks. If a citizen of Douglas County set that same appointment through the Douglas County system, the wait was only three days.” [AnnetteforArapahoe.com/[service](#)]

“In December of 2019, Joan Lopez refused to show up to an Arapahoe County Ethics Commission violation hearing.” “Avoidance of Accountability: Joan Lopez Fails to Appear Before the Ethics Violation Commission...In December of 2019, Joan Lopez refused to show up to an Arapahoe County Ethics Commission violation hearing. She informed the committee quite late in the evening, just the night before, that she would not be able to attend the meeting planned for the following morning. In the end, Lopez corrected the error and reimbursed the county for the personal vacation expenses for which she used county money.” [AnnetteforArapahoe.com/[this-must-stop](#)]

HEALTHCARE

No findings identified.

HOUSING

No findings identified.

INFRASTRUCTURE

No findings identified.

PHILOSOPHY & IDEOLOGY

No findings identified.

PUBLIC SAFETY

No findings identified.

LINKS

[Campaign Website](#)

[Facebook](#)

[LinkedIn](#)

[Instagram](#)

CONTACT & ADDRESS HISTORY

Possible Current Address

6374 S. Lafayette Pl.
Centennial, CO. 80121

Prior Addresses

3321 W. Dill Rd.
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Englewood, CO 80113

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(720) 849-9716

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PUBLIC RECORDS

No findings identified.