

## **Dr. Dobersen responds to false allegations by his opponent**

My opponent has recently accused me of running a personal business out of the Arapahoe County Coroner's office. This erroneous and untrue allegation points out his lack of understanding of not only the Coroner's office, but of Arapahoe County government as well. There are eighteen forensic pathologists in Colorado and only four hundred throughout the United States. The needs of Colorado's sixty-four counties have to be met by this small number of physicians and it is therefore common practice for us to carry out autopsies for other counties, local hospitals, and even private citizens. This practice saves money for other counties and makes money for Arapahoe County. We also occasionally do consultations for private attorneys. This is done with the full knowledge and approval of the Board of County Commissioners and the County Attorney, charging fees which are comparable to those across the state and country. I have had a Memorandum of Understanding with the Board of County Commissioners and the County Attorney which insures that Arapahoe County government is fairly compensated for these activities. Transparency has always been a hallmark of Arapahoe County government and this is no exception. My first priority has always been and will always be Arapahoe County. Outside work takes a backseat to my main focus as your County Coroner.

My opponent's source for much of this misinformation has been a disgruntled ex-employee who was terminated for using Coroner stationery to fraudulently obtain medical records for personal purposes. After termination, intervention by the Arapahoe County Sheriff's office was necessary because of threats she made against a number of County personnel.

My service to Arapahoe County over the last seventeen years has been characterized by honesty and integrity. Recent questions have arisen regarding my opponent's representation of his legal and military background. These misleading and false allegations he has made regarding my career are disappointing and have only added to the community's growing skepticism about his honesty and integrity. In addition to being inexperienced and unqualified, my opponent demonstrates a basic lack of understanding on how a coroner's office is run; he obviously has utilized faulty sources of information and he exhibits an alarming lack of financial analysis skills leading to highly erroneous conclusions. These are not attributes that Arapahoe county residents need or expect in their Coroner.

Please don't play politics with the Coroner's Office. Don't elect a lawyer to do a doctor's job!