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Voters keep term limits for DA

County's reputation may have played role

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Voters in Adams County overwhelmingly opposed a ballot question that would have allowed the district attorney to seek a third four-year term.

The initiative failed among Adams County voters, with 40,954 opposed and 16,293 in favor. In Broomfield, which makes up the remainder of the 17th Judicial District, the measure failed with 7,405 opposed and 4,555 in favor. District-wide, the question lost by 69.88 percent to 30.12 percent.

District Attorney Don Quick, who headed up the issue, said he was not surprised by the results because of the responses his supporters received while doing phone calls to voters the past two weeks.

"A lot of the sentiment was that everyone is corrupt in Adams and you're a part of Adams," Quick said during a phone interview Wednesday. "The bottom line is people were not differentiating which officials were being investigated and which officials were doing the investigating."

Quick said people that knew who the district attorney was and what he did endorsed the term limit extension. However, he said, "When we talked to people, a lot of times they didn't even know who the DA was."

"I'm not that upset about losing the vote," Quick said. "What bothers



Photo by Pam Wagner

Monica Heimbecher places her ballot in the drop box at Thornton city offices Tuesday afternoon.

me is people who think my office is – or I am – corrupt. I'm proud of my office. We run a very ethical office."

Ironically, he said, the district attorney is limited to two terms while others in the county who may be investigated for corruption get to serve three terms.

Quick, who has 14 months left of his second term in office, said he was interested in running for a third term if the question had passed.

"I wanted to be sure I was part of the effort to reinstate Adams County's name," he said, adding that would be his priority while in office.

Something that concerns him about when he leaves the DA's of-

office is the future of the Adams County Youth Initiative, which Quick initiated in 2005 to help children stay away from delinquency or substance use problems. Since taking office, Quick said juvenile filings have reduced by more than 35 percent. The federal grant funding the program runs out in 2012.

Quick and 200 volunteers spend two-and-a-half months gathering 9,000 signatures to place the issue on the ballot. But it was just the wrong year, Quick said.

Despite the results, he added, "I don't think it diminishes the fact we worked hard."

Dennis Polhill of Golden, with Colorado Term Limits Coalition,

offered another reason why the issue went down in flames.

"Term limits are important because the founders knew monarchy is not good and so when you get inside the head of the voters – they realize that lifelong politicians are a step away from monarchy," he said.

Polhill added that most people supported term limits and gave the example that there was an organized group supporting the term limit extension, and basically no organized group opposing it, yet the question still failed by a large majority.

"What that message is, is that people know what's right," he said.

IN BRIEF

Commissioners OK jail cap

The Adams County commissioners adopted a resolution Monday approving a "soft cap" of 30 municipal inmates total at the county jail, with fees charged for cities that exceed their allocation.

Each city in Adams County has a limit based on population, and the county will bill cities \$45 per day for each inmate over that allocation.

The move is part of an effort to close a \$7.9 million shortfall in the county's 2012 preliminary budget.

The cap will become effective on Jan. 1.

Northglenn sets Veterans Day event

Northglenn will observe Veterans Day at 11 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 11, at the Northglenn Veterans Memorial, next to City Hall at 11701 Community Center Drive.

The city's American Legion Post 22 will host the event. Admission is free and the public is welcome. Before the observance, seniors are invited to the Northglenn Senior Center at 10 a.m. for refreshments.

Fraud-protection presentation set

Thornton Police Detective Gregg Beary, the department's senior liaison, will present "Protect Yourself from Fraud" at 2 p.m. Nov. 16 at Elms Haven Care and Rehabilitation Center, 12080 Bellaire Way. The free 45-minute presentation will provide Thornton area seniors advice on the most common scams that occur in the community and ways to protect them from becoming a victim. RSVP to 303-450-2700 by Nov. 1.

Workshop to focus on preventing foreclosure

A free foreclosure-prevention workshop will be held from 6-7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 9, at the Northglenn Recreation Center, 11801 Community Center Drive.

The staff of the Community Resources and Housing Development Corp. will explain the foreclosure process and discuss options for preventing foreclosure.

To RSVP or for more information, go online to crhdc.org.

Two new faces on District 12 board

STAFF REPORT

Norm Jennings is the victor in the Adams 12 Five Star School District Board of Education District 1 race. He beat out opponent Antonio Esquibel, garnering 62.65 percent (or 11,409) of the vote. Esquibel had 37.35 percent, or 6,803.

R. Max Willsey received 62.22 percent (or 12,234) of the vote to beat out Richard Ezo for the District 2 seat. Ezo got 37.78 percent (7,427).

Incumbent Mark Clark ran unopposed for District 5, and received 17,381 votes.

One of the first issues the

board and its new members will have to address is finding a replacement for Heidi Williams, who will have to resign her post as District 4 representative. Williams was elected as Thornton's newest mayor and will be sworn into that post Nov. 15. The board will have to conduct candidate interviews and will have 60 days to fill the vacancy.



Jennings



Willsey



Clark



Hoopes



Winslow

Incumbent loses in Mapleton

Three candidates vied for two seats on the Mapleton Public Schools Board of Education – and the incumbent, Victor Domenico, was edged out. Karlen Hoopes and Kenneth Win-

slow won seats on the board. Hoopes received 42.42 percent (2,103) of the vote and Winslow had 29.73 percent (1,474). Domenico trailed closely behind Winslow at 27.85 percent (1,381). The new members will be sworn in at the district's regular meeting on Nov. 22.