

CO-05 District Primer

In 2024, Republican Jeff Crank won this seat by 49,952 votes—that's 153 votes per precinct. If we can persuade just 154 voters per precinct, we can win this year. With your help, we're going to **FLIP** this key seat and secure a Democratic House majority in 2026.

Key dates

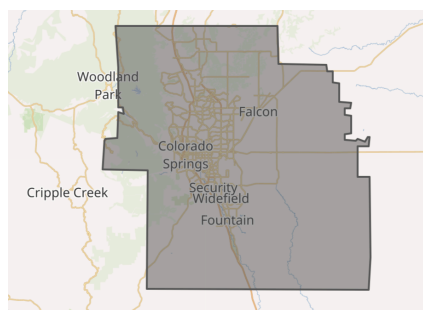
Early Voting begins: October 19, 2026

Midterms: November 3, 2026

Recent Election Results

2024 Presidential Election	2024 House Election	2022 House Election
Harris: 165,522 (44.1%) Trump: 199,615 (53.2%)	River Gassen (D): 147,972 (40.9%) Jeff Crank (R): 197,924 (54.7%)	David Torres (D): 111,978 (40.3%) Doug Lamborn (R): 155,528 (56%)

District Facts & Stats



Largest Cities

- Colorado Springs, 493,554
- Security-Widefield, 38,639
- Fountain, 29,457

Geography

CO-05 is in the center of the state, and includes Colorado Springs and its suburbs, which include Cimarron Hills and Fort Carson. The communities of Security and Widefield are unincorporated but combined for census enumeration. The district is largely urban and suburban. The U.S. Air Force Academy is located here as are Peterson Space Force Base, and NORAD. The district is also home to Pikes Peak, which is 10 miles west of downtown Colorado Springs. There are some small mountain towns in the western portion.

Citizenry

97% of CO-05 residents are citizens, and about 65% of the residents are white. 19% of the residents are Hispanic or Latino, 6% are Asian, 6% are Black, and 3.3% are Native American. 11.4% of the district residents speak a language other than English at home, chiefly Spanish. CO-05 is home to many active service members and a high number of veterans. Large numbers of the population are employed in health care, education and social assistance, followed by retail trade and professional, scientific and technical services. 19% are enrolled in Medicaid and 15% participate in SNAP.

The Local Vibe

District residents are upset that the Trump administration is moving the Space Command headquarters out of Colorado Springs. ICE activities have many residents on edge, particularly after grade school students were witness to masked agents toting guns outside their school.

Thousands attended the 3rd *No Kings* protest in Colorado Springs. And there have been numerous anti-ICE protests, including a walkout by high school students, more than a hundred people at Colorado Springs City Hall, and against a Border Patrol career fair there.

There will also be elections for the U.S. Senate and Colorado Governor on the November ballot.

Sign up for another event: mobilize.us/swingleft

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Key Issues

- **Healthcare costs:** Congress's failure to extend the Enhanced Premium Tax Credits will increase ACA insurance premiums in the district by 159%.
 - **Federal cuts:** There have been cuts in federal funding to the district of more than 216 million dollars.
 - **Jobs:** Many jobs here are in hospitals and schools, two sectors that are greatly harmed by Trump's budget cuts, in addition to moving the Space Command headquarters (employing 1,700) to Alabama.
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About the Candidates

Jessica Killin | Democratic Candidate

Jessica Killin is a 4th-generation Coloradan who went to college on a ROTC scholarship and became a Captain and paratrooper in the U.S. Army. She was active in peacekeeping missions in the Balkans and with NATO expansion in Europe. Following her military service she earned a law degree at Georgetown. She then worked as an executive at the USAA, and was a political staffer to Donna Shalala (D-FL), Carolyn Maloney (D-NY) and Marie-Gluesenkamp-Perez (D-WA), as well as to Second Gentleman Doug Emhoff.

Her priorities in running for Congress are to strengthen VA hospitals and veterans programs, repeal Medicaid cuts that will kick many in the district off of health care, end irrational tariffs, improve affordable housing in the Pikes Peak region, lower energy costs by investing in affordable energy production, and build a more robust middle class with a more fair tax policy. She wants to overturn the Citizen's United rule (that enables dark money to flood politics), preserve federal lands for public use and she will advocate for Colorado's space industry.

Jeff Crank | GOP Incumbent

Jeff Crank was elected to represent CO-05 in 2024. He has a BA from Colorado University in political science and worked as a conservative talk radio host. He was hired by the Koch Brothers to head the Colorado branch of Americans for Prosperity, and worked as a staffer to former representative Joel Hefley (R-CO). Americans for Prosperity and its billionaire founders largely funded his primary campaign. Recently released tapes of his radio show contain his statements advocating for privatizing Medicare, for repealing the ACA (Obamacare), for excommunicating Nancy Pelosi, banning same-sex marriage and keeping women out of combat roles in the military.

He sometimes tries to disassociate himself from Trump but is highly aligned with his priorities. These are to restrain federal spending, favor oil and gas energy production, and dismantle the Dept. of Education. He is anti-abortion rights, against extending the ACA subsidies and he voted for Trump's 2025 budget (OB BB) which cut multiple aid programs to pay for tax cuts for the hugely wealthy. He voted in favor of blocking the vote to release the federal investigative files into Jeffrey Epstein and refused to meet with (Epstein victim) Virginia Giuffre's brother and wife, who are his constituents.

The contrast: Jessica Killin wants to lower costs and bring affordable housing and health care to the residents of CO-05. Jeff Crank was bankrolled into office by his wealthy and extremist friends, and his votes and actions show his loyalty to them, not to the ordinary people of CO-05.