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ENDORSEMENTS: Slate of Democratic Leaders Endorse Kelly Brough for Mayor

Denver, CO – With just under two weeks left until Election Day, a slate of Democratic leaders have endorsed Kelly Brough to be Denver’s next mayor. Howard Chou, former 1st Vice Chair of the Colorado Democratic Party, Patricia Shaver, former 2nd Vice Chair of the Colorado Democratic Party, Marc Kamin, former Chair of the Denver Democratic Party, and Democratic Party activist Susan Rodgers endorse Kelly citing her ability to lead while understanding Democratic values.

"I believe Kelly will lead Denver to a brighter future with courage, compassion and experience," **said Howard Chou, former 1st Vice Chair of the Colorado Democratic Party and Co-Founder and Chair of the Colorado Democrats Asian American Pacific Islander Initiative.** "She knows we all need to have the same opportunities for upward mobility that only a few of us have. She understands our Democratic values and that's why she has helped expand voter access, fight for fair hiring practices and defend women's reproductive health. She will bring all voices to the table and work towards affordable housing and safer communities and unite all of Denver's vibrant neighborhoods."

"I endorse Kelly Brough for Denver mayor, as her commitment to democratic values aligns perfectly with my own," **said Patricia Shaver, former 2nd Vice Chair of the Colorado Democratic Party and first Black and former chair of the Arapahoe County Democratic Party.** "I am well aware of the importance of strong leadership rooted in inclusivity and progress. Kelly's unwavering dedication to crucial issues such as criminal justice reform, women's rights, fair hiring practices, and support for small businesses and enterprises owned by people of color exemplifies her steadfast belief in equal opportunities and social justice. With Kelly Brough at the helm, Denver can expect a mayor who will champion democratic values and work tirelessly to create a more equitable and vibrant city for all its residents."

"I wholeheartedly endorse Kelly Brough for Denver Mayor," **said Marc Kamin, former Chair of the Denver Democratic Party.** "Kelly's unwavering commitment to the values of the Democratic Party, her extensive experience in public service, and her deep understanding of the needs and aspirations of the people of Denver make her the ideal candidate for the position. With her proven track record of leadership and dedication to social and economic justice, Kelly will be an advocate for all Denverites, working tirelessly to make our city more inclusive, equitable, and prosperous for everyone. I am confident that Kelly Brough will be an exceptional Mayor for Denver, and I enthusiastically support her campaign."

"Kelly knows this city and she's ready to lead," **said Susan Rogers, Democratic Party activist.** "It takes a bold and courageous leader to bridge divides in our city and Kelly has done it time and time again. Denver is hungry for this type of leadership and I trust Kelly to unite us and build a better future together. It's time for Kelly and it's time we have a woman as our mayor."

Other Democratic endorsers include: former Governor Bill Ritter, former Lieutenant Governor Gail Schoettler, former state Rep. Wilma Webb, former state Senate President Joan FitzGerald, former Senate Minority Leader Sen. Lucía Guzmán, former state Senator Joyce Foster, state

Sen. Chris Hansen, state Rep. Steven Woodrow, state Rep. Alex Valdez, former state Sen. Pat Pascoe, former state Representative Rosemary Marshall. More endorsements [here](#).

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Kelly Brough is not a politician and has never run for office, but she has the lived experience to understand the challenges facing Denver families and the executive experience to take action and make real, positive change. Her proven track record and experience as the Chief of Staff to former Mayor John Hickenlooper and first woman CEO of the Denver Chamber of Commerce has positioned her to successfully tackle Denver's biggest challenges like housing costs, homelessness, and public safety. Learn more about Kelly at <https://kellybrough.com/>.