

"I have heard countless times throughout my tenure, that the public would like elected officials to work more collaboratively putting community first, regardless of political affiliation. This is what that looks like in practice. The endorsement was simply done in a spirit of finding ways to work together.

The nature of the statement from a very small subset of the party is disheartening and fits the same narrative of the primary election I ran in two years ago.

I have been clear about the projects I would work on in my final term and am incredibly proud of the work our team has accomplished over the past several years. We are on the cusp of a historical groundbreaking for a state-of-the-art detention facility that will enhance public safety in our community, a major boulevard extension connecting Pueblo West to the City of Pueblo, and the creation of a one-stop physical and virtual shop to streamline all business permitting processes Countywide. Transformational projects such as these, require significant cooperation and support from all areas of the community.

I will continue to work hard to move Pueblo County forward."

Garrison M. Ortiz
Chair Pueblo Board of County Commissioners