

Colton Seat

To The Editor:

I am Christine Murphy, and I am running for a seat on the Democratic Committee representing district 1 – Colton. There are two seats for district 1 both are up for re-election.

I am one of four individuals hoping to be chosen by the voters to hold this two-year position. I have lived in Colton for 22 years and have been active in the community through the Historical Society/Museum and Higley Association.

I have served on the Planning Board, and I am currently chair of the Sidewalk Committee for Colton's \$1M grant. It was after attending a Special Town Board meeting in spring of 2006, that I became very interested in town government and how town board decisions affect us.

The experience emphasized the importance of "choice" in local elections and how we as voters can make a difference.

The main responsibility of the Colton Democratic Committee is recruiting and sup-

porting candidates to represent our community for positions such as supervisor, town council, highway superintendent, assessor and town clerk.

Colton's current procedure for selecting Democratic candidates for the general election is a caucus. The most recent caucus was held on Aug. 9, 2007 and lasted for an hour or so. I attended that caucus and was dismayed at the low turn out – only 28 people voted!

This brings me to the main reason I wish to serve on the Democratic Committee – to move from a caucus to a primary.

Although it is unknown whether or not a primary would increase voter turn out, it would at least increase the opportunity for voters to participate because the polls would be open from Noon to 9:00 pm. If elected I will work to replace the caucus with a primary.

I share this goal with my District 1 running mate Roger Dusharm and District 2 candidates Dennis Eickhoff and Al Gotsch. We would appreciate your support! Please vote on Sept. 9.

Christine Murphy