



The Alamosa Board of County Commissioners is aware that a number of complaints have been made against the 12th Judicial District Attorney. These complaints range from the ability of the DA's office to timely prosecute criminal activity to its failure to comply with the Colorado Victim's Rights Act. The Board is deeply concerned with the allegations that victims of crimes in our jurisdiction are not being properly notified or are being treated in an undignified manner. As the top local law enforcement officer in the 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, it is imperative that the DA (and his staff) treat everyone with dignity and respect. These concerns have been shared by others in the community and have been shared with the Colorado Attorney General.

The District Attorney is elected by popular vote of the registered electors within the assigned district. In the case of the 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial District this includes electors from Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Mineral, Rio Grande, and Saguache counties. The office of the District Attorney is funded by each individual county in proportion to its population. Other than providing this funding, the Board has no authority to manage the office; make prosecutorial decisions; or otherwise interfere with the decision-making process of that office.

On the advice of counsel, the Board is prohibited from spending taxpayer funds on any recall effort; however, it is united in its position that a change in leadership at the District Attorney's office is necessary. Furthermore, the Board of County Commissioners encourages the citizens of Alamosa County to exercise their right to elect those individuals whom they believe will best serve the community and uphold the law, or to recall those elected officials when it becomes necessary.