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Take advantage! Ask your questions for our experts & we will get them answered!
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Faith Winter

COLORADO STATE REPRESENTATIVE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF EMERGE COLORADO AND CONSULTANT FOR VOTERUNLEAD @FAITHKWINTER

Trained thousands of women to run for office at The White House Project.

Named one of 30 people under 30 showing political leadership by the Youth Vote Coalition, one of the top ten most influential women in Denver by the Denver Examiner, Woman of the year by Colorado Business and Professional Women northwest chapter, one of the up and coming women leaders to watch by the Denver Post, and the Colorado Democratic Party named her rising star.

Faith loves organizing because she believes the best way to create change is by building power through people. Faith is a VoteRunLead alum from Colorado Go Run.
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1. Know Why:
You Are the Best Person to Run

I am qualified to lead because I am
_________________ and ________________.

   Head and Heart
   Fact and Feeling
   Way of doing and How you do it.
   Soft and Hard.
2. Inventory Your Base

- Who are your allies?
- Who will volunteer?
- Who will donate?
- Who will help you network?
Make a plan to grow your connections
3. Have 15 Coffees

- Start with 1 person.
- Then ask them to recommend 2 more people.
- Repeat.
Invitations for the Councillor to special events: Please do not contact the Councillor directly for invitations to special events. Please make a request online using Access Westminster, call 303-658-2006 or by direct mail to the City Manager's Office, 4800 W. 92nd Ave., Westminster, CO 80031.

Shannon Bird was elected to City Council in November 2015.

Bird is an attorney with a background in public finance, commercial and corporate finance, and real estate development transactions. She and her husband David are the proud parents of two young children.

Bird has a J.D., M.B.A, M.S. in Finance and a B.A. in Economics. She is a member of the Board of Directors for the Five Star Education Foundation, a member of the Adams 12 Five Star Schools Policy Council, a member of the Lexington HOA Board of Directors, the Westminster 7:10 Rotary Club and the Westminster Chamber of Commerce. She is also a citizen advocate and volunteer with Great Education Colorado. Bird is a founding member of Adams 12 CAN (Community Action Network), and has served on the Adams 12 District School Improvement Team, District Accountability Committee and was the campaign chairperson of Citizens for Adams 12 Schools. She has also served as the President of the Meridian Elementary PTO for two years, the Vice President for one year and was a member of the City of Westminster Election Commission.
4. Take 3 Online Courses

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- **Dollars & Sense:** Campaign Budgeting for the Win
- **Finding the Power of Your Voice & Winning Over an Audience**
- **Sexism in Politics**
  - October 20, 2016
  - Listen to Freelance Journalist Jillian Richardson
5. Become An Expert

Choose 2 issues you want to be an expert on. Read one article per day on each issue.
EDITORIAL: We need affordable housing and indigent care
Colorado Springs Gazette - Apr 11, 2017
We need rural hospitals and affordable housing. We need legislators to get over themselves and put the public’s welfare ahead of partisan ...

Long road still ahead for city to meet affordable-housing need
The Daily Progress - Apr 2, 2017
Charlottesville is expected to allocate $18.3 million in the next five years for the development of more affordable housing, as well as the ...

ADU built on State Capitol lawn to highlight statewide need for ...
KHON2 - Mar 31, 2017
“This is an opportunity to create affordable housing without the use of ... A hundred fifty ADU permits means a hundred fifty households have a ...

McLaughlin: More affordable housing needed in Assembly Square
Wicked Local Somerville - 1 hour ago
That is why I fought to have it included in the city’s 20 percent affordable housing ordinance that the Board of Aldermen passed last May.
6. Learn the Landscape

Get to know your political environment. Including who the players are and what they’re currently working on.
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What my friends think I do.

What my parents think I do.

What the other side says I do.

What society thinks I do.

What I think I do.

What I actually do.
7. Attend A Government Meeting

- City Council
- School Board
- State Legislative hearing

Bonus points for shadowing an elected official for a day
Ann Winslow  Dear Ms. Winter, Please vote yes on the Birth Certificate Modernization Act a...  Mar 10

Faith Winter  I proudly voted yes today! Faith Representative Faith Winter | House District...  Mar 15

Ann Winslow  Thank you! Representative Winter, I heard Representative Garnet speak at a me...  Mar 16

Faith Winter  <repwinter@gmail.com>  Mar 16

to Ann  

Yes! Absolutely, you could shadow me for a while or for a whole day. I would love to have you down here for a day. Wednesdays and Thursdays tend to be the best days.

Let me know what would work for you!

...  

Ann Winslow  Mar 17

to me  

Thank you! I'll contact you next week to see what date works for you.
The way United handled the removal of a passenger from an overbooked flight on Sunday was an abhorrent injustice on the part of the United employees involved.

Along with most people with whom I’ve spoken about this incident, I will only fly on United if there is no other alternative, no matter what extra costs I may incur. It is unconscionable behavior on the part of United’s employees, not to mention the time, indignity and inconvenience that the passengers could have been spared by more thoughtful and considerate employees.

When they saw the extent of the resistance by the forcibly ejected passenger, they could have tried to find another passenger who would have complied more readily. United will have to live with the shameful consequences for a long time.

Alan Seiver, Denver

Submit a letter to the editor via this form or check out our guidelines for how to submit by e-mail or mail.
9. Email Your Local Party and...

Schedule a face-to-face meeting.
10. Email An Elected Official

Ask them to vote yes or no on an upcoming issue. Make your case.
Dear Representative Winter,

Thank you for voting to pass this bill and protect school children on playgrounds in Colorado from exposure to the dangerous and toxic environment of oil and gas drilling. Although scientific studies by CSU, COGCC and CDPHE have shown the safest distance from a drilling operation is 2,500 feet, HB17-1256 sets the bar higher and brings attention to this young and vulnerable population. Please encourage your friends in the senate to support this bill!

Gratefully,

Patricia H. Miller
11. Sign Up For 5 Email Lists

- Community-based
- Elected officials
- Issue/Policy organizations

Have one be a viewpoint different than yours.
12. Donate to a Political Cause

Colorado BioScience Political Action Committee
13. Join A New Organization

Anything from local advocacy groups, community causes or social clubs.
BECOME A MEMBER TODAY

Our community of over 27,000 members (and growing!) is the driving force behind environmental wins across the state. Every message sent, donation made, and petition signed matters.

I WANT TO BECOME A MEMBER!
14. **Volunteer**

Help out on a campaign or in an elected official’s office.
15. Talk to Your Family & Friends

Discuss your desire to run and what that will look like for them.
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16. Get Political Online

Have a point-of-view on social media.

Post a petition, include why you care. Share an article, with your take.
17. Use Twitter

Follow 10 reporters and 10 political figures
Interact with Regularity!

How to Build Relationships with Journalists Using Twitter

August 22, 2016 · 7:57am

What are the best ways to engage journalists on Twitter in order to build a relationship with them, and not be a thorn in their side?

10 FIERCELY POLITICAL WOMEN YOU HAVE TO FOLLOW ON TWITTER RIGHT NOW
18. Put Together Your Contact List

Think about it as a holiday list on steroids.

What tools work for you? Use that one!

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19. Research Voter Registration Numbers in Your District

Find out how many D’s, U’s, or R’s live in your community.

The party official you met with in Step #9 can help you or point you in the right direction.
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20. Ask a Friend

To make a donation to a candidate or charity you like.
21. Read Your Local Paper Everyday

This new cannabis church pushes limits of Denver's social-use pot law

The International Church of Cannabis is setting up shop in a historic Denver building, drawing curiosity and concern ahead of its official opening April 20.

- How soon could Denver businesses open the first social marijuana use areas? It's still not clear.
- Bars can't seek new Denver social marijuana use permits allowed by Initiative 300, state says
22. Email a Reporter

Thank them for good coverage.

The media can, in fact, be your friend.
23. Stop Using

... “just” and “sorry” and “like”

STOP saying “I’m just ___.”

You are not “just” anything.
You are a world changer.
Don’t ever forget that.

MattMcWilliams.com/StopWords
24. Fill Out VRL’s “Why” Worksheet

Why Are You Running For Office? (worksheet)

July 23, 2014

Why are you running for office? (or Why do you want to lead?)

The Why Am I Running Worksheet will be used to inform your stump speech and responses to questions. It is a worksheet for YOU and not to be presented in any formal way in your campaign. Answer the following questions as truthfully and personally as possible.
25. Make a List of Your Political Heroes
26. **Do an Activity That Isn’t Political**

Pick something that you love and makes you happy. *Balance is important.*
27. Attend a demonstration or community meet up for something you are passionate about.
28. Go To one Chamber of Commerce Event
29. Find A Buddy

Invite a friend to run for office as well.
30. Run As You Are

Acknowledge that **YOU** are Ready to Run!
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