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## **WRITE-IN CANDIDATE TO REPLACE BAKER WITHDRAWS**

**LITTLETON, CO (Jan. 5, 2004)** – Republican Chris Upton of Centennial, who last week submitted an affidavit stating his intention and qualifications to run as a write-in candidate to replace Arapahoe County Clerk and Recorder Tracy Baker in the Feb. 24 recall election, today withdrew his candidacy.

According to Arapahoe County Assessor Ed Bosier, who is overseeing the recall process on behalf of the County Commissioners, Upton gave no reason for his withdrawal. The decision leaves four candidates vying to replace Baker should he be recalled: Democrat Kathleen J. Conway of Aurora, Republican Nancy A. Doty of Centennial and Libertarians Travis Nicks and Bennett Rutledge, both of Centennial.

### **About the Arapahoe County Assessor's Office**

The Assessor's Office discovers, lists, classifies and values all real and personal property in Arapahoe County. The Office is also responsible for maintaining public records, including ownership and parcel maps; submitting the Abstract of Assessment to the Colorado Division of Property Taxation; certifying values to taxing entities; and producing the warrant roll. The Arapahoe County Assessor, Ed Bosier, began working for the Office in 1987 as a certified appraiser/supervisor in Land Development. Voters first elected him to the Office of the Assessor in 1995. He is currently serving his third term, which expires January of 2007.

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