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REPUBLICAN STATE CHAIR CANDIDATES VOW TO LEARN FROM LOSSES, FIRM UP COLORADO GOP BRAND



TIMOTHY HURST, THE DENVER GAZETTE

Chair candidate Kevin Lundberg speaks during the Colorado State Republican Chair Debate on Feb. 25 at Ben's Brick Oven Pizza in Hudson.

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Six Colorado Republicans are vying for the chance to lead the party back from the sidelines in a state where GOP candidates have suffered drubbings at the hands of voters in three straight general elections, leaving the party with less power than it's held at any time since at least the 1930s.

With minor variations, all six of the state chair candidates say the answer to the party's predicament is to tack harder to the right, doubling down on issues that differentiate Republicans from Democrats in order to present voters with the clearest possible choices.

They agree the party needs to do a better job of clarifying and communi-

cating its values to voters, with some proposing renewed outreach to various populations and others vowing to go toe-to-toe with the Democrats.

All six say they want to stop the state's unaffiliated voters from being able to vote in the state's semi-open primaries, arguing that only registered

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