



**Mayor Anita Dugatto**  
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**Mayor Applauds Increased Voter Turnout in Derby**

DERBY – Derby's municipal election this November turned out more voters than it did in 2013 according to the secretary of the state's office. 53.3% of registered voters made a trip to the polls on November 3, 2015 while only 47.1% did in 2013.

Derby Mayor Anita Dugatto was happy to hear the news. "I'm glad to see more residents participate in this year's municipal election. Increased voter turnout signals a greater interest in the future of our city," Dugatto said.

"I hope this trend translates to greater community involvement," Dugatto added. "There are so many ways residents can get involved in making Derby a better place to live, work, and play," Dugatto said.

Since being elected to office in 2013, Dugatto has been following through on her commitment make Derby government more inclusive of the people it serves.

Under Dugatto, the city's first municipally administered website, [www.derbyct.gov](http://www.derbyct.gov), was created. It's the go-to resource for municipal information including public meeting schedules and agendas, meeting minutes, and city news. There is also an area on the website where citizens can submit their interest in volunteering for boards, committees, and other opportunities.

To further promote an open dialog with residents, Dugatto initiated *Open Door Sessions* shortly after taking office in 2013. Every Thursday evening from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. residents can drop by Derby City Hall to speak personally with Mayor Dugatto about issues that concern them.

Dugatto has also extended her commitment to inclusiveness to the city planning process. In March, she held intensive public meeting sessions to inform the update of Derby's Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD). The POCD is an important planning document used to guide the city's growth and preservation efforts.

"Our goal is to create a plan that reflects the priorities and vision of Derby's residents. Public input is critical to achieving this goal," Dugatto said.