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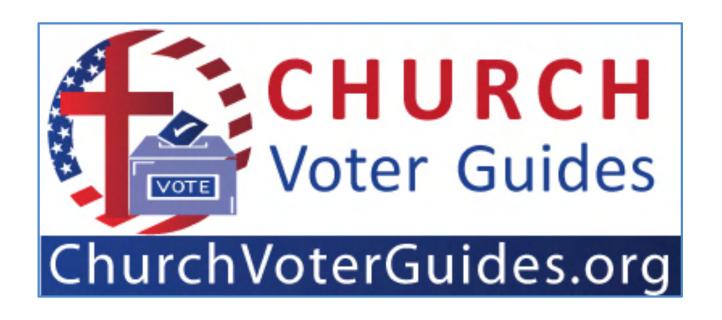
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Introduction to the Voter Guide

Church Voter Guides is an independent 508c1a faith-based nonprofit organization. We serve the public by providing objective research and education on matters specifically of interest to Christians, primarily through the production and distribution of 501c3-compliant, nonpartisan Voter Guides.

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We are based in Colorado Springs, and the April 2021 City Council election in our hometown was our inaugural project, followed by Voter Guides for the 2021 Pikes Peak Region School Board Elections, and most recently a Voter Guide for the El Paso County Assembly. Our newest Voter Guide, for the 2022 Colorado State Assembly, is being distributed electronically-only through our website via downloadable and printable PDF files. This Voter Guide is specifically to inform Delegates and Alternates at the State Assembly, with a separate Guides produced for the Republican and Democratic party candidates.

The purpose of our Voter Guides is to educate and inform voters of each candidate's positions on a variety of policy issues that they are likely to address if elected. As our Voter Guides are designed to be promoted through Churches, we ask the candidates questions on topics that are of utmost interest to the Christian voter.

How to Get the Most Benefit from this Voter Guide

The core information in this Voter Guide comes directly from the candidates themselves. We asked them questions, they answered (with a 120 word limit), and we have published their responses here. In order to understand and utilize this information to the fullest, so that you may vote in the most informed way, we suggest the following:

- 1. Pray and ask the Almighty for discernment. The Kingdom of God is all about truth, while politics is a system fraught with compromise. Make sure you consider the candidates' answers with a Heavenly mindset.
- 2. Ask yourself, "Did the candidate actually answer the question, or rather side-step it, or give a fluff, wishy-washy, and/or 'political' type answer that leaves you not really knowing where he/she truly stands on the issue?"
- 3. Learn more about the candidates, including their positions on issues we did not cover in our Questionnaire, by visiting their official campaign websites. The website URL for each candidate is listed in the Voter Guide, if they have one.
- 4. Use search engines to find additional information about each candidate, including written articles and videos, other voter guides, and even voting records for those who have served in public office before. You may even want to watch online recordings of governmental meetings, as well as events held by candidates and organizations, to learn more about each candidate.
- 5. Reach out to the candidates themselves through the provided email addresses and other means, in order to ask them questions of personal importance to you. Please make sure to show great respect toward each candidate and his/her time, especially to those with whom you disagree. Running for office is hard, stressful, time-consuming work, and these are your fellow citizens who have lives, families, jobs...and feelings (just like you!)



What makes a Voter Guide 501c3 - compliant and Nonpartisan?

Federal tax law permits nonprofit 501c3 organizations to develop and distribute materials about political candidates' positions on issues, in order to educate voters impartially and on a nonpartisan basis; meaning that it is free from party affiliation, bias, or designation. The IRS states that 501c3 organizations may conduct any range of activities to promote voter participation and educate voters so long as it is nonpartisan. But, 501c3 organizations are explicitly prohibited from supporting or opposing candidates for public office.

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Second, all of our staff and volunteers are required to act in a nonpartisan manner when working for or representing the organization and the creation of the Voter Guide.

Third, we do not edit, revise, or editorialize candidate responses to our Questionnaire. We do not even correct typos. **Candidate answers are published verbatim**, ensuring that their responses accurately represent their positions and perspectives on these issues. We then simply share this information through the Voter Guide, and you decide whom you believe to be the best candidate.

To be fair and impartial, we reached out by email, text, and phone and other means when determined necessary, to all active registered Republican and Democratic candidates running for Colorado Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Treasurer, and U.S. Senate, inviting them to answer our Questionnaire. Candidate information for each office is presented in alphabetical order by last name. If a Candidate did not respond at all, or did not choose to participate, or did not choose to respond to certain answers in the Questionnaire, then that is noted where applicable. We finalized our Candidate list from TRACER (https://tracer.sos.colorado.gov) and the Federal Elections Commission (www.FEC.gov) on March 25, 2022. If any candidates declared after that date, they were not contacted and are not mentioned in any way in this Voter Guide.

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Republican Candidates for

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years from 2016 to 2019

Your Experience: What experience (personal, professional, other) would you bring to your role as Governor that will benefit our state?

I have experience in leadership, management, and individual hard work that I will bring to my potential role of Colorado Governor. I am from a middle-class family and have worked since I was 16 to support myself, giving me the experience that entry-level workers face before earning a degree. I have learned management of small teams in my engineering work, and I have learned leadership skills at the Air Force's Officer Training School. These skills will transfer well to the Governorship.



Your Vision: What is your vision for being our state's Governor?

As Governor I hope to put my experience to use. If I win I will likely have to work with a Democratic legislature to achieve whatever policy goals I can while setting the state up for long term success. It will be key to achieve compromises and shared goals whenever possible. I will be steadfast in vetoing partisan legislation that pushes the state in the wrong direction. Other tools available to the Governor are the budget, Executive departments, and the bully pulpit. I will put all of these to use. I will not seek emergency powers or numerous executive orders as we have seen since 2020. I hope to always keep the average citizen in mind while in office.

States' Rights: Many Americans are concerned about the Federal government usurping power from the States. Do you believe that the current balance of power between Federal and State governments represents or deviates from our Founding Fathers' intent? As Governor, how would you seek to protect and exercise Colorado's Constitutionally guaranteed states' rights?

In general I believe that state's rights should be stronger than they currently are, and Federal power should be weaker. As Governor I would protect Colorado's state rights by pushing back against Federal directives and power when our interests are at odds.

Emergency Powers: Under what circumstances, if any, would you exercise emergency powers/issue mandates as Governor, rather than submit the issue to the legislative process? Do you believe that such emergency powers should be restricted, if so, how?

Barring a US mainland war, I do not foresee a circumstance where I would ever use emergency powers or mandates as Governor. I think there should be an additional limitations on emergency powers, and that some measure should be introduced to allow the minority party some ability to cancel these orders.



Protecting Life: As Governor, how would you seek to protect the most vulnerable in our state, including the lives of the unborn, the trafficked, and the elderly?

As Governor, I would investigate all possible avenues to protect these groups. I would work with lawmakers if possible to craft law that better protects the unborn. I am totally pro-life, and I would veto any bills that decrease protections for the unborn. I would support law enforcement efforts to combat human trafficking. I would investigate how existing or additional state government institutions could better protect the rights and well-being of the elderly.

1st Amendment: What will you do as Colorado Governor to protect our citizens' 1st Amendment rights to: the free exercise of religion, freedom of speech, peaceably assembly, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances, all of which are becoming more difficult to exercise in America (and around the world)?

As governor I will always protect free speech and will look for ways to push back against governmental and corporate institutions that restrict speech. I would support a law prohibiting employers in the state from firing employees solely for free speech that is (1) legal, (2) made outside of work time, and (3) made while not representing the company or its values. I would similarly seek to prohibit companies in the state from restricting service to citizens on the basis of free speech. These measures are unprecedented, but will effectively end 'cancel culture' in the state. If the wrong opinions can cut you off from your job or ability to live freely, is your speech really free?

2nd Amendment: Do you believe that gun ownership is a civil right, and what are your positions in regards to red flag laws, magazine capacity bans, legislation that regulates gun storage, and permitless "Constitutional carry"?

Yes, gun ownership is a natural civil right enumerated by the Second Amendment. I oppose all red flag laws, magazine capacity bans, and legislation that regulates gun storage. I will seek to veto any new restrictive legislation, and roll back older laws if possible. I would support a Constitutional carry law.



State Budget: As Governor, what will be your priorities for the state budget and why? Constitutionally, do you agree or disagree with running a deficit yearly?

As Colorado Governor, myself and the legislature are required by law to pass balanced budgets. I agree with this and think it should always be this way. Running a deficit yearly would be unacceptable and could create financial crises down the road. I would look into the largest budget items - healthcare and education - and see if there is waste or inefficiency. I would prioritize spending on Transportation and the Colorado Division of Housing.

Competing Business Sectors: As Governor, how would you seek to support Colorado's oil and gas, agriculture, and livestock industries, while also supporting the newer green energy and alternative food sources industries with which these traditional businesses sectors seemingly compete?

As Governor I would look to support agriculture, livestock, oil & gas, and sensible innovative energy industries. The best forms of green energy are geothermal and nuclear, but these are often ignored in favor of less efficient and unreliable wind and solar solutions. I would work to drive down energy costs with these new technologies, but also with oil and gas production. If any recent Federal executive orders or Colorado legislation is harming these industries, I would seek all options including new legislation, lawsuits, legal circumvention, and asserting state rights in these matters.





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Your Experience: What experience (personal, professional, other) would you bring to your role as Governor that will benefit our state?

I am currently serving as an Elected Monument Board of Trustee, governing the town for a 4 year term. In addition to professional Trustee duties, I have been appointed to the following additional committees: Monument Representative at the Colorado Municipal League, Board of Adjustments, and the Legislative Bill Committee. In addition to this current Elected position, I operate a small debt free business for over 34 years in the state of Colorado in an executive managerial position. I have comprehensive experience in Commercial, Residential, Land, Investment, Sales and Leasing - with Employing/Selling management services extended to over 95 prior agents.



Your Vision: What is your vision for being our state's Governor?

My vision is to see Colorado return to its constitutional foundation. I have a Colorado First - Colorado Strong Policy Platform that includes: Restoring health freedoms to all citizens; Returning Parental authority for all health, school and curriculum choices; Rescinding all "take the jab or lose your job" policies; Regaining Energy Independence; Reallocating water use for Colorado's needs First; Protecting our business industries with deregulation and reducing taxes; ; Budgetary remediation: Banning Critical Race Theory; Removing Dominion voting systems that are manipulatable; Restoring our Election Integrity; Stopping Child Sex trafficking and Pedophilia; Closing our borders to drug trafficking; Removing unconstitutional authority illegally given to the Public Health and Safety Division.

States' Rights: Many Americans are concerned about the Federal government usurping power from the States. Do you believe that the current balance of power between Federal and State governments represents or deviates from our Founding Fathers' intent? As Governor, how would you seek to protect and exercise Colorado's Constitutionally guaranteed states' rights?

An Independent, prosperous Colorado is the first step to preventing federal or foreign entity government overreach. Peace thru strength with a well-armed citizenry is necessary with 2A rights. Constitutional Sheriffs in every municipality cements our freedoms. Local Control should be restored. Financial independence is positionally freeing. The Constitution clearly states that We the People are the Sovereign authority over the government we established. We the people formed a Republic form of governance, giving specific tasks within a limited scope of authority. We the people consent to be governed by an elected body who are is tasked within the boundaries of law and order. We have deviated tremendously from our founding father's intentions.

Emergency Powers: Under what circumstances, if any, would you exercise emergency powers/issue mandates as Governor, rather than submit the issue to the legislative process? Do you believe that such emergency powers should be restricted, if so, how?

Emergency powers are restricted. Compliance with the laws (constitutionally restored) is what is necessary. A majority vote does not supersede our inalienable God given rights and freedoms. I would exercise those emergency powers in any time of war and/or nuclear threat or physical attack from foreign sources. Not all issues are submitted to the legislative body.



Protecting Life: As Governor, how would you seek to protect the most vulnerable in our state, including the lives of the unborn, the trafficked, and the elderly?

It is a commonly known scientific fact that life begins at conception. A person has life which is defined by the time of conception to the time of natural passing. Our Constitution states that "Every Person has the RIGHT to LIFE, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." A Governor's oath is to protect and defend every person's rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, including the pre-born and the just born. I am a strong adherent to this position and defend the constitutional right to life for every person. The Sanctity of life is scientifically defined from moment of conception to natural passing.

1st Amendment: What will you do as Colorado Governor to protect our citizens' 1st Amendment rights to: the free exercise of religion, freedom of speech, peaceably assembly, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances, all of which are becoming more difficult to exercise in America (and around the world)?

Returning Colorado to its Constitutional foundation will restore all amendments and bill of rights and freedoms back to every person in this state. The protections all found in the constitution will once more become the law of the land.

2nd Amendment: Do you believe that gun ownership is a civil right, and what are your positions in regards to red flag laws, magazine capacity bans, legislation that regulates gun storage, and permitless "Constitutional carry"?

Restoring our Second amendment rights is critical to having and establishing peace through strength. A well armed citizenry is a protected population. My position will be to remove any law, ordinance, proclamation, resolution or amendment that conflicts with our Constitution, through our due process of law.



State Budget: As Governor, what will be your priorities for the state budget and why? Constitutionally, do you agree or disagree with running a deficit yearly?

The state budget is fraught with waste. Many allocations are not relevant to the governance necessary to provide citizen services. No deficit is necessary nor should it be entertained or entered into. Financial independence means Colorado should not be in a deficit position. In fact, there is 2.6 Billion dollars in surplus tax payer dollars that should be refunded to the people in accordance with Tabor, right now. Operating from a debt free position is the constitutional process set in place by our founding fathers. I would reduce the budget, streamline government services and restore the state's coffers to be in the black every year. I believe in less government - not more.

Competing Business Sectors: As Governor, how would you seek to support Colorado's oil and gas, agriculture, and livestock industries, while also supporting the newer green energy and alternative food sources industries with which these traditional businesses sectors seemingly compete?

It is not within the government's limited scope of authority to decide which business will flourish and which business will not. The government is expressly told in the constitution not to interfere. I would renegotiate clean coal, oil and gas services with long term contracts, deregulation and incentives. Services such as roads, utilities, flow of traffic, park maintenance, pipes, electrical grids, water flows and delivery, etc. would be highly improved. Tabor funds would be returned. In a free market environment new green energy sources and alternate foods will compete within the constraints of supply and demand - and either fail or succeed on their own.





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Your Experience: What experience (personal, professional, other) would you bring to your role as Governor that will benefit our state?

Truth

God

Wisdom

Historical perspective

Insight into our current environment.

Enough strength and energy for all citizens in the state of Colorado.

Love of State, country, freedom and the Constitution.

Encouragement

Protection

God has equipped me fully for the battle ahead, on all fronts; physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual.



Your Vision: What is your vision for being our state's Governor?

My vision for Colorado is to create our Government around families and to put God back into government.

By focusing on families we will have a firm model to help guide us and to provide protection for that which we value most. I believe without this focus we become a state with out a mission causing a toxic environment. Likewise without God as our standard we lose our ethics and stands by which to operate. God is the truth the light and the way.

States' Rights: Many Americans are concerned about the Federal government usurping power from the States. Do you believe that the current balance of power between Federal and State governments represents or deviates from our Founding Fathers' intent? As Governor, how would you seek to protect and exercise Colorado's Constitutionally guaranteed states' rights?

Currently with federal government over reach, due to excessive use of executive orders, states rights have proven to be essential to save our nation, as I believe our founders once envisioned. Strategically it keeps our country from attacks from within our country much like the constitution has protected us from foreign attacks.

I believe we are currently under attack. It is imperative we use every tool available to stop this attack at the state level. I believe we need to form a task force to block these efforts on every level to protect all of our constitutional rights and preserve our way of live. Communism and socialism are Godless and this untruth causing dis fiction and disease among our people.

Emergency Powers: Under what circumstances, if any, would you exercise emergency powers/issue mandates as Governor, rather than submit the issue to the legislative process? Do you believe that such emergency powers should be restricted, if so, how?

I do believe in use of executive powers to be used with restraint. However, I believe we are in a war and dangerously close to being taken over by globalists. I believe with a watchful eye we need to counter these attacks and this can only be done, at this point, at the state level. We need to use executive orders to protect our rights and freedom but never use them to take our rights and freedoms.



Protecting Life: As Governor, how would you seek to protect the most vulnerable in our state, including the lives of the unborn, the trafficked, and the elderly?

I seek to protect our most vulnerable by making the most vulnerable our focus our core for which all government actions are derived from. It is our human nature and essential to our souls good, to protect vulnerable populations because it is who we are and only by being who we are will we function as a society and create a world that is true and just and free.

1st Amendment: What will you do as Colorado Governor to protect our citizens' 1st Amendment rights to: the free exercise of religion, freedom of speech, peaceably assembly, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances, all of which are becoming more difficult to exercise in America (and around the world)?

I would fight to end the protection of social media companies. Allow citizens the right to be heard in a court of law, any violations of our constitutional rights. I believe red flag laws should be challenged especially in the environment of deception we are currently in. There is a clear difference from what city people deem as important or essential and rural areas. Perhaps we could consider different laws for diarrhea's of the state, even possibly considering an electoral college type voting system. Rural people depend and are reliant for survival, those things which city Folks find a nuisance. It's a violation of rights to deny a person that which will protect or save their lives.

2nd Amendment: Do you believe that gun ownership is a civil right, and what are your positions in regards to red flag laws, magazine capacity bans, legislation that regulates gun storage, and permitless "Constitutional carry"?

As I said in the previous question, it is wrong to deny any person that which will protect and save their life, if these rights were protected for no other reason. And I believe that if we consider the right to bare arms essential to our culture, identity and protection that we should encourage not deter, gun safety and consider classes in schools to create higher standards and respect. I believe it could possibly create a strong sense of freedom and strength for us all.



State Budget: As Governor, what will be your priorities for the state budget and why? Constitutionally, do you agree or disagree with running a deficit yearly?

I believe our government is out of control in size and structure. I believe this is by design, by globalist and others to weaken both the individual and government. Therefore first priority is to stop this attack and second to minimize government and give power back to the people. Not government. There is a direct correlation, and can be use to steer us back to a more balanced relationship between the people and government. A more appropriate relationship that serves the people.

Competing Business Sectors: As Governor, how would you seek to support Colorado's oil and gas, agriculture, and livestock industries, while also supporting the newer green energy and alternative food sources industries with which these traditional businesses sectors seemingly compete?

There is room for both as many Coloradans seeks greater independence. There is a natural growth that if violated creates anxiety and disfunction. Natural grow and natural evolution creates harmony as things develop over time. I do not believe these are competing but complimentary especially as it pertains to creative and independent life styles. As to the first part our ag and natural resources are our strength and backbone and could prove to be our saving grace should we not be successful in defeating this globalist attack. In fact I believe that it is our natural resources we can use as a weapon against an insurrection against the United States or the state of Colorado.





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Your Experience: What experience (personal, professional, other) would you bring to your role as Governor that will benefit our state?

I do consulting and project management for oil and gas and power plants. I've built roads and bridges for the state and county's in Colorado, I ranch and I understand the water issues we face.

Your Vision: What is your vision for being our state's Governor?

To bring back oil and gas drilling, update our transportation highways, fight inflation by suspension of the state oil and gas tax, give citizens a tax holiday, and suspend the groceries tax until inflation eases.



States' Rights: Many Americans are concerned about the Federal government usurping power from the States. Do you believe that the current balance of power between Federal and State governments represents or deviates from our Founding Fathers' intent? As Governor, how would you seek to protect and exercise Colorado's Constitutionally guaranteed states' rights?

The 10th amendment gives me as your Governor to protect you from the federal government.

Emergency Powers: Under what circumstances, if any, would you exercise emergency powers/issue mandates as Governor, rather than submit the issue to the legislative process? Do you believe that such emergency powers should be restricted, if so, how?

Only in times of war in this country will I use my emergency power.

Protecting Life: As Governor, how would you seek to protect the most vulnerable in our state, including the lives of the unborn, the trafficked, and the elderly?

I will use every power to stop abortion in the state, the elderly should not be paying any state taxes. And I will be doubling the state patrol to stop traffickers.

1st Amendment: What will you do as Colorado Governor to protect our citizens' 1st Amendment rights to: the free exercise of religion, freedom of speech, peaceably assembly, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances, all of which are becoming more difficult to exercise in America (and around the world)?

I will use every tool availbe to stop you from not exercising your 1st Amendment rights.

2nd Amendment: Do you believe that gun ownership is a civil right, and what are your positions in regards to red flag laws, magazine capacity bans, legislation that regulates gun storage, and permitless "Constitutional carry"?

It is a god given right to protect you and your family first. And the second Amendment guarantee that right.



State Budget: As Governor, what will be your priorities for the state budget and why? Constitutionally, do you agree or disagree with running a deficit yearly?

Getting control of the wasteful spending in the transportation dept first and then reducing the boards and commissions that are very wasteful.

Competing Business Sectors: As Governor, how would you seek to support Colorado's oil and gas, agriculture, and livestock industries, while also supporting the newer green energy and alternative food sources industries with which these traditional businesses sectors seemingly compete?

I will be suspended the 2,000 ft set back on oil and gas drilling. I raise cattle and I will be the most supporting Governor for agriculture this state has ever had. And I have no problem with green energy as a supporting source of energy but I will not shut down coal and gas power plants.



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Military Background: 18 years and I'm currently serving

Resident of the Colorado: 27 years

Your Experience: What experience (personal, professional, other) would you bring to your role as Governor that will benefit our state?

My military background has provided me with some key skills that would directly apply to my position as Governor. I am level-headed. I am able to deal with any situation calmly and coolly, and with a clear head - so that I can properly address it and arrive at the best resolution. I am courteous and professional at all times. I possess the ability to respectfully converse with anybody, and arrive at a common solution. I am also aware of, educated on, and concerned about, current political issues. I know what it's like to work endless hours just to put food on the table.



Your Vision: What is your vision for being our state's Governor?

I'm running for Governor because I got tired of standing on the sidelines, watching others make decisions without thinking about how those decisions were actually going to affect the citizens of Colorado. I got tired of watching policies and laws get passed under the table, while Colorado citizens remained clueless to their existence. I'm not here to wear fancy suits and push papers. I'm here to actually talk to the people of Colorado and make real changes. I'm not afraid to get dirty, and I'm not afraid to talk about the tough stuff. I got my work boots on, so let's get to work!

States' Rights: Many Americans are concerned about the Federal government usurping power from the States. Do you believe that the current balance of power between Federal and State governments represents or deviates from our Founding Fathers' intent? As Governor, how would you seek to protect and exercise Colorado's Constitutionally guaranteed states' rights?

The current balance of power definitely deviates from the original intent. The 10th Amendment clearly outlines this. As Governor, I would enforce the laws that are currently on the books — while keeping the 10th Amendment in mind. I would not let the Federal government infringe upon the rights of the state.

Emergency Powers: Under what circumstances, if any, would you exercise emergency powers/issue mandates as Governor, rather than submit the issue to the legislative process? Do you believe that such emergency powers should be restricted, if so, how?

I would only use emergency powers/issue mandates if the safety of Colorado citizens would be put at risk otherwise.

Protecting Life: As Governor, how would you seek to protect the most vulnerable in our state, including the lives of the unborn, the trafficked, and the elderly?

I do not believe in abortion as a form of birth control. There are very few instances where abortion may be the best decision (i.e., rape or medical necessity). In those cases, abortion (not late term) should be allowed. If somebody is raped and we force them to have that baby, that child will most likely end up A) in a home where they are not loved, B) in foster care, C) in the judicial system. If we require women who have been raped to give birth, we should then A) cover the medical costs for that birth, B) cover any counseling costs that the woman may need, C) already have identified a family who will adopt that child.



1st Amendment: What will you do as Colorado Governor to protect our citizens' 1st Amendment rights to: the free exercise of religion, freedom of speech, peaceably assembly, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances, all of which are becoming more difficult to exercise in America (and around the world)?

I believe in the separation of church and state. However, that being said, anybody with any kind of "belief system" is going to be influenced by that belief. It doesn't matter if you are Christian, Muslim, Jewish, Buddhist, etc. The actions that you take and the words that you speak are inevitably going to be influenced by those beliefs.

2nd Amendment: Do you believe that gun ownership is a civil right, and what are your positions in regards to red flag laws, magazine capacity bans, legislation that regulates gun storage, and permitless "Constitutional carry"?

I stand behind every part of the Constitution, including the 2nd Amendment. I personally have a CCW, and bring my own gun with me whenever and wherever I can. Gun violence has nothing to do with the gun, and everything to do with the person holding the gun. If somebody wants to commit a crime and they cannot find a gun to use, they will find some other weapon to use. If we want to reduce gun violence, we need to start addressing the root causes 9i.e., mental health issues, etc.).

State Budget: As Governor, what will be your priorities for the state budget and why? Constitutionally, do you agree or disagree with running a deficit yearly?

Just as it is not a good idea to run a deficit in your personal budget, it is also not a good idea to run a deficit in your state budget. One of my priorities will be to reduce that deficit.

Competing Business Sectors: As Governor, how would you seek to support Colorado's oil and gas, agriculture, and livestock industries, while also supporting the newer green energy and alternative food sources industries with which these traditional businesses sectors seemingly compete?

I am a huge supporter of oil and gas, agriculture, and farmers. I also know the value of conservation and green energy. However, one thing that people fail to talk about is - green energy is not perfect. The electricity that powers those electric cars can still be traced to some type of fossil fuel. So, in the end, we are still reliance on fossil fuels/oil and gas/etc. If somebody chooses to buy an electric car and eat alternative food sources, they are more than free to. However, fossil fuels and real, all natural food will always be here to stay.





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(ITAR CERTIFIED)

Resident of Colorado: Native Born to Colorado

Your Experience: What experience (personal, professional, other) would you bring to your role as Governor that will benefit our state?

Jon Frederick Gray Ginsberg is a Colorado Native (Parker, Frisco), Kent Denver (HS) and Southern Methodist University Double Major, Federal Govt. Computer Contractor Engineer / CO, USDA, Houston Gov. Computer Contractor (HCTRA and 2011 Election Computer Contractor TX), Colorado US Post Office(s) Computer Contractor, Microsoft Corp. Computer Contractor, Halliburton, Raytheon Computer Contractor (ITAR Certified through Raytheon 2018), 7-11 Computer Contractor, Home Depot Computer Contractor, Walt Disney Computer Contractor, etc.) 1983-84 Colo. National Scholastics High School Winner for All of Colorado. My computer day job is already infrastructure for Gov., Energy, and Enterprise. The National Technology Company, for which I am the CEO, www.COMPUTERBERG.COM repairs computers' systems and repairs software systems. - All references available upon request.



Your Vision: What is your vision for being our state's Governor?

My computer day job is already infrastructure for Gov., Energy, and Enterprise. Game plan: Engineering Infrastructure for Real Jobs & Real GNP /GDP Growth. (1) Build and Engineer a Desalinated Water Pipeline from the Gulf Waters to Colorado Headwaters to fill Hoover Dam! (2) Double Police Salaries for Computerized Reporting (3) Build CU University campuses in Summit and Eagle Counties for the Western Slope. (4) Double Teachers Salaries for those who teach WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION (4) Build Rocky Mountain and Plains high speed train network. (5) Repair Election Computers from Cyber Hacking (6) Build, Fabricate, and Create a Foundry for 2- 4nm Computer Chips in Colorado for Ford, GM, and Chrysler as part of the Denver Tech Center. (7) Cannabis Tax.

States' Rights: Many Americans are concerned about the Federal government usurping power from the States. Do you believe that the current balance of power between Federal and State governments represents or deviates from our Founding Fathers' intent? As Governor, how would you seek to protect and exercise Colorado's Constitutionally guaranteed states' rights?

Yes, I am concerned about the relationship between the Federal Govt. and the States, and believe the current balance of power deviates from our Founding Fathers intent, as our Country has never been more divided, not United, with discrimination rampant and discrimination practiced by some 1st generation US born ethnic and sexual groups in power who have changed and twisted the rules for financial self gain.

I believe the current State versus Federal laws area a violation of the 10th Amendment Resolutions and violate The Supreme Court's University of Alabama v. Garrett (2001)[30] and Kimel v. Florida Board of Regents (2000) precedents, violating in new colorful ways by Jared Polis and his kickback administration who are changing the name.



Emergency Powers: Under what circumstances, if any, would you exercise emergency powers/issue mandates as Governor, rather than submit the issue to the legislative process? Do you believe that such emergency powers should be restricted, if so, how?

As per my College Education at Southern Methodist University, I believe Force Majeure and War are typically the two times when Marshall Law (Emergency Powers Act) is called into effect in any Democratic government, but since Covid and the Marshall Fires, I believe that Jared Polis' special administration has violated the Alien and Sedition Acts of the US Constitution for egregious personal financial gain during Covid to practice Gubernatorial power in a non compliant behavior. 18 U.S. Code § 2381

Yes and No. I believe Jared Polis is violating the emergency powers act for self-gain through financial kickbacks, and has benefited financially for control of additional real estate control, before and during his holding office, 18 U.S. Code.

Protecting Life: As Governor, how would you seek to protect the most vulnerable in our state, including the lives of the unborn, the trafficked, and the elderly?

Being a Graduate of Southern Methodist University in Dallas, TX, with 2 degrees, I have a more Christian Educated view on these questions and was hoping to have children someday.

I definitely do not believe in Abortion for the third trimester, which is Abortion Abuse, that definately violates the newborn soul, as I remember being born.

I do not believe the trafficked child should be regulated by the Transvestite, while keeping cannabis tax money revenue from benefiting social services, as this is Lust as a cardinal sin.

I do not believe the elderly should be regulated and suffocated by the for profit nursing home who does not fear god, and pay careless staff.



1st Amendment: What will you do as Colorado Governor to protect our citizens' 1st Amendment rights to: the free exercise of religion, freedom of speech, peaceably assembly, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances, all of which are becoming more difficult to exercise in America (and around the world)?

Of course I believe in the 1st Amendment, but it is being twisted through unregulated propaganda, that is perhaps on purpose to re- educate as per some Orwelllian book or Catch 22 scenario by a government shutdown and takeover where not all is what meets the eye on the computer screen when the Queen, with 2 husbands, is not a woman and his private parties really don't celebrate our lady Democracy, while wearing all her clothes in spite and injustice

To quote the late Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and In (see Walker v. City of Birmingham, 388 U.S. 307 (1967),) Jared Polis has twisted this law and is hiring rioters to help in the discrimanation and election.

2nd Amendment: Do you believe that gun ownership is a civil right, and what are your positions in regards to red flag laws, magazine capacity bans, legislation that regulates gun storage, and permitless "Constitutional carry"?

I believe in the 2nd Amendment and salute Law Enforcement the ATF for their bravery. Sadly, in reality, those on the low state of the bar make billions and billions and billions of dollars from the 2nd Amendment, and the ATF and Law enforcement sadly suffer. I believe we should raise ATF and Law Enforcement salaries, pray for the souls of those taken down by Active Shooters, and consider Capital Punishment for those who commit public murders, active shooters, and mass shooting of innocent civilians. I believe there should be legal fee cap limits on Criminal cases and the bar should be raised on protecting innocent citizens from crime from terrorists with any weapon. See Furman v. Georgia

State Budget: As Governor, what will be your priorities for the state budget and why? Constitutionally, do you agree or disagree with running a deficit yearly?

As a Microsoft Certified, Google Certified, Amazon (AWS) Certified contracted computer engineer who has supported govt., media, banking, and small and large enterprise in my day job, I believe the State of Colorado budget is a tremendous priority, decreasing taxes a priority, and will make increasing GDP, GNP, while decreasing the State's deficit a top priority, and decreasing energy costs a top priority. For instance, I am paid to repair Quickbooks and Peachtree softwares for companies. By expanding the productivity of Colorado, ie. building computer manufacturing chip facilities, and expanding rail and water treatment from new sources, I believe this will add to Colorado's tax base.



Competing Business Sectors: As Governor, how would you seek to support Colorado's oil and gas, agriculture, and livestock industries, while also supporting the newer green energy and alternative food sources industries with which these traditional businesses sectors seemingly compete?

I am a Certified Microsoft Business Partner since 2005, Certified Google Developer, and work in a world of Computer Science, which when properly balanced, will provide a solution to Competing Business Sectors due to common sense engineering.

I have worked as a Computer Contractor for the Federal USDA, in Craig, CO. (2018).

I have worked as an Computer DevOps Employee (before Oil company layoffs) at the Oil and Gas Company Landmark / Halliburton developing Safety Software. (2011-2014).

I intend to increase Water Treatment and Water Production facilities throughout Colorado as part of the Green Initiative, and incentivize drilling for Colorado water and water treatment of such "Grey Water" after increased oil and gas production.





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Military Background: Air Force / Disabled Veteran

Resident of Colorado: 34 years

Your Experience: What experience (personal, professional, other) would you bring to your role as Governor that will benefit our state?

As the former Mayor of the Town of Parker, I served as Mayor and City Manager and have firsthand experience with budgets, strategic planning, and numerous community and social issues. I have experience in municipal transportation, water, and economic/residential development. I interact regularly with special interest groups, community organizations, and media. As former Colorado Director of the Small Business Administration and a current small business owner, I know the challenges small businesses must overcome to survive and thrive. My parents worked long hours in the fields to provide for us, so I respect and will protect farmers' and ranchers' rights. I served individuals from various backgrounds and incomes throughout my career and will continue that service as Governor.



Your Vision: What is your vision for being our state's Governor?

In Colorado, every community is thriving and creating jobs. Our limited government is empowering people to live their life without their rights being slowly seized. Public education respects parents' rights, children are taught to read, write, and problem solve. Vocational training, civics, and home economics are embedded into curriculum and school culture. Colorado is committed to the rule of law, communities are safe because law enforcement has support. Criminals are prosecuted, cartels eradicated. Sex trafficking, homelessness, and drug-use is greatly minimized. Housing is affordable throughout Colorado. Outdoorsmanship is promoted and protected from unreasonable legislation. Colorado has a vibrant economy; safe, clean, and healthy environment; and respect for individual freedom and responsibility. Colorado pride is restored!

States' Rights: Many Americans are concerned about the Federal government usurping power from the States. Do you believe that the current balance of power between Federal and State governments represents or deviates from our Founding Fathers' intent? As Governor, how would you seek to protect and exercise Colorado's Constitutionally guaranteed states' rights?

Powerful, elites who control the Federal Government are overreaching their authority, trampling Colorado's rights. These actions are not in alignment with the principles of our Founders. As Governor, I will notify the President and Congress any time their actions infringe on the life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness of Coloradans. I will introduce and amendment to the Colorado Constitution declaring that only by a vote of the People of Colorado will state recognize directives, mandates, or legislation authorized by the President or Congress of the United States. Colorado will utilize the protections of our 10th Amendment to secure our rights. We will no longer be disregarded as an insignificant flyover state.

Emergency Powers: Under what circumstances, if any, would you exercise emergency powers/issue mandates as Governor, rather than submit the issue to the legislative process? Do you believe that such emergency powers should be restricted, if so, how?

As Governor, I will lead the executive function with a steady hand and seek counsel from the Senate President, Minority Leader of the Senate, Speaker of the House, Minority Leader of the House, and other community stakeholders prior to executing the emergency powers of the Governor. It is imperative that emergency powers of the Governor be limited and restricted to ensure that the rights and freedoms of the people are not being limited and restricted excessively. The Governor should, therefore, only be allowed to exercise emergency powers for 30 days after which time the General Assembly must consent to any extension.



Protecting Life: As Governor, how would you seek to protect the most vulnerable in our state, including the lives of the unborn, the trafficked, and the elderly?

I am ardently Pro-life. As the head of the Executive Branch, my responsibility is to enforce state laws. I will work with my Cabinet to ensure that Colorado protects our most vulnerable. Lisa, as First Lady, and I, as Governor have a joint-responsibility to the people of Colorado to be the voice of the most vulnerable. Together we will engage with religious and non-profit groups to enlist their commitment to educate the public about the needs of the most vulnerable and options that support life for people in difficult circumstances. If action by the General Assembly is required, we will jointly appeal for such action. My Lieutenant Governor will also be active in this effort.

1st Amendment: What will you do as Colorado Governor to protect our citizens' 1st Amendment rights to: the free exercise of religion, freedom of speech, peaceably assembly, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances, all of which are becoming more difficult to exercise in America (and around the world)?

I will publicly uphold and protect the Constitution under all circumstances. We must educate our younger generations on our Founding documents and their significance. As Governor, I will raise money from the private sector to create an animated short film on the first ten Amendments to the Constitution, similar to ABC morning Schoolhouse Rock show. I will work with parents, school boards, state school boards of higher education, and others to utilize videos from the old Schoolhouse Rock inside the classroom, such as, Multiplication Rock, Grammar Rock, America Rock, Science Rock, Computer Rock, Money Rock, and Earth Rock. These can be used in curriculums from kindergarten through 5th grade.

2nd Amendment: Do you believe that gun ownership is a civil right, and what are your positions in regards to red flag laws, magazine capacity bans, legislation that regulates gun storage, and permitless "Constitutional carry"?

I believe gun ownership is a right and should not be infringed upon, as stated in the Constitution. In 2018, I was the only gubernatorial candidate who spoke against red flag laws. These are "thought crime" laws and therefore, unethical. These laws undermine rights of individuals prior to any crime which may or may never be committed. I oppose magazine capacity bans, and legislation that regulates gun storage. Communities are safer when criminals know that the state encourages law abiding citizens to possess and bear arms. I also support Constitutional Carry. Citizens who own firearms bear enormous responsibility and should be trained accordingly. Gun violence is always committed by an individual never a weapon.



State Budget: As Governor, what will be your priorities for the state budget and why? Constitutionally, do you agree or disagree with running a deficit yearly?

My top priority as Governor is to analyze the state budget to identify and eliminate the 30%-40% of fraud, waste, and abuse plaguing our government agencies and bureaucracies. In addition, the Joint Budget Committee (JBC) will utilize a "zero-based" vs "baseline base" approach for developing the budget. The JBC must evaluate each line item, not just line items with additional monetary requests. The "power of the purse" ultimately belongs to the State Legislature, not the Governor. However, as Governor, I will ensure that every state employee recognizes that we must spend the taxpayer money wisely, responsibly, and ethically. I will never tolerate fraud, waste, and abuse.

Competing Business Sectors: As Governor, how would you seek to support Colorado's oil and gas, agriculture, and livestock industries, while also supporting the newer green energy and alternative food sources industries with which these traditional businesses sectors seemingly compete?

November 9, 2022, the day after this election, I will invite five stakeholders from each of these industries to a two-day conference on December 1st and 2nd to establish cohesion on these issues. I will provide the leadership necessary to create real solutions which are mutually beneficial. I have experienced success with this exercise on numerous occasions as Mayor of Parker, President of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and Director of the United States Small Business Administration. We will establish a foundation for a five-year plan that will enhance the productivity of these industries while safeguarding the environment and stimulating economic growth. It is my responsibility to ensure that each of these industries is respected and protected.



NATHANIEL MARSHALL

Candidate did not confirm receipt of our Questionnaire, though we sought to contact him multiple times and by various methods. Therefore, we do not know if the Candidate is even aware of the opportunity to participate in the Voter Guide, or whether he is aware and chose not to participate.

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Resident of Colorado: 34 years

Your Experience: What experience (personal, professional, other) would you bring to your role as Governor that will benefit our state?

Ten years in Criminal Justice performing mergers and acquisitions of multi-billion dollar government contracts. FEMA certified. Former verbal de-escalation instructor, mass casualty and active shooter incident command trainer. Small business owner with Heating and air conditioning as well as owner of Wild Buck Realty.

Bachelors in Criminal Justice and Penology.



Your Vision: What is your vision for being our state's Governor?

Clean up corruption and being common sense practices back.

States' Rights: Many Americans are concerned about the Federal government usurping power from the States. Do you believe that the current balance of power between Federal and State governments represents or deviates from our Founding Fathers' intent? As Governor, how would you seek to protect and exercise Colorado's Constitutionally guaranteed states' rights?

We must keep more control at the local level and stop Govt overreach at state and federal levels.

Emergency Powers: Under what circumstances, if any, would you exercise emergency powers/issue mandates as Governor, rather than submit the issue to the legislative process? Do you believe that such emergency powers should be restricted, if so, how?

Yes, there is no need for emergency powers to exceed 72 hours.

Protecting Life: As Governor, how would you seek to protect the most vulnerable in our state, including the lives of the unborn, the trafficked, and the elderly?

Enforcing the laws we already have and stopping radical laws such as 22-1279 from being passed. Overturn unconstitutional laws.

1st Amendment: What will you do as Colorado Governor to protect our citizens' 1st Amendment rights to: the free exercise of religion, freedom of speech, peaceably assembly, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances, all of which are becoming more difficult to exercise in America (and around the world)?

Enforce and unfold the laws that are already in place to secure these freedoms as well as prosecute individuals who seek to infringe upon these rights.



2nd Amendment: Do you believe that gun ownership is a civil right, and what are your positions in regards to red flag laws, magazine capacity bans, legislation that regulates gun storage, and permitless "Constitutional carry"?

Pro Constitutional carry and anti red flag laws.

State Budget: As Governor, what will be your priorities for the state budget and why? Constitutionally, do you agree or disagree with running a deficit yearly?

Forensic audit. I am already finding discrepancies in money mismanagement. We should cut the budget year 1 by 25% and in 4 years get it from 40 billion to 13 billion where it should be.

Competing Business Sectors: As Governor, how would you seek to support Colorado's oil and gas, agriculture, and livestock industries, while also supporting the newer green energy and alternative food sources industries with which these traditional businesses sectors seemingly compete?

Re-education on the efficiency of natural resources. Implement operations back into Colorado first then bring back manufacturing by addressing the out of control regulations.



WILLIAM PURDY

Candidate did not confirm receipt of our Questionnaire, though we sought to contact him multiple times and by various methods. Therefore, we do not know if the Candidate is even aware of the opportunity to participate in the Voter Guide, or whether he is aware and chose not to participate.

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Republican Candidates for

COLORADO

SECRETARY OF STATE



PAM ANDERSON

Candidate did not confirm receipt of our Questionnaire, though we sought to contact her multiple times and by various methods. Therefore, we do not know if the Candidate is even aware of the opportunity to participate in the Voter Guide, or whether she is aware and chose not to participate.

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Your Experience: What experience (personal, professional, other) would you bring to your role as Secretary of State that will benefit our state?

From 2000 to 2020 I headed Colorado Lending Source, the largest nonprofit lender in the state, working with thousands upon thousands of Colorado small businesses, helping them access the financing they needed to grow, prosper and add more than 26,000 jobs to the state. Aside from election integrity, the mission of the Secretary of State is to "enhance commerce". The Secretary of State's Office could play a pivotal roll in helping rebuild Colorado's economy but chooses not to do so. I seek to de-politicize the Office and return it to its business roots, enhancing the small business sector as well as returning long-absent integrity to our election system.



Your Vision: What is your vision for being our state's Secretary of State?

My vision is to make the Office transparent and accountable to the citizens of Colorado, depoliticizing the Office and restoring the integrity long absent.

Voter Registration: As Secretary of State, how will you seek to clean up the voter registration lists to eliminate all non- eligible voters?

The key to election integrity is a clean voter roll. Legislation will be needed to end the automatic voter registration process in Colorado which is at the root of all the non-eligible voters being added to the voter roll since 2019. We don't need to waste taxpayer funds contracting with external third parties to maintain voter rolls. Control can be returned to counties for this with the Secretary of State's Office directing but not dictating. As I review the voter roll, I am finding all sorts of issues that are easy to fix: duplicate voters; non- existent addresses; people "living" in a DMV or at business addresses; 8 or more voters with different last names "living" in single residences

Election Management: To what extent should Colorado counties determine and manage their election processes through their local Clerk and Recorder office, and which parts of the election process should be determined and managed by the Secretary of State's office?

Colorado counties should have a lot more control and say in managing the election process than they do currently. County Clerks know their communities better than the Secretary of State does and are better positioned to ensure that their voter rolls are accurate. The voter rolls in Colorado are a joke.



Election Integrity: As the Secretary of State is the supervisor of state elections, do you believe that elections in Colorado should be conducted differently? Should voters in Colorado be required to verify their identity and residential status in the respective counties in which they vote? Are you in favor of a single-day, in-person voting system consisting of all-paper ballots? Why or why not?

There are lots of ways the elections in Colorado can be conducted more fairly and transparently. Yes, voters should be required to verify their identity and, if foreign born, their citizenship when registering to vote. I am in favor of everyone using paper ballots which contain watermarks and other security features to prevent duplication. There are certain populations who obviously won't be able to vote in-person on election day due to age, incapacity, access, military service or other relevant considerations, so it won't be possible to 100% eliminate mail-in ballots. In day voter registration, however, should be eliminated.

ERIC: Do you support the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC) system? Please explain.

No. We are paying good money to an out-of-state group for services that we can easily provide and, if necessary, pay for in-state. I purchase my own copy of the voter roll in January, and as I parse through it, only looking at addresses where there are eight or more active voters with different last names, I am finding so many errors and problems that if this is the sort of information ERIC is providing, we should stop using them immediately and get all our money back.

Other Duties: As the Secretary of State oversees more than elections, what is your experience in the following areas of responsibility: a. Business and Licensing, b. Administration, and c. Information Technology?

Aside from providing outward facing information on businesses in Colorado, the mission of the Secretary of State is to "enhance commerce" in addition to ensuring election integrity. Both are equally important. Politicians and career bureaucrats have no practical knowledge or experience of helping grow Colorado's business economy. I have been accessing the Secretary of State's database for many years as both a lender and a user. At Colorado Lending Source, I grew the organization from 2 employees to more than 40, initially designing and building my own database to help streamline operations. I have the appropriate experience to oversee all four divisions within the Office.



Federal Enforcement: Do you believe that it is appropriate for federal law enforcement officers to be involved in state law enforcement matters?

No, unless of course the issue fits within the purview of federal investigations that cross state lines.

Citizen Complaints: As Secretary of State, how will you address citizen complaints addressed to your office in a fair and timely manner?

By being responsive, transparent, timely, and accountable. Yes, "customer service" isn't a term that is usually paired in the same sentence with "government" however, I'm from the school that says you should always treat others as you would like to be treated yourself. That is how I approach everything I do in this world





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Resident of Colorado: 30 years

Your Experience: What experience (personal, professional, other) would you bring to your role as Secretary of State that will benefit our state?

As a business owner for over 32 years managing large budgets, timelines, regulations and customer service, I wanted to give back to my community. I ran for Clerk and Recorder of Mesa County, CO to reduce wait times in Motor V and make government office more friendly and efficient, which I did. Finding election irregularities, I decided to run for SOS to bring back trust to that office and to fight for transparency and legitimacy in the elections process and every aspect of the SOS office.



Your Vision: What is your vision for being our state's Secretary of State?

To implement practical safeguards to guarantee every legal vote counts by 1) Eliminating electronic voting machines - we have 3 forensic reports I have provided thus far that these machines cannot be trusted. 2) Hand counts and Audits - True transparency. 3) Watermarked, serialized ballots - even your \$1 bill is on counterfeit proof paper with a unique serial number. Your vote is even more precious. 4) Guarantee elections remain local not state or nationalized. 5) Administrate the office with no partisan bias. Everyone is treated fairly regardless of party or position.

Voter Registration: As Secretary of State, how will you seek to clean up the voter registration lists to eliminate all non- eligible voters?

Get rid of Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC) founded by David Becker employee of Mark Zuckerberg who has made it clear he hates conservatives and has questionable ties to election fraudistit is ridiculous that Automatic Voter Registration (AVR) registers automatically underage voters and now non citizens and felons can now be on our voter roles. Did you know that it takes 2 federal election cycles (8 years) to remove a voter from the roles? This and other opportunities for fraud MUST be stopped.

Election Management: To what extent should Colorado counties determine and manage their election processes through their local Clerk and Recorder office, and which parts of the election process should be determined and managed by the Secretary of State's office?

To be truly a representative republic, we need to keep control of the elections at the county level by clerks that are elected by the people of their county. In Colorado that is 64 elected county clerks. Centralizing election control to one person (the Secretary of State) will be disastrous to our state and usher in federalized elections. The Secretary of State should be non partisan with duties to ensure special interests like Soros and Zuckerberg have no place or power over our elections. Transparency is an important role of the Secretary of State to ensure fair election's processes and oversight.



Election Integrity: As the Secretary of State is the supervisor of state elections, do you believe that elections in Colorado should be conducted differently? Should voters in Colorado be required to verify their identity and residential status in the respective counties in which they vote? Are you in favor of a single-day, in-person voting system consisting of all-paper ballots? Why or why not?

Yes, I definitely believe elections in Colorado should be conducted differently. Voting should go back to the one day precinct level, voter ID verification, voter lists that are checked off when a person presents themselves and no voting electronically. No ballot drop off boxes and only military and overseas voters receive absentee ballots unless a voter personally arranges beforehand to get an absentee ballot under certain circumstances and those ballots should be tracked when they are returned to insure no more are submitted than were issued. No more mail ballot voting. We have to go back to basics and accountability. Better nursing home and jail vote monitoring as well.

ERIC: Do you support the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC) system? Please explain.

Absolutely not. As stated above in the Voter Registration question, David Becker of CEIR founded ERIC and ultimately received \$69.5 million from the Chan Zuckerberg Initiative for CEIR. When you have non elected partisan actors allegedly entrenched with voter roles this needs to be investigated and immediate withdrawal as Secretary of State from organizations like ERIC.

Other Duties: As the Secretary of State oversees more than elections, what is your experience in the following areas of responsibility: a. Business and Licensing, b. Administration, and c. Information Technology?

I've been blessed to have over three decades of business owner experience in areas of licensing, large budget management, IT, planning and every aspect of running a business. As County Clerk, I've been responsible for 5 divisions and 3 offices including Liquor licensing, custodian of records, proper administration and application of regulations (Secretary of State and Dept. of Revenue), in order to be well equipped for my role as Secretary of State.



Federal Enforcement: Do you believe that it is appropriate for federal law enforcement officers to be involved in state law enforcement matters?

No, I believe in state and local jurisdiction. I believe the public trust in many of the federal law enforcement agencies has been damaged and these agencies in many cases have been weaponized against the citizens.

Citizen Complaints: As Secretary of State, how will you address citizen complaints addressed to your office in a fair and timely manner?

In 2016, I started my journey walking door to door talking to citizens, hearing what their needs were. That has never stopped. That is why, when my constituents brought me their concerns and constructive ideas on efficiencies in the other four division and (then resume with)elections, I listened even though I sincerely believed we in Colorado were the "gold standard". Because I took the time to listen, we found inadequacies in the system that beg to be fixed. I will continue that efficient and courteous support in all my other responsibilities as well in business, administration of state agencies, programs and services of my office as your next Secretary of State.



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COLORADO

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Military Background: Former Navy and Air National Guard

Fighter Pilot and TOPGUN Instructor

Resident of Colorado: 22 years

Your Experience: What experience (personal, professional, other) would you bring to your role as Treasurer that will benefit our state?

In the Colorado legislature, served as ranking member on the House Business Committee, on the Education and Public Health Committees, and on the Tax Simplification Task Force. Passed first-inthe-nation bipartisan legislation supporting public school choice, passed bipartisan legislation to stop predatory healthcare billing, and was a driving force behind bipartisan reform legislation preserving and protecting PERA while treating taxpayers fairly. Currently serve on the legislative subcommittee overseeing PERA. Have always supported taxpayers' right to vote on tax increases.

Served in the military for twenty-seven years, as a Navy and Air National Guard fighter pilot, TOPGUN Instructor and combat veteran. Grew up in a small business. As an attorney at a top national firm, helped many entrepreneurs finance and grow businesses.



Your Vision: What is your vision for being our state's Treasurer?

My vision for the Treasurer's office is to serve as an advocate for taxpayers. To fight for transparency, accountability and sound, common-sense economic policies that benefit all of Colorado, especially families and small businesses. We are seeing the unfortunate impact of single-party rule at the state and national level. Inflation is having a devastating impact, particularly on our least fortunate, and government spending has reached unsustainable levels. I will restore balance on economic issues among our state-wide elected officials.

As an independent PERA Board member, I will continue to advocate for policies that preserve and protect PERA while treating taxpayers fairly.

I will be a responsible steward of the state's investments, and manage Treasury Department programs efficiently and transparently.

Investment Returns: Do you believe that the current rate of return on Treasury Pool investments can be improved and, if so, how would you seek to do so?

Treasury Pool funds must be immediately available for appropriation by the Legislature and expenditure by the Executive Branch. Accordingly, the T-Pool is invested in short-term investments which are highly liquid and highly rated. While obtaining additional yield is a desirable goal, the higher priority is ensuring no loss of principal, as that could render the Treasury unable to provide the funds lawfully appropriated. Only if the Legislature chose to lengthen the time horizon for funds availability, could the Treasurer responsibly consider investing in higher yielding but somewhat more risky securities.

A separate but significant concern for voters should be the impact that high inflation, and the policies that drive it, is having on the real return on Colorado's invested capital.



PERA: As Treasurer, how will you improve the funding of the Public Employees' Retirement Association (PERA) retirement fund?

As an independent member of the PERA Board, I will work to preserve and protect PERA for members, while treating taxpayers fairly. Having played a key role in bipartisan PERA reforms, and having served for the last three years on the legislative subcommittee overseeing PERA, I know how important it is for our retirees, our taxpayers and our state's finances to keep PERA on an improving trajectory. This includes adhering to the 2018 reforms, continuing to review key assumptions, continuing to fund PERA as required by law, and communicating candidly with PERA members. We should pay back the funds that were withheld from PERA in 2020, including lost returns, and consider using one-time dollars to further pay down PERA's liability.

Debt Management: How do you believe that Colorado's debt policy and debt management can be improved?

Colorado's constitution limits the state's ability to enter into general obligation debt, and this limitation on the issuance of debt generally has served the state well. There are, however, times when the issuance of debt does make sense, and in these cases, it is important to closely involve the Treasury. Most other state departments have little to no expertise in debt issuance or management, so having the Treasury serve as the state's central debt manager makes good sense. At present, state enterprises are exempt from Treasury oversight of their issuances of debt. It may make sense to revisit this policy, to see if having the Treasury manage their debt issuances will result in more favorable transaction terms.

Unclaimed Property: Colorado's Unclaimed Property Division has over \$500,000,000 in unclaimed property. What changes would you make as Treasurer to ensure that this property is returned to its rightful owners?

The answer to this question is complicated, so this response addresses only one of several potential reforms. The state's unclaimed property division doesn't actually have over \$500M in unclaimed property; rather, it has over \$500M in potential claims, but only holds sufficient funds in reserve to pay expected claims. Currently, if everyone actually claimed their rightful property, the Treasury could not actually honor them all. I would seek to change the law so that the Treasury retained all unclaimed property to ensure it could pay all the claims, and only transfer the interest above that level to the state for appropriation. This would encourage efforts to work harder to find those who are the rightful property owners.



Financial Transparency: How can the Treasury do a better job at both financial transparency and preventing the fraudulent use of public funds?

Regarding Transparency, the Treasurer has two key roles. First, to ensure that Treasury department activities are fully transparent and publicly available, including details on the Treasury's investment of state funds and on how the programs administered by the Treasury are spending taxpayer dollars. The second role is for the Treasurer, as a state-wide elected official, to strongly advocate on behalf of taxpayers for other government entities to provide high levels of transparency. Regarding Fraud, the unfortunate reality is that under current law, the Treasurer has essentially no authority, other than the bully pulpit, to prevent the fraudulent use of funds. The State Controller's office validates contracts and approves procurements, and once approved, the Treasurer's office must remit the funds.



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14 years active and reserve, separated

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Resident of Colorado: 40 years

Your Experience: What experience (personal, professional, other) would you bring to your role as Senator that will benefit our state and nation?

I served America in the Olympics and as an Air Force veteran. As a business owner I have the skills to fix our economy.



Your Vision: What is your vision for being our state's Senator?

America is the greatest country in the world. My Conservative values will help restore honor and integrity to the USA.

States' Rights: Many Americans are concerned about the Federal government usurping power from the States. Do you believe that the current balance of power between Federal and State governments represents or deviates from our Founding Fathers' intent?

The 10th Amendment to the Constitution is clear: states rights must be protected against an overreaching federal govt.

Federal Mandates: Under what circumstances, if any, do you believe that the Federal Government should use emergency powers/issue mandates, rather than submit the concerns to the legislative process?

I will fight the feds from imposing unconstitutional regulations on Colorado, like COVID mandates that hurt families.

Protecting Life: As Senator, how would you seek to protect the most vulnerable in our nation, including the lives of the unborn, the trafficked, and the elderly?

Life begins at conception. God's precious gift of all life must be protected, from babies in the womb to the elderly.

1st Amendment: What will you do as Senator to protect Americans' 1st Amendment rights to: the free exercise of religion, freedom of speech, peaceably assembly, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances, all of which are becoming more difficult to exercise in America (and around the world)?

Our Founding Fathers felt so strongly about freedom of religion it is our First Amendment. All faiths must be protected.



2nd Amendment: Do you believe that gun ownership is a civil right, and what are your positions in regards to red flag laws, magazine capacity bans, legislation that regulates gun storage, and permitless "Constitutional carry"?

I served on President Trump's 2nd Amendment coalition and have been endorsed by the best shooters in the world.

Financial Policy: With U.S. debt now exceeding \$30 trillion and inflation at a 40-year high, what do you believe are the core problems with America's economic and monetary policy, and what will you seek to do as Senator to correct them?

Gas prices are high. Inflation Soars. Pres. Biden destroyed the economy. Government must cut taxes and Reduce spending.

War Powers: Although the Constitution gives Congress the sole authority to declare war, this was last done 80 years ago, and since then the President has taken us to war. What are your positions on America acting as "global policeman" and what Congress' role should be in international conflict, especially in light of the current Russia-Ukraine war, and our nation's tensions with China, Iran, North Korea, and other world powers?

Article I. Section 8. Clause 11: Congress shall have the power to declare war. This check and balance must be respected.

Corporate Power: Are you concerned with the level of power wielded by major corporations and their CEOs in America, including the dominant businesses in the crucial sectors of Technology, Pharmaceutical/Medical, Banking, Media, and Food Production and Distribution. What do you believe the Federal Government's role should be, if any, in limiting this power, while still supporting our nation's free market economy?

As a free market capitalist, private industry is far better at generating jobs and income, not the federal government.



GINO CAMPANA

Candidate did not confirm receipt of our Questionnaire, though we sought to contact him multiple times and by various methods. Therefore, we do not know if the Candidate is even aware of the opportunity to participate in the Voter Guide, or whether he is aware and chose not to participate.

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Resident of Colorado: 22 years, then split another 8 years

between Colorado and another state as a young professional, then again for four years, so a total of around 30 years.

Your Experience: What experience (personal, professional, other) would you bring to your role as Senator that will benefit our state and nation?

Deborah Flora is a businesswoman and as the Founder of Parents United America, she pushed for parental rights legislation, helped flip her school board and advocating for students across America. Growing up in Colorado, the daughter of a Lt. Col. serving on Lowry Air Force Base, Deborah's parents instilled the courage to stand for what is right.

Deborah is a Partner in both Lamplight Entertainment with her husband Jonathan, an 82nd Airborne Veteran and as a Radio Host and Public Policy Director she worked to oppose the radical agendas in our State Capitol.

She has served on several national boards, overseeing multimillion dollar budgets, and served locally at her church and the Advisory Council for Leadership Program of the Rockies.



Your Vision: What is your vision for being our state's Senator?

My reason for running is to protect the individual liberties of our citizens that have been threatened by the vast overreach of government into every area of our lives...the right to gather and speak freely, the right to worship and be the ultimate authority in our children's upbringing, the right to live our lives free from government control. We need to return to the foundations of limited government, accountability, separation of powers, checks and balances and transparency. The Federal government has grown into a bloated bureaucratic state where unelected bureaucrats are creating regulations with the force of law but are not accountable to voters. I want to do the serious work of restoring our Constitutional Republic.

States' Rights: Many Americans are concerned about the Federal government usurping power from the States. Do you believe that the current balance of power between Federal and State governments represents or deviates from our Founding Fathers' intent?

The current situation we find ourselves in is a direct violation of the 9th and the 10th Amendment which state that any authority not clearly given to the Federal Government goes to the State, and any authority not clearly given to the States is reserved for the people. Smaller government, with local control is always best, and the Federal government has consolidated too much power thus lessening the freedom of our citizens.

Federal Mandates: Under what circumstances, if any, do you believe that the Federal Government should use emergency powers/issue mandates, rather than submit the concerns to the legislative process?

There needs to be a serious examination of the unchecked powers that have been taken by government during the COVID shutdown. The Constitutional guidelines for emergency powers is that they must be limited in time and scope, equally applied and be commensurate with the nature of the crisis. These have all been broken. When churches were closed but abortion clinics were left open, that was not equal application. When Governors and the Federal Government have been given unlimited authority without oversight that is a gross overreach. And no crisis should be an excuse to overstep the ultimate Constitutional rights of citizens especially in the area of mandates related to personal health decisions. I commit to instigating a full investigation.



Protecting Life: As Senator, how would you seek to protect the most vulnerable in our nation, including the lives of the unborn, the trafficked, and the elderly?

I have been a long term advocate for life having served on the Care Net Board which serves pregnancy resource centers all of the country. It has been an honor to help women in crisis be able to have a real choice, and be able to choose life for their child. I have participated in the March for Life and led a rally on the steps of the Supreme Court for this cause. I would continue this stand for life in the U.S. Senate.

1st Amendment: What will you do as Senator to protect Americans' 1st Amendment rights to: the free exercise of religion, freedom of speech, peaceably assembly, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances, all of which are becoming more difficult to exercise in America (and around the world)?

The First Amendment is vital, and the assault on the first and most essential right of freedom of speech and exercise of religion must stop. I commit to standing for Churches and all places of worship to preach freely without government interference or censorship, and will push back on the areas where these rights have been threatened.

2nd Amendment: Do you believe that gun ownership is a civil right, and what are your positions in regards to red flag laws, magazine capacity bans, legislation that regulates gun storage, and permitless "Constitutional carry"?

The Second Amendment is key to protecting the first and all of our other freedoms. I am a proud concealed carrier, and will stand unequivocally for citizens' rights to defend themselves. We do not need more gun laws that criminalize law abiding citizens, we instead need to enforce the laws on our books especially when it comes to true criminal activity. The Second Amendment clearly says "shall not be infringed" and that is where I stand.



Financial Policy: With U.S. debt now exceeding \$30 trillion and inflation at a 40-year high, what do you believe are the core problems with America's economic and monetary policy, and what will you seek to do as Senator to correct them?

We must stop the overspending of government that is bankrupting future generations. We need to lessen regulations and reduce taxes which actually help unleash our productivity and increase tax revenue. With this step then we mush also reign in overspending and balance our budget. There should be no more earmarks in bills and they should be single subject so each item is justified on its own merits without the padding of pet projects and payouts.

War Powers: Although the Constitution gives Congress the sole authority to declare war, this was last done 80 years ago, and since then the President has taken us to war. What are your positions on America acting as "global policeman" and what Congress' role should be in international conflict, especially in light of the current Russia-Ukraine war, and our nation's tensions with China, Iran, North Korea, and other world powers?

We need to return to the proper checks and balances of government with the Congress having the sole authority to declare war. In addition, there are many other ways to address the aggressions of other nations. For instance, we can stop Russia's aggressions by becoming net energy exporters and eliminating Putin's ability to fund his attacks. We can also use sanctions and continue them without wavering such as with Iran. Our lessening of these checks leads to aggressions.

Corporate Power: Are you concerned with the level of power wielded by major corporations and their CEOs in America, including the dominant businesses in the crucial sectors of Technology, Pharmaceutical/Medical, Banking, Media, and Food Production and Distribution. What do you believe the Federal Government's role should be, if any, in limiting this power, while still supporting our nation's free market economy?

Especially in Big Tech we need to re-examine the monopoly and censorship that is eliminating our First Amendment rights. While in principle I am not for regulation, the digital world is our public square now and that cannot be controlled to favor only one viewpoint. Where there is collusion between large industry and individuals rights are infringed upon, we need to examine solutions.



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Military Background/Status: One year in Air Force ROTC

Resident of Colorado: 25 years. Moved to CO in 1987. Did PhD

at DU. Moved away for MA and to work in

China.

Your Experience: What experience (personal, professional, other) would you bring to your role as Senator that will benefit our state and nation?

I have a PhD in politics and international relations, 30 years of experience in higher education (in politics, economics, international relations), have published 3 books, dozens of book chapters, journal articles and op-ed pieces on politics and international relations, and have 14 years' real-world experience living and working in China (and 30 years of experience studying, teaching and writing about China), which is America's greatest near-term and long-term security threat. I also have management experience, having managed a School (within a British university) of 450 students (BA-PhD) and 20 faculty members very successfully for five years. I have taught classes on US Government, American Politics, US Foreign Policy, National Security, and Foreign Policy, all giving me a strong foundation.



Your Vision: What is your vision for being our state's Senator?

I am applying for a job and my employer is not the Federal government, but the people of Colorado. I would be working for them and I wouldn't ever want to forget that. With the slogan "Less is More," my message is that less taxes, less government debt, less spending, less mandates and less government intrusion into our lives means more freedom and more prosperity. This is what I will work for. I will work to free up our oil and gas potential to increase oil and gas production to reduce oil and gas prices. I will strengthen American defenses against a more and more dangerous Chinese Communist Party. I will work to overturn Roe V Wade and defend gun rights.

States' Rights: Many Americans are concerned about the Federal government usurping power from the States. Do you believe that the current balance of power between Federal and State governments represents or deviates from our Founding Fathers' intent?

I believe our current BOP between Federal and State authority is out of balance. Too much power has been given to government in general, but in particular to the Federal government. I would support a parental rights law or amendment and the weakening or dismantling of the Federal Department of Education so as to keep education firmly in the hands of the states and of parents, for they know what is best for their children. I would fight any laws or amendments that weaken states' authority regarding the Federal government.

Federal Mandates: Under what circumstances, if any, do you believe that the Federal Government should use emergency powers/issue mandates, rather than submit the concerns to the legislative process?

I believe we've seen a dangerous trend in recent decades (in both parties' leadership) to expand the use of mandates and executive orders. This has come to an ugly head during the covid era with the US President and the Federal government (CDC, etc.) taking too much power from States and in many cases circumventing Congress and State legislatures. This trend has to stop. There is a place for some emergency decrees, in times of war, etc., when limited actions might need to be taken, but this should be extremely rare. It has not been recently, and we have to change this. I would work to address this unconstitutional imbalance if elected.



Protecting Life: As Senator, how would you seek to protect the most vulnerable in our nation, including the lives of the unborn, the trafficked, and the elderly?

I am pro-life, arguably the most pro-life candidate in this race. I would seek to overturn Roe Vs. Wade because very simply, abortion is the taking of life without justification — in other words, it is murder. I will fight to defend the rights of the unborn, while seeking ways to honor the rights and interests of mothers (and fathers). Human trafficking is a scourge on our nation. I will fight it. We must also protect the interests of the elderly, whether via laws protecting them from telephone and online scams, or by supporting and reforming Medicare to ensure sufficient funds will be available for seniors in the future.

1st Amendment: What will you do as Senator to protect Americans' 1st Amendment rights to: the free exercise of religion, freedom of speech, peaceably assembly, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances, all of which are becoming more difficult to exercise in America (and around the world)?

I will fight for 1st Amendment rights at every turn. I am an Evangelical Christian and very sensitive to religious freedom issues. I don't seek to impose religion on anyone, but we must work hard to make sure that the rights of people of faith to practice their faith freely continue to be protected. We must fight trends characterized by the term, "cancel culture," which entails limitations on freedom of speech and freedom of assembly. We may need to revisit Federal funding for NPR and PBS unless they vow to make sure conservative views are also consistently represented (they are not currently, in my opinion). I will defend rights of freedom to petition government for redress of grievances too.

2nd Amendment: Do you believe that gun ownership is a civil right, and what are your positions in regards to red flag laws, magazine capacity bans, legislation that regulates gun storage, and permitless "Constitutional carry"?

2nd Amendment rights are a key platform issue for me. I don't support magazine capacity bans, as these don't limit or promote violence. I support educational efforts to encourage safe gun storage but not mandates. I support a very, very limited iteration of red flag laws but believe they are overused, too easy to get imposed on people (in defiance of their 2nd Amendment rights), and too hard to overturn once imposed. My father had serious dementia and anger issues and we removed his guns and put them in storage. There are such times, but limits should be few and far between. I am against general bans on public carrying, but support states' rights to require permits to carry publicly.



Financial Policy: With U.S. debt now exceeding \$30 trillion and inflation at a 40-year high, what do you believe are the core problems with America's economic and monetary policy, and what will you seek to do as Senator to correct them?

We need to start by stopping printing so much money! Joe Biden has printed too much money and it contributes to inflation. We also need to cut taxes and cut spending. We need to reign in government debt and balance the government's budget. We need to unleash US oil and gas (again) so as to get oil and gas prices down, which will lower transport costs and daily expenses for families so more money can stay in the economy and out of the energy sector. All of these measures would lower upward pressures on the CPI, slow or stop inflation, generally promote growth, and put more people back to work in good jobs.

War Powers: Although the Constitution gives Congress the sole authority to declare war, this was last done 80 years ago, and since then the President has taken us to war. What are your positions on America acting as "global policeman" and what Congress' role should be in international conflict, especially in light of the current Russia-Ukraine war, and our nation's tensions with China, Iran, North Korea, and other world powers?

"Global policing" has never been US policy and shouldn't be. America should only get involved where vital American interests are at stake. The president has war powers but they are constitutionally limited and this is a good thing. Congress alone has power to declare war. The president must seek congressional buy-in to prosecute and declare war. Some presidents have taken too much liberty in pursuing military adventures and this should be reined in. However, as Putin's new invasion of Ukraine and the long-term threat posed by the Chinese Communist Party make clear, the US must have a strong defense to reign them in, along with North Korea and Iran. All are now rogue states. America must remain vigilant.



Corporate Power: Are you concerned with the level of power wielded by major corporations and their CEOs in America, including the dominant businesses in the crucial sectors of Technology, Pharmaceutical/Medical, Banking, Media, and Food Production and Distribution. What do you believe the Federal Government's role should be, if any, in limiting this power, while still supporting our nation's free market economy?

I am not overly concerned with corporate power. I believe in capitalism and do not believe wealth accumulation and corporate power is in itself evil or a problem. I believe in conservative, classically Liberal notions of small government and minimal government intervention into markets. I am concerned with the growing power of Big Tech companies with left-leaning agendas to shape public discourse, however. They should not be allowed to shut down free speech. However, as a conservative I do not want government regulating these companies too much either. The government regulates too much already. We conservatives can and should vote with our feet and take our business elsewhere if these Big Tech companies offend us, violate our beliefs.





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Resident of Colorado: 60 years (Entire Life)

Your Experience: What experience (personal, professional, other) would you bring to your role as Senator that will benefit our state and nation?

I have over thirty years of experience managing thousands of employees through my construction company. I've spent these years with my hands in the dirt of this beautiful state, building the roads and bridges that move our economy forward. I've had to negotiate tough deals and ensure that projects move forward. That's the only way that my employees - and their families - eat at night. One of the biggest problems in Washington D.C. is that politicians haven't had to work a hard day in their lives. I'm running to be an advocate for working Coloradans.



Your Vision: What is your vision for being our state's Senator?

First, we have to defend working Americans. Inflation, rising gas prices, outrageous heating bills, and a housing shortage have all been the result of politicians embracing socialism. It's time to return to free markets, get government out of the way, and focus on reducing the cost of living.

Secondly, we need to reduce the national debt. I support a balanced budget amendment. We cannot continue to mortgage our children's future away.

Third, I believe in a strong and secure America. This means a strong military for threats overseas and an effectively equipped and trained police force for threats at home. This is personal for me as my father was a Denver police officer.

States' Rights: Many Americans are concerned about the Federal government usurping power from the States. Do you believe that the current balance of power between Federal and State governments represents or deviates from our Founding Fathers' intent?

I believe it deviates - and has been deviating for quite some time. Our federal government has grown out of control and it's time to reduce its size and scope. I will defend Colorado's right to govern itself from an overbearing federal government.

Federal Mandates: Under what circumstances, if any, do you believe that the Federal Government should use emergency powers/issue mandates, rather than submit the concerns to the legislative process?

Emergency powers should only be invoked very, very rarely. There are, of course, moments such as wartime when the President must make decisions rapidly, but the vast majority of executive action we see from the executive branch is usually not an acceptable use of power. The legislative branch may be slower and deliberative, but that is by design. Americans deserve to have their voice heard via their congressional representatives. It is my belief that many of the COVID-19 regulations, especially those that came after the initial wave of the pandemic, should have come through Congress and not the executive branch.



Protecting Life: As Senator, how would you seek to protect the most vulnerable in our nation, including the lives of the unborn, the trafficked, and the elderly?

I was raised a Catholic and I was adopted. I am personally pro-life. I also think the men and women who adopt and provide foster care are real life heroes. It's time to finish the wall and provide whatever resources we need on our southern border to cut off human trafficking and investigate and prosecute it in our communities. Finally, I believe we need to work with the states to ensure that our nursing homes have proper protocols and systems in place to handle emergency situations - such as pandemics. COVID-19 swept through our nursing homes with devastating effect and we have to ensure we're better prepared for the next emergency.

1st Amendment: What will you do as Senator to protect Americans' 1st Amendment rights to: the free exercise of religion, freedom of speech, peaceably assembly, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances, all of which are becoming more difficult to exercise in America (and around the world)?

Free speech is absolute. Period. Much of this rests on ensuring we have Supreme Court justices that are dedicated to an original interpretation of the Constitution. I will always fight to defend the First Amendment against all efforts to censor or ban from our government.

2nd Amendment: Do you believe that gun ownership is a civil right, and what are your positions in regards to red flag laws, magazine capacity bans, legislation that regulates gun storage, and permitless "Constitutional carry"?

I don't believe in putting any more gun laws on the books.

Financial Policy: With U.S. debt now exceeding \$30 trillion and inflation at a 40-year high, what do you believe are the core problems with America's economic and monetary policy, and what will you seek to do as Senator to correct them?

I am one of the only candidates that has made balancing the federal budget a core tenant of my campaign. When I launched this campaign, the national debt was at \$28 trillion. Now it's at \$30 trillion. We are mortgaging our children's future away for failed government programs that keep people out of the workforce. It's time for us to cut spending and pass a balanced budget amendment.



War Powers: Although the Constitution gives Congress the sole authority to declare war, this was last done 80 years ago, and since then the President has taken us to war. What are your positions on America acting as "global policeman" and what Congress' role should be in international conflict, especially in light of the current Russia-Ukraine war, and our nation's tensions with China, Iran, North Korea, and other world powers?

We are a constitutional republic with checks and balances, not a monarchy with a king. It's Congress' job to declare war, even though the president is commander-in-chief. Congress should exercise its powers under the constitution. Overseas military interventions shouldn't go on and on without the legislative branch's review and authorization.

Regarding Ukraine, we should do all we can to support them short of sending our own sons and daughters to fight. If they need gear and guns, let us find a way to work with our European allies to get them gear and guns.

Corporate Power: Are you concerned with the level of power wielded by major corporations and their CEOs in America, including the dominant businesses in the crucial sectors of Technology, Pharmaceutical/Medical, Banking, Media, and Food Production and Distribution. What do you believe the Federal Government's role should be, if any, in limiting this power, while still supporting our nation's free market economy?

Competition, competition, competition. Government should get out of the way as much as possible to ensure a level, balanced playing field for all. We can of course investigate the need to break up monopolies, but the federal government rarely gets it right when interfering in free markets.





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Your Experience: What experience (personal, professional, other) would you bring to your role as Senator that will benefit our state and nation?

My family came to America in 1969 without any money and unable to speak English, I understand the struggles of those who deal with getting ahead today. Thanks to the opportunities in America, all seven children in our family, despite living in poverty for the early part of our lives have become successful and are prospering in this great nation. Personally, I have been fortunate to be promoted to executive positions with some of the largest corporations in the world such as Wyndham Worldwide the largest hotel chain in the world and HSBC bank who was at the time the 2nd largest bank in the world. In these positions, I handled large teams over several states with multi-million-dollar budgets



Your Vision: What is your vision for being our state's Senator?

My vision is to educate our state and country on the policies that we are faced with daily. Leadership is lacking and we do not see our state Senator's stepping up and providing true representation. We need to relay that information regarding our national debt, energy and environment, immigration (drugs/human trafficking), health care, crime, inflation, and education have been misleading and as a result, bad policy has been put in place that is hurting the people of our state and country. The objective is to see that facts and information are displayed and people understand the issues fully so that we can make proper legislation.

States' Rights: Many Americans are concerned about the Federal government usurping power from the States. Do you believe that the current balance of power between Federal and State governments represents or deviates from our Founding Fathers' intent?

As Senator, I support the 10th amendment of the Constitution for stating that the federal government has no right interfering with the state powers of Colorado and all other 49 states.

I would start to assure that we follow the Constitution and the readings of the Federalist papers per our founding fathers. I will instigate committees to review all government departments, such as the Department of Education, Department of Energy, etc. and verify if these departments are outside their scope of requirements regarding federal responsibility. This will be the first process to reduce, eliminate, and restrict these departments to see that they do not interfere with the rights of the states and people and if they are even necessary.

Federal Mandates: Under what circumstances, if any, do you believe that the Federal Government should use emergency powers/issue mandates, rather than submit the concerns to the legislative process?

There is currently no circumstance that I would support the federal government using emergency powers to issue mandates over the legislative process. I felt that the federal mandates were a gross overreach in our society these past two years during this pandemic. Research on masks, lock downs, and eventually vaccine mandates were overstated and, in many cases, wrong. As a result, we have done damage to our country that will take years to overcome. I do believe that all major decisions that affect our daily lives should be created via legislation as the legislators are the voices and representation of the people and this is how we should have decided to deal with our country's pandemic.



Protecting Life: As Senator, how would you seek to protect the most vulnerable in our nation, including the lives of the unborn, the trafficked, and the elderly?

As Senator, I do believe that there should be a safety net for those who are unable to support or take care of themselves. Often these services require immediate attention as these are urgent and sudden cases. These cases need to be handled by each individual state to determine the validity and needs of each person. To assure that the states have the resources to address these issues, I believe that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is a viable agency for this purpose. In this process we need to have committees that can attend to each request and be sure that the system is not being abused and that those who need help, receive help.

1st Amendment: What will you do as Senator to protect Americans' 1st Amendment rights to: the free exercise of religion, freedom of speech, peaceably assembly, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances, all of which are becoming more difficult to exercise in America (and around the world)?

The 1st Amendment is what defines the United States of America. This is our badge of freedom and needs to be protected to assure our independence. As Senator, we must create investigations to see that all violations of free speech are handled correctly. This includes the elimination of tech 230 protections, investigations to all circumstances regarding past protests and current standings, and to create legislation assuring the rights to petition the government for grievances without retribution.

2nd Amendment: Do you believe that gun ownership is a civil right, and what are your positions in regards to red flag laws, magazine capacity bans, legislation that regulates gun storage, and permitless "Constitutional carry"?

I do believe that the 2nd amendment is a civil right and is about our rights to defend ourselves. I do not believe that laws such as red flags, magazine bans, legislation of regulating gun storage and Constitutional carry are allowed by our Constitution and as such are not permitted.



Financial Policy: With U.S. debt now exceeding \$30 trillion and inflation at a 40-year high, what do you believe are the core problems with America's economic and monetary policy, and what will you seek to do as Senator to correct them?

I believe that our national debt is the biggest threat to the future of our country. The main issue is our spending and this needs to be addressed. The first to be addressed once I am in office is the three biggest components of our annual budget, which is Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid.

It is imperative that Congress investigates these three programs and restructure them as they are financially insolvent. I will seek to assure that we find options to assist those who have paid in and assuring that benefits are paid out completely. However, these three programs will need to be restructured for future generations and reviewed along with other government programs that have shown to unsustainable.

War Powers: Although the Constitution gives Congress the sole authority to declare war, this was last done 80 years ago, and since then the President has taken us to war. What are your positions on America acting as "global policeman" and what Congress' role should be in international conflict, especially in light of the current Russia-Ukraine war, and our nation's tensions with China, Iran, North Korea, and other world powers?

I believe that only Congress has the right to declare war. However, it is not the responsibility of the U.S. to police the world. As we saw with Afghanistan, we should not get involved with other countries and their governments. We need to maintain a connection with NATO as this does alleviate America as the only option to address global issues and does make for a larger presence. However, all NATO allies need to contribute accordingly to the agreement set forth. As for future actions, Congress should only be involved if attacks occur directly against America or against a NATO ally. I also believe that military action should always be the last resort.



Corporate Power: Are you concerned with the level of power wielded by major corporations and their CEOs in America, including the dominant businesses in the crucial sectors of Technology, Pharmaceutical/Medical, Banking, Media, and Food Production and Distribution. What do you believe the Federal Government's role should be, if any, in limiting this power, while still supporting our nation's free market economy?

There is a concern in monopolies within our country as competition allows for better markets, increased innovation, and price reduction. I do not believe that the federal government should be involved in telling businesses or corporations on how to run their business. However, any actions by any corporation that destroys or interferes with the emergence of fellow competitors need to be penalized for violating anti-trust laws. In additions, laws such as tech 230 need to be removed as this provides special treatment and not only infringes on free speech but manipulates market competition.



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