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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. Our new Voter Guide for the 2022 Colorado Primary Elections for Federal, Statewide, and El Paso County Offices is being distributed electronically-only through our website via downloadable and printable PDF files, as well as mobile-friendly interactive webpages. As this Voter Guide is for the Primary Election, there are separate Guides 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 a Voter Guides 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 verbatim. 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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So, first and foremost: **Church Voter Guides** does NOT endorse or oppose any candidates for public office or any political party.

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 when determined necessary, to all registered candidates running for Federal and Statewide offices in Colorado, inviting them to answer our Questionnaire. Candidate information is presented in ballot order. 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.

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Republican Candidates for

U.S. SENATOR



RON HANKS

Candidate Information

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Resident of Colorado:	9 years

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

Current State Legislator - CO HD60 (Fremont, Custer, Park, Chaffee)
32yrs Military Service- Enlisted and Commissioned, Active and Reserve; Linguist, Intel, Counterdrug, Treaty Officer Oil and Gas Experience - Fracked North Dakota;
Sponsored 2 Election Integrity Bills, 2022
Sponsored 2 Second Amendment Bills, 2021, 2022
Sponsored Education Tax Credit Bill, 2022

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

Restore Colorado, Re-Secure America.

It's all National Security –
Restore Border Security
Restore Energy Independence
Restore American Manufacturing
Restore Traditional Education

In Colorado, we should restart oil production, coal mining, and unleash agriculture. We are going to need all of these capabilities.

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 federal government is too large and has too much power, and it is not the balance our Founding Fathers intended. The solution is to shrink the size of the federal government - for example, eliminating the Dept of Education, and returning the power to the states.

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 be extremely limited use - National Security related issues. Of course, a tyrannical government can misuse those powers by renaming everything "National Security", and we have been living that experience.

The Covid-19 response was not a success - to include the vaccine fast-track. Mask mandates and vaccine mandates are unconstitutional.

The Legislative Branch is inept and currently disinterested in asserting its proper authority. A change of leadership is required.



Protecting the Most Vulnerable: 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 fought the abortion bill, HB22-1279 in the Colorado House, and will fight for the unborn in the future. We MUST secure our borders in order to reduce the trafficking of persons. We must redirect law enforcement into those missions, and away from the politicized investigations of citizens. The elderly should not have been warehoused and isolated in nursing homes during the Covid lockdowns.

As we noted in our floor debates in the General Assembly this session, everyone deserves a birthday, and no one should be forced by government dictate to die alone.

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)?

We must strike all laws that impede the right of free speech, freedom of worship, and we should not be arrested or threatened with criminal charges for peaceful assembly.

We have been called "domestic terrorists" for attending school board meetings. We have been called "insurrectionists" for attending a peaceful rally on Jan 6th 2021 in Washington DC. Neither are accurate; both are tyrannical.

The Constitution is clear. Article 1 is easy to understand. We should adhere to it. If the government violates it, we need new officials. We have the BEST SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT in the world. We have manned it with tyrants. Replace them all.

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 2nd Amendment is crystal clear: "... shall not be infringed." I oppose red flag laws;
I put in legislation to repeal the magazine capacity bans;
I opposed the gun storage bill;
I introduced a Constitutional Carry bill in 2022

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 are well above \$30 Trillion national debt - that is what the federal government is willing to admit to. I would wager it is at least \$40T, probably \$50T. Remember, the government audits itself.

We are printing money, creating inflation, spending recklessly. We must reduce the size and scope of government.

We should cut government personnel to 30% of its current size. It is unresponsive and weaponized against the people. It would not carry out President Trump's orders, therefore, it should be cut until it is responsive to the orders of the Chief Executive and the People.

We should eliminate the Dept of Education, consider a flat tax or simplified tax code, and eliminate the IRS.

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 the world's superpower, and we should take the responsibilities seriously. While we should not get involved in regional skirmishes, we can provide leadership and some assistance to global stability. The alternative is to let China fill that role, and the world will be less prosperous and less free if we allow that. China would not be a benevolent ruler, but we are currently ceding the status to them. They are bad actors, and they align with authoritarian regimes. We must maintain the ability to project power globally.

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?

We have been placed in grave peril by the actions of government officials and corporate CEOs with a globalist agenda working in conjunction.

Technology companies have handed over personal information to the government that it should not have access to.

Our pharmaceuticals are made overseas, our media is controlled by Chinese entities, and we have allowed Communist China into elements of our food processing and food supply chain.

The federal government should be compelled to destroy personal data it has collected, then work to bring control of most of these entities back to the US. It is a risk to our national security for our media to be owned by foreign entities.



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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?

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 the Most Vulnerable: 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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Republican Candidates for

GOVERNOR



GREG LOPEZ

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

As a former town of Parker, Strong Mayor (both Mayor and City Manager), I have firsthand experience in budgets, strategic planning, dealing with numerous community and social issues. I have dealt with transportation, water, economic/residential development, as well as dealing with special interest groups, organizations, and the media. As the former Colorado Director of the U.S. Small Business Administration along with being a small business owner, I know all the challenges that small business must overcome to survive and thrive. As someone who's parents worked long hours in the fields to provide for their family, I respect and will protect the rights of farmers and ranchers. My professional positions required I work with individuals from various backgrounds and income levels.

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

A state where every community is thriving creating jobs; government is empowering people to live their lives not infringing on their rights. A state where the public education system respects parents' rights; teaches the children how to read and write not social issues. Vocational training, civics, and home economics are embedded into the school environment. A state committed to the rule of law, making communities safe by supporting law enforcement agencies. Prosecuting criminals, eradicating the cartel, sex trafficking, minimizing homelessness and fentanyl use. Housing is affordable throughout the state. Outdoor sportsmanship is promoted and protected from harmful legislation. A state that has a vibrant economy, is safe, clean, healthy, and respects individual freedom and responsibility. A state with limited government.

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 rich, elitists controlling the Federal government have exceeded their authority and are usurping power from the states. Their actions are not in alignment with what the Founding Fathers intended. As Governor, I will notify both the President and Congress that any action taken by the Federal government that infringes on the life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness of the good people of Colorado will be disregarded. I will lead an effort to amend the Colorado Constitution to declare that only by the vote and consent of the people of Colorado will the state recognize any directive, mandate or legislation authorized by the President or Congress. Colorado will utilize the 10th amendment to protect the rights of its 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?

As Governor, I will govern with a steady hand and seek counsel from the President of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, the Minority Leader of the House, and other community stakeholders prior to deciding to exercise the emergency powers of the Governor. It is imperative that the emergency powers of the Governor be limited and restricted to ensure that the rights and freedoms of the people are not being restricted and infringed upon. The Governor should be allowed to exercise the emergency powers for only 30 days at which time should the Governor feel the need to continue his emergency powers he must obtain the consent of the General Assembly.

Protecting the Most Vulnerable: 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 Pro-Life. As the head of the Executive Branch my responsibility is enforcing state laws which allows me to work with my Cabinet to ensure the state protects the most vulnerable. I as Governor and my wife, Lisa, as the First Lady 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. Should it be determined that action by the General Assembly is required, we will jointly appeal to the General Assembly for such action. The Lt. Governor will also play a role 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, protect, and defend the Constitution under any circumstances. We must educate the younger generation as to why these rights are important and why they are part of the Constitution. As Governor, I will raise money from the private sector to create an animated musical educational short film on the first ten amendments of the constitution like those produced by Schoolhouse Rock. I will work with parents, school boards, the state board of higher education and others to require the use of the popular series of short films produced by Schoolhouse Rock: Multiplication Rock, Grammar Rock, America Rock, Science Rock, Computer Rock, Money Rock, and Earth Rock to be used in the kindergarten to 5th grade curriculum.

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 that spoke against the red flag law. Red flag laws are "think crime" laws and they are wrong. These types of laws are undermining the rights of individuals prior to any crime being committed. I oppose magazine capacity bands, and legislation that regulates gun storage. Our communities would be safer if criminals knew that the state encouraged law abiding citizens to always keep and bear arms. While I support "Constitutional Carry", people should be taught gun safety; owning and possessing a gun bears huge responsibility. Gun violence is committed by individuals not the gun.

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 single most important priority for the state budget is to identify and eliminate the 30% - 40% of fraud, waste and abuse that is occurring within the state bureaucracy. In addition, I will seek to have the Joint Budget Committee (JBC) utilize a “zero based” vs a “baseline base” budget approach on the budget. The JBC must evaluate every line item not just the ones with additional request for funds. As it pertains to the allocation and expenditure of funds that is controlled by the State Legislature not the Governor. As Governor, I will ensure that all state employees recognize that we must spend the taxpayer’s money wisely. I will not tolerate any 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?

On November 9th, the day after the election, I will invite five stakeholders of each one of these industries to a two-day conference December 1st and 2nd to bring cohesion on these issues. I will provide the leadership needed to bring real solutions to how all these industries can survive and thrive jointly. I have done this exercise on numerous occasions as the Mayor of Parker, the President of the Hispanic Chamber, and the Director of the United States Small Business Administration. We will set the foundation for a 5 yr. plan that will enhance the productivity of these industries while safeguarding the environment. It is my responsibility to ensure that each one of these industries is respected and protected.



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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'm a successful CEO who turned my small business, Camp BowWow, into hundreds of franchises across the U.S. It became a \$150 million brand, and hit the Inc. 500/5000 list five years in a row.

As a University of Colorado Regent, I have overseen a \$5 billion budget and over 30,000 employees. I have chaired the finance committee, the audit committee, and the search committee for the new President of CU.

I have led Colorado ballot initiatives on important issues, including chairing the fight for TABOR called "No on Prop CC", and chairing the fight to protect the Electoral College and stop the National Popular Vote.

I am the only Republican elected statewide currently serving in Colorado. I beat Polis's hand-picked challenger, Alice Madden, and her Colorado Blueprint. In fact, I am the only person in this race for governor who has won as a Republican.



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

I am a proven leader who will fight for Colorado freedom and to restore our Colorado way of life. I believe in personal responsibility rather than government control and mandates! My priorities are clear: lowering both the cost of living and the soaring crime rate in our state, as well as providing a better future for our kids.

It is also time we respected rural Colorado again. We must prioritize protecting our agriculture and ranching industries, water rights, and getting our energy workers back to work. I will encourage innovation in our energy industry as well as less regulation, which will lead to cleaner and less expensive energy. I will lead with the honesty, ethics, and transparency our current governor's office is missing.

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?

As governor, I will trust the people and follow the Constitution. The only thing I will mandate is freedom. I believe in the First Amendment, Second Amendment, state's rights, free markets, and the rule of law. I will simplify our government by getting rid of Polis' unsustainable, bloated government and high salaries. By giving people the ability to build their own future, I will peel back on policies and regulations that are hurting Coloradans.

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?

Our current governor has signed more than 500 executive orders. That is an abuse of power that must be stopped. I am against all mandates. The only thing we should mandate is freedom. I will not use emergency powers to override the will of our people like Governor Polis has done with his health emergency orders.

Protecting the Most Vulnerable: 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?

The proper role of government is to protect your access to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. As governor, I will fight to reverse the gut wrenching abortion legislation that Governor Polis signed into law. I will never make backroom deals like Polis has that led to the highest nursing home death rate in the country. I will restore law and order and support law enforcement by giving them the resources they say they need to fight trafficking and our drug crisis.

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)?

Our First Amendment rights are paramount. As a CU Regent, I successfully got rid of free speech zones, ensuring the entire campus is free speech, and instituted programs for alternative conservative thought. I will lead the same fight for free speech as governor. I will never implement mandates that preclude churches and businesses from operating.

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 am the daughter of a police officer who learned very young to handle guns. As such, I am an adamant defender of our 2nd Amendment rights. I do not support the majority of gun restrictions that have been put into law recently in our state, including the magazine capacity bans and open carry restrictions at polling places. I do not support proposed requirements on gun storage. I support the will of Coloradans when it comes to gun carry and welcome putting Constitutional Carry to a vote.

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 priority for our state budget is redlining it to eliminate out of control spending. My priorities are funding policies that will decrease crime, support businesses, fix our roads, help our energy industry and address school performance and safety. That does not mean increasing funding for these programs, it means better allocation of resources. And no, I do not agree with running a deficit yearly.

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?

We must encourage and reward innovation in all of these industries. I'm for an all of the above energy approach that embraces both natural resources and renewable energy. We can support our oil and gas by reducing regulation and permitting red tape. We should not force green energy on people. It should be something we all come to embrace on our own through incentives and appealing technology.

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Republican Candidates for

SECRETARY OF STATE



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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 32 years, 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.

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 can not 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

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 fraud.

It 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 earlier, 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 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?

As prior business owner for 32 years, and now as the elected County Clerk and Recorder, everything I have done in my five divisions- Recording, Motor Vehicle, Designated Election Official, Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners and Accounting and managing multiple offices-has well equipped me for the role now of 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 our some federal agencies have become corrupted. You don't have to look far to see the overreach towards school board parents , citizens that attend events and anyone that disagrees with the government, elections, or not being "politically correct" become targets for abuse. States are losing their rights to operate without the overreaching intrusion of the federal government.

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

I could not have had a successful business for over 32 years if customer service had not been my highest priority. Then after being elected to office I carried that same philosophy into public office in my 5 divisions as county clerk. I told my employees "they (the citizens) pay your wages and you need to be nice to them". Soon the culture in the office changed. I laughed when the employees would tell me, "the customers are so nice now". Addressing customer complaints in a proactive and timely manner with a empathetic focus on the ones we serve is respectful and is always the right thing to do. We implemented comment cards for the customers and always followed up.



MIKE O'DONNELL

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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, de-politicizing 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 line

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

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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Republican Candidate for

STATE TREASURER



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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-in-the-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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Republican Candidate for

ATTORNEY GENERAL

JOHN KELNER

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