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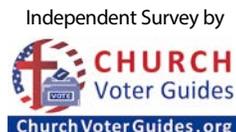


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Introduction to the Voter Guide

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, the 2022 State and El Paso County Assemblies, and the 2022 Statewide and El Paso County Primaries. In our newest Voter Guide, for the 2022 Colorado General Elections for Statewide and El Paso County Offices, we surveyed all candidates who are named on the ballot (not write-ins) for the offices covered, and they are listed in ballot order. Our Voter Guides are distributed electronically-only through our website via downloadable and printable PDF files, as well as mobile-friendly interactive webpages.

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 or political parties.

Some of the activities 501c3 nonprofits MAY perform: Conduct or promote voter registration; educate voters on the voting process; distribute nonpartisan sample ballots, candidate questionnaires, and **voter guides**; organize get-out-the-vote activities; encourage and help people to vote; educate the candidates on issues important to their organization; and continue to do issue advocacy during an election.

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 office throughout El Paso County for both County and Statewide offices (except Regents and Board of Education), 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.

Join Our Growing Grassroots Coalition of Citizens, Churches/Nonprofit Organizations, and Media Partners Committed to Producing and Promoting the Voter Guides throughout Our Region

Church Voter Guides will be back for the 2023 Colorado Springs Municipal Election, as well as training and supporting others around Colorado and the U.S. to produce their own local voter guides too! Help our efforts nationwide by (1) getting the word out, (2) working with us to produce local guides, and (3) financial support.

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Tell your friends and neighbors. Post on social media. And ask your Pastors to promote it to your congregation (we'll even provide you/them with the announcement info and the PowerPoint promo slide.)

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U.S. SENATE

Candidates listed in ballot order



Survey Questions for U.S. Senate Candidates

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

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

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?

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?

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?

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)?

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"?

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?

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?

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?

MICHAEL BENNETT

Candidate Did Not Confirm Receipt

Questionnaire was sent to the Candidate both for the 2022 Primary and General Elections, and he never confirmed receipt, 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.

Campaign Website URL: www.MichaelBennet.com

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JOE O'DEA

Candidate Information

Political Party:	Republican
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Occupation/Vocation:	Construction CEO
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 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.

T.J. COLE

Candidate Did Not Confirm Receipt

Questionnaire was sent to the Candidate through contact form on website as our staff could not find an email address or phone number, He never confirmed receipt, 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.

Campaign Website URL: www.TJColeForColorado.com

Candidate Email Address: Unknown



BRIAN PEOTTER

Candidate Information

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Occupation/Vocation:	Project Manager
Resident of Colorado:	5 years

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

Being baptized in the spirit, and practicing spiritual disciplines, is something that DC desperately needs. Apart from my walk with Christ I count it all as nothing.

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

Standing up for the lives of the unborn, against those who would take it. Speaking truth to power, preaching the good news in season and out of season.

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?

Yes.

If it's not in the constitution it should be a no vote. We can add amendments as needed. This includes roads, education, homicide laws, abortion laws.

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?

Not one mandate under any circumstances.

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 believe that life begins at conception. I will vote against government funding of abortion services and will vote to defund Planned Parenthood. I believe no public money should ever be spent on abortion procedures, abortion pills, or embryonic stem cell research.

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)?

Fight censorship by federal law enforcement working with private industry. End the federal data collection industry. End federalism and the sending of money to DC.

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"?

Shall not be infringed.

This means what it says. My third grader understands the words.

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?

End the federal reserve, a private organization that is setting a price cap on interest rates. Price fixing doesn't work for any commodity including interest rates.

To be clear national debt is a bad thing and our number one enemy.

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We should not be a global policeman. Nor should we fund proxy wars with debt.

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Removing the money out of politics, and reducing regulations will end this power of large corporations. I support capping PAC spending and reducing regulations.



FRANK ATWOOD

Candidate Information

Political Party:	Approval Voting
Campaign Website URL:	www.ApprovalVotingParty.com
Email Address:	Frank.Atwood@hotmail.com
Occupation/Vocation:	Retired, formerly mechanical engineer
Military Background:	1967-69, US Army, infantryman, Purple Heart
Resident of Colorado:	22 years

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

Frank is among the 62% of voters supporting third party alternatives (Gallup, 2/15/2021). Frank believes changing to Approval Voting eliminates the “wasted” vote dilemma. Too often he has voted for his favorite candidate and inadvertently sabotaged his philosophical ally. He voted for Ross Perot, the 1992 spoiler.

He researched alternative voting methods and concluded Approval Voting is the easiest, most transparent method to implement. This is the same method used for electing multiple at-large candidates with only the instructions changing to say “Vote for all the candidates you approve of.” Approval Voting moves us beyond two-party thinking.

Approval Voting has been implemented in Fargo, ND and St Louis, MO and is not used in Alaska, nor NYC.

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

Frank envisions a voting system that displays alternative political parties' true levels of support. Our current system obscures that. He believes Approval Voting will result in a few major coalition parties and some minor parties advocating for specific solutions to address the next seven topics. Approval Voting is the solution to get to better answers without a narrowing polarizing mind set. Note: not one person, one vote; but one person, one ballot and on that one ballot: "Vote for all the candidates you approve of." When friends want to stay friends and are deciding on a movie or restaurant or a church project, they often use a show of hands, which is Approval Voting.

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Is your core issue States' Rights? Approval Voting lets you support everyone who agrees with you. Approval Voting will:

1. Eliminate vote-splitting. Candidates with similar views will no longer "split the vote" and all lose.
2. Match voters' preferences better than any other system in the country
3. Turn every election into an honest measurement of how many voters support each candidate. If you've ever thought, "I'd like to vote for that candidate, but I'd be throwing away my vote," you've experienced how our current system doesn't accurately measure voter support.
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Is your core issue Corporate Power? Approval Voting lets you support everyone who agrees with you. Approval Voting will:

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GOVERNOR

Candidates listed in ballot order



Survey Questions for Gubernatorial Candidates

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

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

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?

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?

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?

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)?

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"?

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?

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?



HEIDI GANAHL

Candidate Information

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Resident of Colorado:	44 years

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.

JARED POLIS

Candidate Chose Not to Participate

Candidate's staff confirmed receipt of our Questionnaire for the 2022 Primary Elections, and chose not to participate. We resent our Questionnaire again for the General Elections and there was no confirm receipt, though we sought to contact him multiple times and by various methods.

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PAUL NOEL FIORINO

Candidate Information

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Military Background:	Son of WWII Veterans / 1972 Draft
Resident of Colorado:	1955, Traveled extensively, Colorado is home

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

Douglas County High School Student Council President, National, State and Local nonprofits association president, Golden Triangle Museum District Emeritus, Colorado Arts Consortium, Ballet Arts Center Theatre, Commissioner for Art, Cultural Affairs and Film, Kennedy Center Imagination Celebration and Alliance for Arts Education, 2006 first Unaffiliated Candidate for Governor, 2010, 2014, 2018. Denver Mayoral candidate 2011, 2015, 2019. District One Congressional 2020 Unity Party, 2016 Senatorial campaign against abolishment of our Endowments, and nemesis for Arts Education. Arts Participation has brought Colorado to prominence as the number one, in the Nation from 50th. [1/26/15 Denver Post] Colorado has the leadership in Aerospace, (my Name on chip on Perverserances Mars Rover), Tourism and Hospitality, Cannabis and Hemp, and Sporting and History.

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

The best place to live, work, bike and hike. We are taking reservations, and even skiing is doing it. All this Tourism has always been the strongest draw and will continue, filling the coffers from those who choose to come to Colorado. Transportation is key and a rail service still is the answer, however, we keep talking. I see Hyperloop/link, or whatever it will be called, but we stopped trying. Try, try again. Bring Arts and Athletics to demonstrate the strength of our Audience and Fans, the power of teamwork, fundraising and coming together for our first responders. The Historic Tabor Opera House, Denver Civic Theater [SuTeatro] and other Preservation projects, some lost to development, include Loretto Heights Education Campus.

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?

1865 Constitutional Convention held up Statehood. The voices of a few, would admonish the Territorial Governor for the Sand Creek Massacre. 1876 brought the Centennial State to fruition. Sisty was one of the few, and may be on a mountain or something else. Federal government took the grievance seriously enough, on behalf of the annihilated Cheyenne and Arapaho, to finally in this century, has apologized, established a Memorial, yet still has not come to terms. The naming of new buildings, called after the annihilator is another abomination, on top of the other. We have taken slavery out and yet the States continue with laws that restrict voting rights and the rights of women to make her own decisions.

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?

Over 400 emergency powers were issued during the Pandemic. These mandates have as much power as the electorate deems. They concern Public Safety, and Catastrophic events, Climate etc. A mandate has the opportunity for Federal Agencies to intervene, brings relief, food, medicine or housing etc., Violence has victimize us all, as we see domestic terrorism threats and attacks are senseless. The Public Safety and Health of the Citizens must take priority, always.

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?

Elderly happens. That being said maintain Social Security benefits, Medicare/Medicaid, Property tax reforms. We, are the most sought after for scams, deceptive behavior and fraudulent activities, with new ways to steal. Unborn are in God's hands and the mother must be responsible for them. A big decision is theirs alone. Colorado. Must continue to provide services to all women and girls, who are taking their lives, more than most. We must provide for them support throughout pregnancy and beyond or the dreaded abortion that scars for life.

Trafficking is disgraceful, disgusting and dangerous for people who are victims and the loved ones in loss. Crossing boundaries without proper papers and youthful runaways, fleeing from family, gangs, and others, need help.

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)?

When Arts are attacked, destroyed or given Executive Orders for abolishment, I see the canary singing. Freedom of expression, speech and religion are sanctamount for democracy and the American way. Peaceful assembly is very important part of the political process, in the Legislature as well, the Streets. Theocracy and Authoritarianism has no place.

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"?

No guns in schools, but for the children sake, go in and get them. Columbine, Aurora among others is part of our daily life, the families who endure we pray for. Lock them up. Background checks and Red flag is common sense in a society that has many more guns than population. All military style should not be available, but manufacturers have that call. The lobbying is strong, but not stronger than the youths who make a difference.

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?

Tabo Tax Bill of Rights holds a ceiling and you just reaped the benefit, that will continue into the near years of economic growth. Preservation and Conservation efforts, along with Arts Are ESSENTIAL Education. Mental health care services, Transparency in spending and a balanced budget. We pay our debts and will.

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?

Climate science is real. We can lead in Environmental hope, protection and reformations, that will come from the necessity of sustainable Water, a changing of the Workforce and how the Industries need to change with the demands for a greener alternative. It is time.

DANIELLE NUESCHWANGER

Candidate Did Not Confirm Receipt

Candidate answered our Questionnaire when she ran as a Republican candidate in the 2022 Primary Election for Governor. She changed parties for the General Election, and so we resent our Questionnaire but she did not confirm receipt, though we sought to contact her multiple times and by various methods.

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KEVIN RUSKUSKY

Candidate Information

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Occupation/Vocation:	Teacher
Resident of Colorado:	35 years

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

As a teacher of 21 years, I bring a wide range of educational, administrative, and executive experience to the table. Being a teacher is like being a governor of the classroom—you must always be efficiently planning, administering, and reflecting to ensure the needs of the students are being met and their voices are being heard. I see the need for so much change in Colorado’s government! My experience as a Social Studies teacher has given me a deep understanding of and appreciation for American history and the Constitution. It would be my honor as Governor to be of utmost service to the great state of Colorado and its incredible people whom I profoundly love and deeply respect.

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

My goals are rooted in education, stewardship, and protection of Colorado's citizens and resources. I want a state that is financially stable, energy independent, and that has an educational system that prepares our children to thrive in the 21st century. My vision to more efficiently use Colorado's resources includes trimming excess spending and prioritizing the success of the next generation. I will lead with humility and love. I will protect those who can't protect themselves. I will implement a direct democracy to ensure every voice is heard by providing new avenues for Coloradans to express their thoughts, concerns, opinions, and ideas about new legislation and other governmental initiatives.

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?

I believe if we asked any Founding Father whether the balance of government power today represents their original intent they would all give different answers. What matters more is what the people of today want from their governments. The Constitution provides guiding principles for how our national and state governments are to care for their people. I will help my fellow Coloradans exercise their right to choose how their government will protect their rights and improve education for citizens of all ages to help them make informed choices.

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 should be restricted because the government must trust its constituents to do the right thing for themselves and for their communities. I will determine whether emergency powers and mandates are necessary based on facts and real-time data rather than emotions or hysteria that are often by-products of involvement from the federal government, media, and major parties with their own agendas.

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?

Resource allocation and educational support will provide a strong foundation for protecting and preserving our most vulnerable brothers and sisters. As a firm supporter of religious freedom and limited government involvement, I would keep the matter of abortion between the mother, father, their beliefs, and their doctors. No single religious belief should dictate laws for everyone.

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)?

The first amendment, above all others, provides the keystone principles for what makes America a uniquely free and sovereign land. I will staunchly protect our First Amendment rights by vetoing any bills that infringe on those rights and by only appointing public servants who are equally passionate about defending those 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"?

Gun deaths in Colorado have increased over 30% in the last decade and I will do everything in my power to reverse that trend. Our Founding Fathers created the 2nd Amendment in a starkly different society than we live in today. The root of gun safety issues in society today isn't necessarily unregulated gun ownership but rather mental health treatment and education. I will strive to improve education on mental health and safe gun ownership. By starting there, we can more safely uphold the second amendment by reducing the likelihood of gun violence and danger. We need more education, not more 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?

My budget priorities and reasons are as follows: education (to secure a stable foundation for current and future generations to thrive), public safety (to provide peace in every community), transportation (to allow everyone easy access to all Colorado has to offer), agriculture (to support our farmers and promote resource independence), voter rights (to ensure each citizen's voice is heard equally), and environmental protection (to keep Colorado beautiful and safe for many years to come). I disagree with running yearly deficits as they are fiscally irresponsible and only steal money from our future.

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?

The state government can support these industries simultaneously by being a referee, not a player, in the business sector. We need to allow true free-market capitalist principles to guide these industries in unity toward a common cause. I will push for an alliance between green energy and the oil and gas industries so we can safely transition to more reliable and sustainable energy sources to preserve Colorado's future.

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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Candidates listed in ballot order



Survey Questions for Lieutenant Governor Candidates

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

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

Your Role: The Constitutional powers and responsibilities of Colorado Lieutenant Governor are quite nonspecific, what is your understanding of the role of Lieutenant Governor in Colorado?

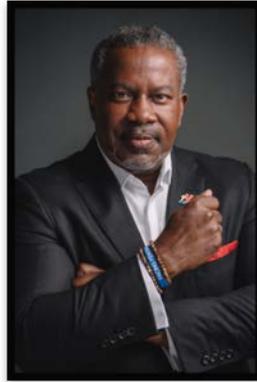
Indian Affairs: As Lieutenant Governor, you would serve as the statutory chair of the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs (CCIA) whose members represent various interests within the Native American community. What is your experience in working with Native American communities, and what is your vision for being the chair of the CCIA?

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

Special Projects: As Lieutenant Governor, what initiatives/special projects would you like to be assigned by the Governor to undertake for the benefit of the citizens of our state, and why?

Double Pay: Since 2011, Lieutenant Governors in Colorado have been appointed to head other government positions for which they receive a second salary in addition to their salary for Lieutenant Governor. Do you support or oppose this, and why?

Qualifications for Governor: If the Governor is not able to perform his or her duties and you become Governor of Colorado, what are your qualifications for assuming our state's highest office?



DANNY MOORE

Candidate Information

Political Party:	Republican
Gubernatorial Running Mate:	Heidi Ganahl
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Occupation/Vocation:	Business Owner
Military Background:	Retired Navy E-9 (CTTCM(AW))
Resident of Colorado:	30 years

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

I have a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Management from Colorado Christian University and an MBA in International Business from the University of Phoenix.

- Former, Director of Global Operations – BAE System, Inc.
- Founder President & CEO, DeNOVO Solutions, LLC
- President and CEO Thornberry Consulting, LLC
- Former the University of Denver - Graduate School of Professional Psychology, Board of Advisor
- Board of Directors, Leadership Program of the Rockies
- Board of Advisors, Leadership Program of the Rockies
- Member, Colorado Small Government Contractor Collaborative
- Executive Council /Board of Directors, Colorado Business Roundtable (COBRT)
- Former, Colorado Independent Congressional Redistricting Commissioner CD #6 • Program Management Institute – Mile High Chapter
- Board of Directors Farmland Partners Inc. (FPI)

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

I will serve at the pleasure of Heidi Ganahl and work hard to help her implement her policies. I will be a conduit for the people of Colorado. Our urban and rural communities do not have a voice and deserve one.

I will be a Lt. Governor who engages with the people of the state where they are at. I will listen to their concerns and seek their input on possible solutions. My vision is to be the voice of the people in the Governor's ear. This will be done by extending myself into these communities and making my office the communities that we represent. My vision is that all Colorado children can read by 3rd grade.

Your Role: The Constitutional powers and responsibilities of Colorado Lieutenant Governor are quite nonspecific, what is your understanding of the role of Lieutenant Governor in Colorado?

We need to undo the harmful policies signed into law by Governor Polis that have directly resulted in the rise in crime in our state. Our state is one of the most dangerous places to raise a child.

Bills like HB19-1225 – No Monetary Bail for certain Low-level crimes (class 3 misdemeanor). This was followed by SB21-271 – Misdemeanor Reform which reduces the sentencing of misdemeanors. The net effect of auto theft in Colorado of a vehicle valued at less than \$2000 now becomes a misdemeanor. Colorado is #1 in Auto Thefts. HB19-1263- Reduced Offenses Level of Controlled Substance Possession. As a result, Colorado's opioid murders have, and have the second highest increase in fentanyl overdoses nationwide

Indian Affairs: As Lieutenant Governor, you would serve as the statutory chair of the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs (CCIA) whose members represent various interests within the Native American community. What is your experience in working with Native American communities, and what is your vision for being the chair of the CCIA?

I do not have experience working with the Native American communities. But, as with other Lt. Governors, I will quickly adapt and ensure that the Native American communities get the proper attention and support. I have extensive experience working with other minority groups and will use what I have learned to ensure quality support to this vital community.



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

Life is important, period. We must act within the law to protect life, take aggressive actions against human trafficking, and respect and care for the elderly in the final stages of life. How a society treats its young and elderly reflect on the character of the society. We should protect the weakest in our society and provide them with dignity.

Special Projects: As Lieutenant Governor, what initiatives/special projects would you like to be assigned by the Governor to undertake for the benefit of the citizens of our state, and why?

SPARK stands for System, Plan, Access, Resources, and Knowledge. This plan is an innovative approach to “Creating opportunities and advancement for Colorado’s underserved Communities.” It focuses on Economic Empowerment, Safe Neighborhoods, Prosperous Families, Home Ownership, and Thriving Education. Several key initiatives are:

- ✓ Large company – Small company growth initiative that would provide help and support for small, underserved businesses in the Black, Hispanic, and Rural communities.
- ✓ Create a statewide board of business and community leaders and law enforcement personnel
- ✓ Collaborate with counties and local communities to address mental illness and substance abuse
- ✓ Put parents in charge of choosing the school their child goes to by promoting educational funding

Double Pay: Since 2011, Lieutenant Governors in Colorado have been appointed to head other government positions for which they receive a second salary in addition to their salary for Lieutenant Governor. Do you support or oppose this, and why?

I do not oppose the appointment of the Lt. Governor as head of other government agencies, but I disagree with the circumvention of the Colorado Revised Statute. If our state executives require more compensation, we should look to update the C.R.S. to reflect the change needed.

Colorado has a number of challenges. The nucleus of the problem is our failing education system. At present only 31% of our children can read at grade level and 35% can do math at a grade level. Colorado also has one of the highest teen suicide rates in the nation. The Lt. Governor should lead in reversing this trend and that is what I intend to do.

Qualifications for Governor: If the Governor is not able to perform his or her duties and you become Governor of Colorado, what are your qualifications for assuming our state's highest office?

I am a CEO of a multi-national company that operates in five states and two foreign countries. I hold a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Management from Colorado Christian University and an MBA in International Business from the University of Phoenix. I am PMP (Program Management Professional) and SAFe® Scaled Agilist certified. I have 43 years of experience in progressively demanding leadership, management, and technical positions across the Intelligence Community. I am experienced in establishing customer relationships and building effective teams involving multiple organizations. I have proven programmatic success in large- and small-scale development and engineering programs.

My total life experience coming from the projects of Louisiana to the Navy, to a C-suite executive gives me the qualifications required.

DIANNE PRIMAVERA

Candidate Did Not Confirm Receipt

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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CYNTHIA SIRIANI

Candidate Chose Not to Participate

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DARRYL GIBBS

Candidate Did Not Confirm Receipt

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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MICHELLE POAGUE

Candidate Information

Political Party:	Libertarian
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Occupation/Vocation:	School Teacher
Resident of Colorado:	35 years

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

I have been a business manager for 36 years. The last ten years I specialized in Human Resources. I am recently retired so there is no conflict of interest. I have been a political activist for more than 40 years, so I have a good understanding of Colorado's policies and politics.

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

I want to support the Governor's plan and help bring some items to fruition. Most notably, His view for expanding access to school choice and justified budgeting for all government departments. Currently most departments submit a budget request for the previous budget amount plus inflation. With Justified Budgeting, each department would have to show accountability for every dollar they request. Some departments will find they can do everything with less money while other departments will not have to struggle in futility to achieve their mission.

Your Role: The Constitutional powers and responsibilities of Colorado Lieutenant Governor are quite nonspecific, what is your understanding of the role of Lieutenant Governor in Colorado?

Other than chairing a couple of committees, I should be an advisor and help the Governor complete his agenda of demilitarizing our police force, improving school choice, and justified budgeting. This would include speaking with the state representatives, charities, and other non-profits.

Indian Affairs: As Lieutenant Governor, you would serve as the statutory chair of the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs (CCIA) whose members represent various interests within the Native American community. What is your experience in working with Native American communities, and what is your vision for being the chair of the CCIA?

While I do not have a formal experience with the CCIA, I have been a student of the American Indian Movement since 1974. I have had many personal talks with Russel Means, Leader of the American Indian Movement before he passed. I think I have a good understanding of the difficulties facing today's Native American Indian.

Protecting the Most Vulnerable: As Lt. 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 homeless/mentally impaired are our most needful. Non-profits could do more if the government would get out of the way. The elderly were promised a retirement for giving up a substantial amount of their paycheck, but the government has spent their money on other things. Taking Social Security and Oil and Gas taxes out of the general budget, would help our elderly and roads. Education helps to protects the unborn or trafficked person. A man or woman owns their own body. While I hate seeing them do something harmful, it is not my place to judge them. Kidnapping is already against the law, so I propose diverting police funds to finding kidnapped and or missing children.



Special Projects: As Lieutenant Governor, what initiatives/special projects would you like to be assigned by the Governor to undertake for the benefit of the citizens of our state, and why?

Most notably, I would like to help with our homeless. I think we could make huge strides in the homeless population if we would stop doing police sweeps and taking what little they have. Let's focus on why they are homeless and help them transition without strings attached. Let various non-profits and churches have more flexibility to help who they deem a good risk. Blanket laws always hurt the minority.

Double Pay: Since 2011, Lieutenant Governors in Colorado have been appointed to head other government positions for which they receive a second salary in addition to their salary for Lieutenant Governor. Do you support or oppose this, and why?

I see no reason to take another salary. If the offered position is too time consuming, taking me away from my primary duty, I would appoint someone else. This is not a stepping-stone to a federal office. My only concern is Colorado.

Qualifications for Governor: If the Governor is not able to perform his or her duties and you become Governor of Colorado, what are your qualifications for assuming our state's highest office?

As stated before, I have 35 years of business training including, budgeting, marketing, and human resources. I also have been actively involved with the Libertarian Movement for over 40 years. They have some of the most brilliant policy advisors one could ever hope for.

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SECRETARY OF STATE

Candidates listed in ballot order



Survey Questions for Secretary of State Candidates

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

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

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

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?

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?

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

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?

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

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

JENA GRISWOLD

Candidate Did Not Confirm Receipt

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Resident of Colorado:	32 years

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

I am a spokesperson for the Boulder-based election reform group Best Democracy.

I'm a former National Advisory Board member of the Center for Voting and Democracy (now called FairVote).

I was the Vice Chairman of the Colorado Coalition for Fair and Open Elections, which represented eight alternative political parties in lobbying for two successful ballot access reform bills in 1995 and 1997.

In 2003, I lobbied for a bill that allows minor parties to participate in Colorado primary elections.

In 2019, I lobbied against ballot access restrictions that Jena Griswold helped draft and lobbied for.

I have a bachelor's degree in political science and a master's degree in public administration from the University of Colorado.



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

The purpose of my candidacy is to advocate for proportional representation voting systems for legislative elections, including the Colorado General Assembly, Colorado's US Representatives, boards, councils, and commissions.

Ninety four nations use some form of proportional representation voting systems to secure fair, inclusive multi-party representation in government, reflecting the political diversity of the population. Everyone should have fair representation in government, not just the plurality in single member districts.

I support a major reduction in the number of petition signatures required for political candidates and citizen initiatives. I propose that candidates should have the option of paying a nominal filing fee as an alternative to petitioning. I also support online petitioning for candidates and citizen initiatives.

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

Candidate chose not to respond.

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?

Candidate chose not to respond.

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?

Colorado elections are generally conducted well within the confines of the existing political system. I support the use of verifiable mail in ballots with the optional alternative of voting in person at polling places.

The winner take all, single member district election system used in the United States doesn't provide real representation for most voters. Proportional representation would enable nearly all voters to elect representatives of their choice.

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

Candidate chose not to respond.

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?

Candidate chose not to respond.

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

Candidate chose not to respond.

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

Candidate chose not to respond.



JAN KOK

Candidate Information

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Occupation/Vocation:	Software and Electrical Engineer
Resident of Colorado:	34 years with less than a year out of state

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

The purpose of my campaign is to raise awareness of Approval Voting and the benefits it can bring to elections. Relevant background:

- Studied and promoted alternative voting methods since 2000.
- Cofounder of the Center for Range Voting, a website that promotes the use of better voting methods in public elections.
- Edited initial draft of CO State Rep. John Kefalis' 2007 Voter Choice Act, which would have enabled using various alternative voting methods in Colorado elections.
- Cofounder and Vice Chair (2010-2013) of The Center for Election Science. This is the main organization promoting use of Approval Voting in US elections. It worked closely with local groups to get Approval Voting adopted in Fargo, ND and St. Louis, MO city elections.



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

I would promote Approval Voting to the people of Colorado, and encourage government at all levels to adopt Approval Voting for their elections, if approved by the voters through referendums.

What is Approval Voting, (AV), and why should we adopt it?

The voting method we use now for most elections is called Plurality Voting. For each office (for example mayor), the ballot lists the candidates, and voters are instructed to "Vote for one." The candidate with the most votes wins.

AV uses the same type of ballot, except that the instructions say "Vote for one or more". All the votes are counted, and again the candidate with the most votes wins.

So what's the benefit? (Continued below)

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

With Plurality Voting, many voters feel compelled to vote for the "lesser evil" major candidate, even if they like a third party or independent candidate more, because if they vote for a third party candidate they give up the chance to choose between the major candidates. Voting for a third party essentially "wastes your vote."

AV allows you to vote for as many candidates as you like, and you can still vote for one if the major candidates if you wish. Since voters can vote for all that they like, the voting results are a much better indication of the true popularity of each candidate. Third party and independent candidates with good ideas get the recognition they deserve.

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?

Plurality Voting can result in a less popular candidate winning over a more popular one, if the preferences of third party voters are taken into consideration. Examples are the presidential elections in Florida 2000 and possibly nationwide in 1992.

AV removes the spoiler, allowing the more popular candidate to win, when Plurality Voting may choose the less popular one.



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?

Candidate chose not to respond.

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

Candidate chose not to respond.

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?

Candidate chose not to respond.

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

Candidate chose not to respond.

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

Candidate chose not to respond.



AMANDA CAMPBELL

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Resident of Colorado:	40 years

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

I was raised in a political family, that was engaged in many petition and political campaigns. I bring organizational skills and a perspective of a third party to election integrity.

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

The definition of insanity is trying the same thing over again, expecting a different result. It's time a literal third-party steps into the office to bring real change.



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

Previous administrations have made several great strides in this area. However, those efforts need to continue. New strategies need to be developed that will bring security to the mail-in ballot system. The biggest component to election integrity is for citizens to become involved and engaged in the election process.

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?

As a party we believe in local government. Management should stay as local as possible. Again election integrity relies on citizen involvement at every level, especially as local as possible.

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?

I believe that if you are eligible to vote you should be willing to prove that. Any system of casting vote has potential flaws. They all, however, have their own systems of checks and balances that need to be enforced.

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

Yes, it is a step in the right direction.

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?

My husband owns a small business. We have first hand experience in the ups and downs in business licensing and other filings. The system could be easier to navigate for business owners who are self filers.

I also have quite a passion for petition initiatives as well. I will always fight for a citizens right to influence the law we live under.

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

Absolutely not.

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

I will do my best to investigate and respond to any citizen inquiry or complaint.



BENNETT RUTLEDGE

Candidate Information

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Resident of Colorado:	Over 1/4 century, with intervals of out-of state contract work of 18 months or less.

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

University of Arizona to earn a bachelor's degree in mathematics with a physics minor. The summer I graduated I went job hunting via Greyhound, and finished having been through all of the lower 48 states of the USA. I've worked as an information technology professional for more than four decades, designing, developing, building, coding, testing, implementing, and maintaining information systems. With the Federal Highway Administration I worked up to Computer Systems Analyst with responsibilities as a Contracting Officer's Technical Representative. I am currently retired from a banking company. These included security, encryption, accounting, compliance and data quality aspects.



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

I've noticed "elections" with "races" where there was one candidate, and you either voted for that candidate or you got no say in that "contest"! My experience in Systems Analysis will bring a different and useful viewpoint to the office of Secretary of State, looking at such contradictions with a fresh eyeball. I've experienced various volunteer roles, including treasurer, laboring under the current Secretary's rules. My ultimate guidestar is to ensure "All elections shall be free and open; and no power, civil or military, shall at any time interfere to prevent the free exercise of the right of suffrage." just like it says in Section 5 of Colorado's own Bill of Rights.

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

Very cautiously. The very first section of Colorado's own Bill of Rights says "All Political power is vested in and derived from the people; all government, of right, originates from the people, is founded on their will only, and is instituted solely for the good of the whole." That means that, although I will exercise due diligence purging those who have died, or otherwise left Colorado, I'll be careful not to take away "the right of suffrage." from people who have been turned out of their homes, or simply do not have the correct papers. Hey, the only authentic proof of MY citizenship, a "Certificate of Live Birth" does not count, according to former President Trump!

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?

Counties and municipalities of Colorado, especially those enjoying "Home Rule" status, giving them "power to legislate upon, provide, regulate, conduct, and control: ... balloting, challenging, canvassing, certifying the result, securing the purity of elections, guarding against abuses of the elective franchise, and tending to make such elections, or electoral votes nonpartisan in character;" and so on, should do so. The Secretary of State's office should provide a structure of professional standards and best practices so professionals could do it, but acknowledging the responsibility is ultimately theirs, so that some counties or municipalities may dare do better than any given Secretary of State could imagine. Finger-pointing, fault-finding, and floggings only motivate cover-ups when we need honesty and transparency most.

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?

I am strongly against in-person-only voting, given the number of aging and ADA citizens in Colorado. Since the techniques most likely to be used to tamper with results can be applied in a matter of minutes, there's no point restricting voting to one day. I do advocate "hard-copy" ballots which can be manually recounted, and am suspicious of recounts where the same data is input to the same machines, loaded with the same software, and a difference in the result is somehow possible. I'll also give close scrutiny to requirements for specific identity documents, and be sensitive to aspects which may curtail the rights of the poor and minority voters.

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

I will give the ERIC system the same maintenance, upgrade and patching support given to the other IT systems in the Secretary of State's office. I do foresee some enhancements will be needed to many other databases which are stuck in the 19th century. I also see that a Quick Update Affidavit Response Catalog will need to be developed to comply with Section 5 of the Colorado Bill of Rights: "... no power, civil or military, shall at any time interfere to prevent the free exercise of the right of suffrage." and to support the end of choiceless elections.

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?

- a. I have applied for and obtained a business license in Colorado, myself.
- b. I have administered contracts for the FHWA, and
- c. run, debugged, documented and defended a pilot IT system under the scrutiny of independent auditors and federal regulators.
- d. I have been a Notary Public for the State of Colorado, and performed the services involved.
- e. I have worked with multiple states on financial, and inventory systems,
- f. As custodian of Colorado laws, I can apply the audit processes, mentioned above, to records such as the C.R.S.

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

Only to the extent of enforcing Federal Law, and then in full coordination with local authorities. Conversely, the Fourteenth Amendment explicitly makes state governments responsible for giving "any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws." which would include protecting against criminal activities by renegade Federal authorities.

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

Not sure on this one. The incumbent has made prominent advances in this area, such as provisions for 24-hour ballot boxes in rural areas, and on tribal lands, and for being able to start businesses with only a \$1 license fee. Some sort of crackdown on out-of-state corporations sending agents into Colorado, to do business without licenses, perhaps? I'd have to have a closer look to be more specific.

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STATE TREASURER

Candidates listed in ballot order



Survey Questions for State Treasurer Candidates

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

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

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?

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

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

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?

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

DAVID YOUNG

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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-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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ATTORNEY GENERAL

Candidates listed in ballot order



Survey Questions for Attorney General Candidates

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

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

U.S. and Colorado Constitution: As Attorney General, how will you support, defend, and follow the United States Constitution and Bill of Rights, as well as the Colorado Constitution and Colorado Revised Statutes, as written?

Equal Justice: How will you defend Constitutional freedoms and guarantee equal justice under the law to all citizens of Colorado regardless of their demographics?

Supporting Law Enforcement: As Attorney General, what policies will you seek to advance that will help law enforcement improve community safety?

Drug Enforcement: As Attorney General, how will you approach drug enforcement in Colorado, including the opioid/Fentanyl crisis?

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

Investigating Elections: As Attorney General, how will you, in a timely manner, thoroughly and impartially investigate election irregularities, including citizen complaints and/or lawsuits as they occur?

Working with Other Attorneys General: Will you work with other State Attorneys General on issues of national importance? If so, how?



JOHN KELLNER

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Resident of Colorado:	19 years, stationed/deployed outside CO for military duty for 5 years

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

I grew up in a military family where I learned the importance of serving our country and my community. As a military officer deployed overseas, I learned the importance of leading from the front and building effective teams. As a career prosecutor and elected District Attorney for over 1 million Coloradans, I've fought for justice for victims and to protect my community. As Colorado's Attorney General, I will be an advocate for public safety and turn back the crime wave engulfing Colorado. I will stand up for consumers against scammers and unethical businesses, while protecting our environment and precious land, water and air.



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

Colorado leads the nation in auto thefts and bank robberies and has the 47th worst overall crime rate. Additionally, our state suffers from the second-highest rate of fentanyl overdose death increase in the country. Our state's trajectory on crime and public safety is unacceptable and we must reverse course. Too often, our current Attorney General has stayed on the sidelines or advocated for criminal-friendly laws and policies, and the results are grim. As Attorney General, I will work every day to protect our citizens so everyone feels safe in Colorado to live, raise a family, or start a business.

U.S. and Colorado Constitution: As Attorney General, how will you support, defend, and follow the United States Constitution and Bill of Rights, as well as the Colorado Constitution and Colorado Revised Statutes, as written?

The Rule of Law is my North Star. As a young child growing up in a military family, I lived overseas and saw how other countries suffered from dictatorships and socialist regimes. I also served in Afghanistan, where I witnessed a country without the rule of law or the guiding principles of a strong Constitution firsthand. My role as Attorney General is to enforce the law - not make my own based on politics.

Equal Justice: How will you defend Constitutional freedoms and guarantee equal justice under the law to all citizens of Colorado regardless of their demographics?

I took the oath as a 2nd Lieutenant to support and defend the Constitution, and have made that same pledge many more times as I was promoted in the Marine Corps. As a prosecutor, I believe that equal justice under the law is critical to public trust in our government. As District Attorney I recently co-lead a statewide, bipartisan project to bring greater transparency to our justice system by establishing public-facing Data Dashboards, so everyone can see what's working and what needs improvement. I not only espouse the principles of equal justice but am accountable to the people I serve. I look forward to bringing that same level of accountability to the Attorney General's office.

Supporting Law Enforcement: As Attorney General, what policies will you seek to advance that will help law enforcement improve community safety?

Throughout 2020, I was dismayed to see many high-ranking politicians march alongside those who sought to defund the police. The result was demoralizing to police, resulting in countless qualified officers leaving law enforcement across the state. Now we suffer from a dramatic shortage of officers at a time of rising crime. I have always "Backed the Blue" as a District Attorney and respect their critical role in keeping our communities safe. As Attorney General, law enforcement will know that I have their back, ensuring they are adequately funded and supported, which is why I am supported by the largest police association in the state. This includes supporting mental health services due to the demanding nature of the profession.

Drug Enforcement: As Attorney General, how will you approach drug enforcement in Colorado, including the opioid/Fentanyl crisis?

As a District Attorney I focused on going after large-scale drug trafficking organizations. Recently, my Office seized over 300,000 fentanyl pills, dozens of firearms, and indicted over two dozen members of alleged Mexican drug cartels. As Attorney General, I will use the Statewide Grand Jury to target the prolific poison-peddlers who are endangering our communities, taking a holistic view of this crisis across the entire state. I will also demand accountability from the federal government to secure the southern border through which drug traffickers are smuggling massive amounts of fentanyl.

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

As the state's chief law enforcement official, the Attorney General must take a leadership role in protecting the most vulnerable in our state. Recently I worked on a task force to locate child victims of sex trafficking. We located 38 children, 11 of whom were victims of sex trafficking with an average age of 13. We also found 11 adult victims. Where I serve as District Attorney, two of the longest sentences for sex traffickers in the country were handed down. My team has been able to achieve these results because we work collaboratively with state and local law enforcement. I will bring that same level of commitment to the Attorney General's office.

Investigating Elections: As Attorney General, how will you, in a timely manner, thoroughly and impartially investigate election irregularities, including citizen complaints and/or lawsuits as they occur?

The Attorney General has a vital role in ensuring elections are secure, reliable and fair. As required by law, I will take citizen complaints and thoroughly investigate and file charges if the evidence is sufficient to prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. I will also ensure the results of any investigation are made public and transparent.

Working with Other Attorneys General: Will you work with other State Attorneys General on issues of national importance? If so, how?

Absolutely. I will work with other State Attorneys General when their concerns align with the values and interests of Colorado. This could include fighting against federal overreach, supporting our Constitutional rights, investigating corporations that take advantage of consumers, or demanding action to fight the fentanyl epidemic sweeping the country.

PHIL WEISER

Candidate Did Not Confirm Receipt

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