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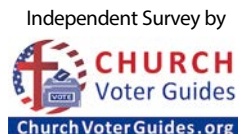


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Introduction to the Voter Guide

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, the 2022 Statewide and El Paso County Primaries and General Election, and the 2023 Colorado Springs Municipal Elections for Mayor and City Council. This latest “special edition” guide is for the 2023 Colorado Springs Mayoral Runoff Election. 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, as they are (supposedly) running for their office in order to represent 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?

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So, first and foremost: **Church Voter Guides** does NOT endorse or oppose any candidates for public office or any political party.

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

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

To be fair and impartial, we reached out by email and text, as well as by phone and their website contact form when determined necessary, to all registered candidates running for Mayor and City Council in the 2023 Colorado Springs Municipal Election, 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. The two remaining Mayoral Candidates are listed herein.

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Survey Questions for Colorado Springs Mayoral Candidates

Political Leanings: As a candidate in the Colorado Springs nonpartisan municipal election, you are not officially associated with any specific political party. How would you describe your political leanings (socially, fiscally, etc.) and why do you define yourself in this way?

Your Experience and Vision: What experience (personal, professional, other) would you bring to your role as Colorado Springs Mayor that will benefit our city? What is your vision for being Mayor, and what do you hope to accomplish during your first year in office?

Defending Constitutional Liberties: Many Americans believe that the government at every level is not securing their Creator-given rights, but rather encroaching on them. Established freedoms, including that of speech, peaceable assembly, exercise of religion, medical autonomy, and commerce are often negatively impacted by state and federal regulations, and were greatly infringed upon by COVID mandates. As Mayor, how will you protect the residents of Colorado Springs from current and future unconstitutional government overreach?

Crime and Police: Colorado Springs' crime rates are rising, while Police Department recruitment is down. As Mayor, what will you do to ensure citizens are protected from crime, including improving recruitment, morale, and response time within the CSPD?

Protecting the Most Vulnerable: As Mayor, how will you ensure the protection of the most vulnerable in our city, including the lives of the unborn, the trafficked, and the elderly?

Business/Jobs: What specifically should the Mayor's office do to bring more businesses/jobs to Colorado Springs?

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Mayoral Runoff Candidates

(in ballot order)



Wayne Williams



Yemi Mobolade



WAYNE WILLIAMS

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Resident of Colorado Springs:	30+ years

Political Leanings: As a candidate in the Colorado Springs nonpartisan municipal election, you are not officially associated with any specific political party. How would you describe your political leanings (socially, fiscally, etc.) and why do you define yourself in this way?

I am a pragmatic, compassionate conservative Republican who puts good policy above partisan politics. While I am the former Chair of the El Paso County Republican Party, I work across the aisle to seek policies that are best for our community. I speak up to address issues in our community, including adopting resolutions at City Council last fall opposing recreational marijuana sales in our city and supporting the extension of the Pikes Peak RTA to address critical transportation needs.



Your Experience and Vision: What experience (personal, professional, other) would you bring to your role as Colorado Springs Mayor that will benefit our city? What is your vision for being Mayor, and what do you hope to accomplish during your first year in office?

As the only candidate with elected executive experience, I have a proven track record of accomplishment and leadership at both the local and state level – tackling problems effectively and efficiently as Colorado Secretary of State, County Clerk & Recorder and County Commissioner.

As a Colorado Springs City Councilman, we’ve funded 62 new police, 66 firefighters and 3 new fire stations. As mayor, I will continue this emphasis on public safety, as well as prioritizing critical transportation infrastructure and promoting our economic vitality.

My mission as Mayor is to ensure that through community collaboration, Colorado Springs continues the progress we’ve been making and that we remain the very best city to live, work and raise our families.

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I believe in a limited government that works to secure the rights that we are endowed with by our Creator. The essential government functions are ensuring public safety and order; protecting individual freedom and human rights; and providing essential public services.

Government should serve the community by providing assistance to our residents and businesses instead of over-burdening them with needless regulation and oversight. In Colorado Springs, we rejected overreaching government mandates during COVID which is why our community fared better during COVID than many others.

I’ve taken a stand against government overreach – working with faith leaders, I’ve repeatedly sponsored Colorado Springs’ Constitution Day and Religious Freedom Day Resolutions.

Crime and Police: Colorado Springs' crime rates are rising, while Police Department recruitment is down. As Mayor, what will you do to ensure citizens are protected from crime, including improving recruitment, morale, and response time within the CSPD?

Maintaining public safety will be one my top priorities as mayor. In my four years on City Council, we provided funding for an additional 62 police officers. We'll need add 200 more police officers by 2035 to keep up with our growth.

Like most major cities, Colorado Springs has struggled to fill our available police positions, but we are making progress. We've moved to a continuous year-round police academy and are reducing the waiting time before a new class starts. As mayor, I'll make sure that we're competitive in the recruitment process, but we will always ensure our high standards are met.

I will always ensure that our first responders know how much we appreciate them and respect their service.

Protecting the Most Vulnerable: As Mayor, how will you ensure the protection of the most vulnerable in our city, including the lives of the unborn, the trafficked, and the elderly?

I am committed to protecting the lives of all residents. I've Chaired our Area Agency on Aging and helped adopt ordinances to give law enforcement resources and tools to combat trafficking. As an adopted child myself, I am a strong advocate for adoption and annually sponsor our city's National Adoption Day Resolution.

Business/Jobs: What specifically should the Mayor's office do to bring more businesses/jobs to Colorado Springs?

The mayor's office should continue to promote an economic environment that allows for businesses to grow and thrive, instead of one that stifles innovation and development. I support our continued use of performance-based economic incentives that are tied to the jobs actually created.

I'm committed to preserving a low tax burden while delivering economic growth to our city through business development and recruitment, as well as public/private partnerships and investments. As County Commissioner, I eliminated our portion of the business personal property tax, and the city has done the same. I'm honored to have received the Chamber's Regional Leader of the Year Award and now serve on the Board of Directors for the Colorado Springs Chamber and Economic Development Corporation.



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I had the honor of serving as the Colorado Secretary of State and the County Clerk and Recorder. As Colorado's chief elections official, I adopted new standards requiring bipartisan judges, voter-verifiable paper ballots, and forensic risk-limiting audits. I also ensured Colorado signature verification requirements were followed and have spoken out against DC's attempts to overturn them.

Because of these efforts, President Trump's Homeland Security Secretary touted Colorado as a national model and The Washington Post called Colorado, "The safest state to cast a vote." And Colorado's League of Women Voters presented me with its annual Leader of Democracy Award.

I'll continue that leadership as mayor and will ensure our city clerk protects the integrity of our voting processes.

Affordable Housing: As more and more people move to Colorado Springs, what can be done to provide affordable housing while also retaining our city's unique character and environment that have made it such a popular place in the United States to live?

In 1994, Mayor Bob Isaac asked me to serve on our city's Housing Authority Board. While Chair, we partnered with Peterson Air Force Base to provide affordable off-base housing for enlisted personnel.

As Utilities Board Chairman, I helped establish a fund to cover utility connection fees for affordable and attainable housing to encourage construction by non-profits and other community partners. On City Council, I worked to establish a program to rebate sales tax for affordable and attainable housing. As mayor, I'll continue to work with community partners to provide such incentives.

Home ownership is a key to personal wealth creation. As mayor, I'll work with the legislature to improve Colorado laws so that we support the building of entry-level homes.

Homelessness/Vagrancy: How can the Mayor's office address the increase in the homeless/vagrant population in our city in ways that best serve all Colorado Springs residents?

Colorado Springs is one of the few large cities in America where the number of unhoused have been reduced. We must compassionately address the root causes of homelessness by working with non-profit partners like Springs Rescue Mission, Catholic Charities, and the Salvation Army to provide assistance, education and treatment options for those experiencing drug addiction and/or mental illness.

For our community's health and safety, we must enforce city ordinances that prohibit blocking public right-of-ways and camping on, and potentially contaminating, our public spaces and waterways. We worked to ensure our ability to enforce these rules by having sufficient beds available. We also need to expand our Homeless Outreach Team and Alternate Response Teams to meet the needs of our community.

Impact of Drug Use on Our Community: What are your views pertaining to Colorado Springs' ban on recreational Marijuana sales within city limits? Also, with the recent decriminalization of Psilocybin-containing mushrooms and other psychedelic drugs in Colorado, and the Opioid/Fentanyl crisis, what do you believe should be done to protect our city and its residents, and especially our youth, from the negative physical, mental, emotional, social, and economic impacts of Schedule I and II drug use and abuse?

I opposed recreational marijuana and Psilocybin legalization on the statewide level, and recently fought against permitting recreational marijuana within Colorado Springs city limits – including specifically adopting a city council resolution opposing the measure. The negative costs of legal drug sales greatly outweigh the tax revenue it provides.

As mayor, I'll focus our anti-drug efforts on education and treatment for those battling addiction, and will work with law enforcement to ensure that we're actively combatting illicit drug trafficking within our city.

Engagement with the Faith Community: Colorado Springs has a large, diverse, and well-established religious community, consisting predominantly of those practicing some form of Christianity, and is home to hundreds of local churches and international parachurch ministries. What is your current engagement with the local faith community, and how do you plan to interact with and represent us in your role as Mayor?

I am active in my own church where I serve in the Sunday School Presidency for several congregations. I regularly engage with faith leaders throughout our community, including working to adopt annual resolutions supporting religious liberty and have worked with various denominations to host religious liberty symposiums. I attend various groundbreaking, ribbon cuttings, and celebrations at many churches and ministries. As mayor, I will continue those efforts and maintain an open dialogue with residents and faith leaders of all persuasions.



YEMI MOBOLADE

Candidate Information

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Resident of Colorado Springs:	13 years

Political Leanings: As a candidate in the Colorado Springs nonpartisan municipal election, you are not officially associated with any specific political party. How would you describe your political leanings (socially, fiscally, etc.) and why do you define yourself in this way?

I am a West African immigrant, a U.S. citizen and a political independent. My affiliation is to the city of Colorado Springs. I am a pastor and I co-founded the nonprofit COSILoveYou that unites about 100 churches to serve the city. My philosophy of government draws inspiration from Catholic social teaching that contains a rich treasure of ideas that emphasize advancing the common good, promoting human dignity, and protecting human rights. I'm committed to the belief that all humans are created in the image and likeness of God, thus possessing truth, beauty, and goodness. As mayor, I will be devoted to serving the citizens of Colorado Springs – regardless of party affiliation, race, creed, gender, sexual identity, age, or status.

Your Experience and Vision: What experience (personal, professional, other) would you bring to your role as Colorado Springs Mayor that will benefit our city? What is your vision for being Mayor, and what do you hope to accomplish during your first year in office?

I am a father, husband, and pastor. I am also a triple-strength candidate with proven leadership in the private, public, and nonprofit sectors. I am the only candidate with experience working in city government, where I led regional efforts to streamline government processes and cut red tape for local businesses. I have launched/operated three businesses, co-founded the nonprofit COSILoveYou, and was the Vice President of Business Retention/Expansion at the Chamber & EDC during a period of record job growth for Colorado Springs. I am a fiscally responsible leader, have a track record of making government work better for our residents, and have the leadership experience to move our city forward in the areas of safety, infrastructure and economic vitality.

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As a business owner, I have felt the negative impact of state laws, making it harder to do business and causing more harm than good. The institution of city government is an instrument of grace to advance the common good, elevate human dignity, protect human rights, and promote public safety. Government is sometimes necessary, but it should not interfere where it is not needed. Solutions to city problems should be developed and employed as much as possible at the most local level. As mayor, I will work in partnership with residents, families, local businesses, churches, and non-profit organizations to champion local interests while minimizing reliance on government. When it's needed, the city government should intervene with involvement scaling up gradually.

Crime and Police: Colorado Springs' crime rates are rising, while Police Department recruitment is down. As Mayor, what will you do to ensure citizens are protected from crime, including improving recruitment, morale, and response time within the CSPD?

To address crime and improve incident response times, I will bolster recruitment and year-round training academy efforts in order to eliminate the shortage of about 70 officers. I will also ensure we are closing the back door to prevent early retirement and improve retention. The weight of the badge is heavy. Like being a mayor, the work of our law enforcement officers is a noble undertaking, and one of the highest callings. From my firsthand experience with ride-alongs and my conversations with law enforcement officers, I see an opportunity to boost morale and reduce burnout. As mayor, I will invest resources to boost morale through:

1. Recognition for exemplary performance
2. Leadership development and additional training
3. Support for a healthy work-life balance

Protecting the Most Vulnerable: As Mayor, how will you ensure the protection of the most vulnerable in our city, including the lives of the unborn, the trafficked, and the elderly?

I'm committed to the belief that all humans have inherent dignity and deserve respect because they are created in the image and likeness of God, possessing truth, beauty, and goodness. My approach to public service, therefore, concerns the well-being of each person in every dimension: economic, political, social, and ecological. Our institutions must work to benefit the human person in all its beauty and diversity. The promotion of life and dignity is possible only by recognizing human rights, such as those enshrined in the United States Constitution. Human rights emerge from the simple fact that we are "endowed by our Creator." Therefore my approach to public service and civic order is to also ensure human rights are protected.

Business/Jobs: What specifically should the Mayor’s office do to bring more businesses/jobs to Colorado Springs?

In addition to being a business leader, I served as the Vice President of Business Retention and Expansion with the Chamber & EDC. I will build upon my successes to ensure a healthy local business climate that supports local jobs and investment. As mayor, I will:

1. Make it easier to do business with the City by streamlining the city approval and permit processes, and increasing resources to support entrepreneurs and small businesses.
2. Support the growth and expansion of local businesses, including “anchor industries” (i.e., defense, software, information technology, healthcare, and manufacturing) to drive job growth, promote a healthy economy, and improve quality of life.
3. Proactively recruit new companies that will provide well paying jobs to our residents.

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The right to vote is one of our most important privileges as Americans. It is my duty as mayor to protect this right and increase citizens' confidence in our electoral systems, processes, and results. According to the City Code, Chapter 5 Elections, Article 1 General Elections, the City Clerk is required to take all necessary steps to ensure ballot security at each stage of the mail ballot process, to protect the confidentiality of the ballots cast and to maintain the integrity of the election. I will guarantee a trusted team member will oversee our municipal elections, and I will ensure that robust security measures are maintained to protect the integrity of our elections and safeguard our voting process.

Affordable Housing: As more and more people move to Colorado Springs, what can be done to provide affordable housing while also retaining our city’s unique character and environment that have made it such a popular place in the United States to live?

In 2019, 71% of the homes in Colorado Springs were affordable, but today that has dropped to only 24%. This new reality impacts housing affordability for the pillars of our community including teachers, firefighters, law enforcement officers, and military. As mayor, in order to encourage diverse housing options that are attainable for all residents, I will:

1. Work with philanthropic foundations to establish a “missing-middle housing fund” to support housing innovation for residents that make \$50K-\$100K a year.
2. Expand existing municipal financial (tax rebate) incentives for affordable housing projects.
3. Appoint a Chief Housing Officer (without adding a new position) who will develop public-private partnerships opportunities and advance our city’s housing priorities, including expediting attainable and affordable housing projects.

Homelessness/Vagrancy: How can the Mayor’s office address the increase in the homeless/vagrant population in our city in ways that best serve all Colorado Springs residents?

I serve on the Board of Springs Rescue Mission. As mayor, I will work to provide services to our homeless residents while also maintaining the safety of our neighborhoods. The Colorado Coalition for the Homeless reported that 71% of people experiencing homelessness have a mental illness. Therefore, my priorities include:

1. Boosting the city’s partnerships with local providers that focus on mental health care.
2. Increasing the amount of permanent supportive housing. Supportive housing combines housing with behavioral health care and intensive case management services.
3. Expanding the city’s street behavioral health outreach programs to address encampments and ensure our residents experiencing homelessness have access to the needed care and services to get them off the street and into housing, health and work.

Impact of Drug Use on Our Community: What are your views pertaining to Colorado Springs' ban on recreational Marijuana sales within city limits? Also, with the recent decriminalization of Psilocybin-containing mushrooms and other psychedelic drugs in Colorado, and the Opioid/Fentanyl crisis, what do you believe should be done to protect our city and its residents, and especially our youth, from the negative physical, mental, emotional, social, and economic impacts of Schedule I and II drug use and abuse?

The citizens of Colorado Springs recently voted to maintain a ban on recreational marijuana sales within city limits, and as their elected mayor, this is the decision I will work to uphold. Increased concerns over the impacts of drugs in our communities only emphasize the importance and urgency of bolstering safety measures in Colorado Springs. As mayor, I will:

1. Partner with policymakers and nonprofit providers focusing on expanding mental health care and substance abuse treatment to the community.
2. Restart the Youth Advisory Council, where high school juniors and seniors advise the Police Chief to help address youth issues.
3. Provide economic opportunities through programs like Thrive Network and Transforming Safety which prevent crime and drug use through community development and entrepreneurship.

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I am a pastor and I moved to Colorado Springs to start a new church with the Christian and Missionary Alliance. I later served as the Local Missions Pastor and Worship Leader at First Presbyterian Church. My mission expanded to co-founding COSILoveYou and CityServe Day, a nonprofit and movement to unite over 100+ churches from various denominations and parachurch organizations in service to Colorado Springs. My personal mission is to collaborate for the health, growth and flourishing of Colorado Springs. I am a community advocate and serve the causes of many local faith-based organizations, including Springs Rescue Mission Board of Directors. I am active in my home church and continue to periodically preach at other local churches around Colorado Springs.



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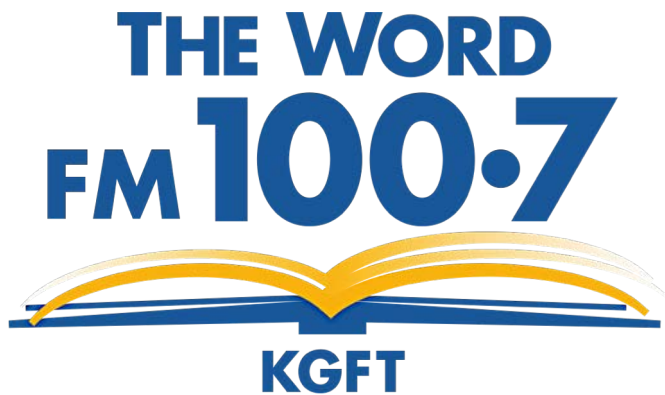
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