Vote by 7p.m. on Election Day, Nov. 8.

The 2022 Colorado

# Youth Agenda VOTER GUIDE

Colorado Springs



NewEraVoterGuide.org

#### How to Use This Guide

This independent voter guide is designed to give you the most important information about what's on your ballot. It includes candidate comparisons and information about ballot measures.

This guide elevates the issues important for young Coloradans, as learned in our 2021 Youth Agenda Listening Tour. To determine candidates' stances, we distributed a survey to both candidates; to determine candidates' supporters, we looked at public endorsements and campaign contributions.

The ballot measures include a "yes," "no," or "neutral" recommendation from New Era Colorado Action Fund and can include a list of others who make the same recommendation.

#### **About Us**

New Era Colorado
Action Fund is a local
501(c)(4) nonprofit
organization that
mobilizes young
people to win young
people's priorities
—what we're calling
the Youth Agenda—
through elections and
policymaking.



### Election Day is Nov. 8

#### Voting by mail (don't forget postage!)

 ← Mail your ballot by Tues, Nov. 1 to ensure it's received by 7 p.m. on Election Day – postmarks don't count! Check your ballot to see if a copy or print-out of an acceptable ID is required (more at JustVoteColorado.org).

#### Vote in person

#### Drop off your ballot

#### How to Register

- ✓ To register or update your voter registration, go to RegisterinColorado.org.
- To receive a ballot in the mail, register or update your registration by Oct. 31.
- After Oct. 31, you CAN still register to vote at a VSPC through 7 p.m. on Election Day, and vote on the spot!

### **US Senate**

Votes on Supreme Court nominations and issues like student debt and abortion rights



Michael Bennet
Democrat
U.S. Senator



Yes.

Yes.

Planned Parenthood Action Fund, Service Employees International Union

Joe O'Dea Republican Corporate CEO

Joe O'Dea did not answer our Youth Agenda survey questions.

Denver Police Protective Association, Tea Party Express

# Where do the candidates stand on the Youth Agenda?

Do you believe that attending college should be debt-free?

Should people have the right to make decisions about their own reproductive health?

Growing the political power of young people, including folks in Black, Indigenous, and Latine/x communities of color?

### **CO** Governor

Signs or vetoes state bills; appoints leaders to state offices

# Where do the candidates stand on the Youth Agenda?



Jared Polis
Democrat
CO Governor



Heidi Ganahl Republican CU Board of Regents

Neither candidate answered our Youth Agenda survey questions.

Human Rights
Campaign,
Conservation Colorado

Charlie Kirk (founder of Turning Point USA), Pete Coors (Molson Coors Brewing)

## CO Secretary of State

Ensures valid state elections, enforces campaign finance laws, & updates voter file



Jena Griswold
Democrat
CO Secretary of State

Yes.

Yes.

Yes.

Colorado Organization for Latina Opportunity & Reproductive Rights, Working Families Party

Pam Anderson
Republican
Fmr Jefferson County
Clerk & Recorder

Pam Anderson did not answer our Youth Agenda survey questions.

> Philip Anschutz (Billionaire), Bruce Benson (Former CU President)

## Where do the candidates stand on the Youth Agenda?

Growing the political power of young people, including folks in Black, Indigenous, and Latine/x communities of color?

Do you believe CO's elections are secure and the 2020 election results are valid?

Should the influence of the wealthy and corporations in politics be limited?

## **CO Attorney General**

Defends reproductive health care & our environment; prosecutes election fraud



Phil Weiser Democrat CO Attorney General



John Kellner Republican District Attorney,

Yes.

Yes.

Yes.

Planned Parenthood Votes CO. UFCW Local 7

18th Judicial District

John Kellner did not answer our Youth Agenda survey questions.

Denver Police Protective Association. Tea Party Express

## Where do the candidates stand on the Youth Agenda?

Should corporations and government bodies be held accountable for reducing harmful pollutants in our air, land, and water?

Should people have the right to make decisions about their own reproductive health?

Do you believe CO's elections are secure and the 2020 election results are valid?

### CO State Treasurer

Oversees the Department of the Treasury and manages the state's money

## Where do the candidates stand on the Youth Agenda?

Do you believe that attending college should be debt-free?

Do you support unions and workers' rights?

Do you support taxing corporations and the wealthy at higher rates to fund public goods and services?

Who supports their campaign?



Dave Young
Democrat
CO Treasurer





Yes.

CO Working Families Party, Colorado Education Association



Lang Sias Republican Attorney

Lang Sias did not answer our Youth Agenda survey questions.

Colorado Liberty Fund, Pete Coors (Molson Coors Brewing)

## CO Board of Ed At-Large

Regulates policies that govern state curriculums and instruction standards



Kathy Plomer Democrat Adams 12 School Board

Dan Maloit Republican Advocacy group founder

Yes.

Yes.

Yes.

Dan Maloit did not answer our Youth Agenda survey questions.

Planned Parenthood, Colorado Education Association Heidi Ganahl, Larimer County Republican Party

# Where do the candidates stand on the Youth Agenda?

Do you support expanding public schools?

Do you support funding mental health services in schools?

Do you support teachers unions?

## US House, CD-5

Votes on federal bills on racial justice, reproductive rights, and student debt

# Where do the candidates stand on the Youth Agenda?

Should corporations and government bodies be held accountable for reducing harmful pollutants in our air, land, and water?

Do you support free access to therapy and mental health support?

Should people have the right to make decisions about their own reproductive health?

Who supports their campaign?



David Torres
Democrat
Air Force Reserve
Supply Specialist

Yes.

Yes.

Yes.

CO Working Families Party, Center for Freethought Equality



Doug Lamborn Republican U.S. Representative

Doug Lamborn did not answer our Youth Agenda survey questions.

Lockheed Martin, Chevron

### **CO Senate District 11**

Votes on state bills on education, reproductive rights, and climate justice

# Where do the candidates stand on the Youth Agenda?

Should we remove environmental policies that harm Black, Indigenous, and Latine/x communities?

Do you support funding mental health services in schools?

Should people have the right to make decisions about their own reproductive health?

Who supports their campaign?



Tony Exum
Democrat
State Representative



Yes.

Yes.

Cobalt, Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 58



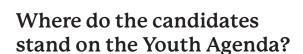
Dennis Hisey Republican State Senator

Dennis Hisey did not answer our Youth Agenda survey questions.

CO Fraternal Order of the Police, Colorado Apartment Association

## CO Board of Ed, CD-5

Implements federal and state education laws decided by the State board



Do you support expanding public schools?

Do you support funding mental health services in schools?

Do you support teachers unions?

Who supports their campaign?



Joseph Shelton
Democrat
Campus security officer
at Colorado College

Yes.

Yes.

Yes.

CO Working Families Party, American Youth for Climate Action



Steven J. Durham Republican Fmr Colorado Representative & Senator

Steven Durham did not answer our Youth Agenda survey questions.

Unable to find public supporters

## CU Regent, CD-5

Sets tuition, budget, and wages for the University of Colorado system



Ron Casados Democrat Payroll specialist



Ken Montera Republican CU Regent, CD-5

Where do the candidates stand on the Youth Agenda?

Do you think higher education should be more affordable?

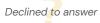
Given John Eastman's relationship, do you support closing the University of Colorado's Benson Center?

Do you believe that attending college should be debt free?

Who supports their campaign?







El Paso County Democrats, UCCS Young Democrats Ken Motera did not answer our Youth Agenda survey questions.

Unable to find public supporters

## YES on Propositions FF and GG

#### Healthy School Meals for All

#### **How Proposition FF works:**

Provides free meals to all students in participating school districts by increasing taxes for the top 3% of Colorado earners (making \$300k/year or more).

#### Who else says YES?

Everyone deserves access to nutritious food. When the wealthy pay their fair share, all of Colorado can benefit and thrive.

## Add Tax Information Table to Petitions & Ballots

#### **How Proposition GG works:**

Requires an income tax table to show individuals how initiatives that increase or decrease the state income tax will financially impact them.

#### Who else says YES?

▼ The Bell Policy Center

☑ United for A New Economy

Voters deserve to understand how much of their income will fund public goods and services.

## **YES** on Proposition 123

## **Neutral** on **Proposition 122**

## Dedicate Revenue for Affordable Housing Programs

#### **How Proposition 123 works:**

Dedicates a percentage of state revenue towards building and investing in affordable housing.

#### Who else says YES?

Soul 2 Soul Sisters

We need to fund and invest in affordable housing programs to support financially overburdened Coloradans.

## Access to Natural Psychedelic Substances

#### **How Proposition 122 works:**

Decriminalizes the use & possession of natural medicinal drugs and creates a state-regulated program for supervised access.

#### We are neutral because:

while decriminalizing medicinal drugs and offering alternative mental health treatments, the program will commodify traditional medicines from Indigenous communities.

### **NO** on Proposition 121 (The wealthy don't need another tax cut!)

#### State Income Tax Reduction

#### **How Proposition 121 works:**

Permanently reduces the state income tax rate from 4.55% to 4.40%, reducing the state general fund revenue by \$530 million in fiscal year 2022–23 and \$370 million in fiscal year 2023–24.

#### Who else says NO?

- X The Bell Policy Center
- X Colorado Fiscal Institute

#### We are a NO because:

- Funding for vital public services like education, health care, and transportation will face cuts.
- Reducing the income tax at a flat rate will benefit the wealthy while negatively impacting everyday Coloradans.

#### Your Rights & Some Resources

Visit JustVoteColorado.org to find where to go to vote or to report problems. Call the voter hotline for multilingual information, ask questions or address problems: 1–866–OUR–VOTE.

You still have the right to cast a ballot, even if someone challenges your right to vote or intimidates you at a VSPC.



#### You are eligible to vote if you:

- Will be 18 years or older by Nov. 8, 2022
- Are a United States citizen
- · Have resided in Colorado 22 days immediately before the election in which you intend to vote
- Are on parole, on probation, and/or served your sentence

Students have the right to register & vote in Colorado if all eligibility requirements above are met.

#### Stay in Line!

As long as you're in line at a VSPC or ballot dropbox by 7 p.m. on Election Day, you have the right to vote.

#### No ID?

You can find a full list of acceptable IDs at JustVoteColorado.org. If you don't have a form of acceptable ID, you always have the right to vote a provisional ballot.

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