

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

The 2022 Colorado
Youth Agenda
VOTER GUIDE
Colorado Springs



Action Fund

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.

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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

👉 Voter Service & Polling Centers (VSPC) open on Oct. 24. Visit a VSPC in your county to vote, register, drop off your ballot, or solve any election-related issue.

Drop off your ballot

👉 24-hour drop boxes start opening on Oct. 17. Find a location near you at JustVoteColorado.org or use any dropbox in CO – just be in line by 7 p.m. on Nov. 8.

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

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?

Who supports their campaign?



Michael Bennet
Democrat
U.S. Senator

✓
Yes.

✓
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

CO Governor

Signs or vetoes state bills; appoints leaders to state offices

Where do the candidates stand on the Youth Agenda?

Neither candidate answered our Youth Agenda survey questions.

Who supports their campaign?



Jared Polis
Democrat
CO Governor



Heidi Ganahl
Republican
CU Board of Regents

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



Pam Anderson
Republican
Fmr Jefferson County Clerk & Recorder

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?

✓ Yes.

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

✓ Yes.

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

✓ Yes.

Pam Anderson did not answer our Youth Agenda survey questions.

Who supports their campaign?

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

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

CO Attorney General

Defends reproductive health care & our environment; prosecutes election fraud

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?

Who supports their campaign?



Phil Weiser
Democrat
CO Attorney General

✓
Yes.

✓
Yes.

✓
Yes.

Planned Parenthood
Votes CO,
UFCW Local 7



John Kellner
Republican
*District Attorney,
18th Judicial District*

*John Kellner
did not
answer our
Youth Agenda
survey
questions.*

Denver Police
Protective
Association,
Tea Party Express

CO State Treasurer

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



Dave Young
Democrat
CO Treasurer



Lang Sias
Republican
Attorney

Where do the candidates stand on the Youth Agenda?

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

✓ Yes.

Lang Sias did not answer our Youth Agenda survey questions.

Do you support unions and workers' rights?

✓ Yes.

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

✓ Yes.

Who supports their campaign?

CO Working Families Party,
Colorado Education
Association

Colorado
Liberty Fund,
Pete Coors (Molson
Coors Brewing)

CO Board of Ed At-Large

Regulates policies that govern state curriculums and instruction standards

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?

Who supports their campaign?



Kathy Plomer
Democrat
Adams 12 School Board

✓
Yes.

✓
Yes.

✓
Yes.

Planned Parenthood,
Colorado Education
Association



Dan Maloit
Republican
*Advocacy group
founder*

*Dan Maloit did
not answer
our Youth
Agenda survey
questions.*

Heidi Ganahl,
Larimer County
Republican Party

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.

✓
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

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?

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

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?



Ron Casados
Democrat
Payroll specialist



Ken Montera
Republican
CU Regent, CD-5

✓
Yes.

✓
Yes.

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Declined to answer

El Paso County
Democrats,
UCCS Young
Democrats


Ken Montera 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?

- Colorado Children's Campaign
- Hunger Free Colorado

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

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?

- Habitat for Humanity Metro Denver
- Soul 2 Soul Sisters

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


Neutral on Proposition 122

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?

- ✗ The Bell Policy Center
- ✗ 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](https://www.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](https://www.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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