

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

The 2022 Colorado  
**Youth Agenda**  
**VOTER GUIDE**  
Denver



Action Fund

[NewEraVoterGuide.org](http://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.

**NEW ERA**  
**COLORADO**  
Action Fund

# 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](https://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](https://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](https://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,  
18<sup>th</sup> 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*

## 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*



**Lang Sias**  
Republican  
*Attorney*

✓ Yes.

✓ Yes.

✓ Yes.

*Lang Sias did not answer our Youth Agenda survey questions.*

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-1

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



**Diana DeGette**  
Democrat  
Congresswoman



**Jennifer Qualteri**  
Republican  
Blogger

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

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

 Yes.

 Declined to answer

Should we work to remove and repair environmental policies that impact Black, Indigenous, and Latine/x communities?

 Yes.

 Declined to answer.

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

 No.

 Yes.

Planned Parenthood  
Action Fund,  
Service Employees  
International Union


Unable to find public  
supporters

## Who supports their campaign?

# 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.

# Where we stand on **Denver's ballot measures**



## **YES on 305: No Eviction Without Representation**

*ACLU of Colorado  
also says YES!*


 Creates a program to provide tenants facing eviction with free legal representation and financial support.

*Stopping unjust convictions and protecting renters' rights helps people stay in their homes.*



## **YES on 306: Waste No More**

*Sunrise Movement Denver  
also says YES!*


 Requires all businesses, including apartments and restaurants, to provide compost and recycling services.

*The entities that create the most waste should be responsible for recycling and composting.*



## **YES on 307: Denver Deserves Sidewalks**

*Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition  
also says YES!*

 Allows Denver's Department of Transportation & Infrastructure to plan, construct, and repair the city's sidewalks.

*Sidewalks create a safer city for all, including pedestrians, kids, & people with disabilities.*

## 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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