

Unofficial 2016 Election Results



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Colorado November 9, 2016 Election Report

Donald Trump will be America's 45th President but without receiving Colorado's 9 electoral votes. While the state remained blue for the "top of the ticket" race, down ballot contests saw across the board wins for each incumbent congressional member (4 Rs & 3 Ds) along with Democratic U.S. Senator Michael Bennet. Colorado's legislative make-up remains largely unchanged. The state Senate remains in republican control with a one vote majority or 18 seats* (there is one race that has yet-to-be called due to the close numbers which could potentially provide the GOP with a 2-vote majority). The House continues to be controlled by the democrats with the republicans losing 3 seats, increasing the split to 37-28. The outcome of the legislative races ensures that the issue of changing the hospital provider fee into an enterprise will continue to have an uphill battle as will attempts to reform the state's construction defects laws.

The voters of Colorado considered 9 ballot measures this election. They sent a strong message of opposition, voting 3 to 1 against Amendment 69, also known as ColoradoCare. This unpopular amendment would have created a single-payer healthcare system in the state constitution. Colorado voters, tired

of the constant barrage of amendments to the state constitution, passed Amendment 71 (56.8%-43.14%) known as "Raise the bar" which creates a higher standard for passage of future constitutional amendments. Such future efforts will require that signatures be gathered in each of Colorado's 35 State Senate Districts as well as voter approval of 55%. Additionally, the attempt to increase the tobacco tax failed with a vote of 46.2 %-53.67%. The Altria campaign against the measure put approximately \$20 million into the effort fighting the tax.

State Legislative Races

State Senate:

All eyes were focused on the Colorado Senate. On election day political players and capitol insiders on both sides of the aisle expected a long night after a fierce battle over 5 targeted seats. Republicans needed to hold their one seat majority and hoped to pick up an additional two seats. Democrats set their sights on taking control of the chamber. After the dust settled the legislative make-up remained the same. Below is a recap of the targeted seats:

***Senate District 8**

Randy Baumgardner (R, incumbent) 54.6% over Emily Tracy (D) 45.3%

***Senate District 19**

Rachel Zenzinger (D) 48% over Laura Woods (R, incumbent) 46.2%

***Senate District 25**

Kevin Priola (R) 53.8 over Jenise May (D) 46.1%

*** Senate District 26**

Daniel Kagan (D) 53.2% over Nancy Doty (R) 46.7%

*** Senate District 27**

Jack Tate (R, incumbent) over 53.1% Tom Sullivan (D) 46.8%

*** Senate District 35**

Larry Crowder (R, incumbent) 59.7% over Jim Casias (D) 36.2%

House of Representatives:

As expected, the Democrats retained control in the house picking up 3 additional seats securing a stronger majority with 37 seats. Republican seats that are now controlled by democrats are listed below:

*** House District 17**

Kit Roupe (R, incumbent) 41.5% lost to Tony Exum (D) 49.3%

***House District 30**

JoAnn Windholz (R, incumbent) 47.8% lost to Dafna Michaelson Jenet (D) 52.1%

***House District 59**

J. Paul Brown (R, incumbent) 49.3% lost to Barbara Hall McLachlan (D) 50.7%

Leadership races for the statehouse will be held on Thursday. The following are expected to be elected by their respective caucuses.

Senate President Kevin Grantham (R)

Senate Majority Leader Chris Holbert (R)

Senate Minority Leader Lucia Guzman (D)

House Speaker Crisanta Duran (D) - Colorado's first Latina speaker of the house

House Majority Leader - tight race between Reps. K.C. Becker (D) & Faith Winter (D)

House Minority Leader Patrick Neville (R)

Congressional Races both House and Senate

U.S. Senate

Michael Bennet (D) Incumbent

1,159,931

48.90%

Darryl Glenn (R)

1,087,171

45.84%

Congressional District 1

Diana DeGette (D) Incumbent

173,674

67.77%

Charles "Casper" Stockham (R)

73,376

28.63%

Congressional District 2

Jared Polis (D) Incumbent
233,728
57.02%

Nicholas Morse (R)
153,558
37.46%

Congressional District 3

Scott R. Tipton (R) Incumbent
184,957
54.65%

Gail Schwartz (D)
137,285
40.56%

Congressional District 4

Bob Seay (D)
113,365
31.33%

Ken Buck (R) Incumbent
231,884
64.08%

Congressional District 5

Misty Plowright (D)
109,573
30.77%

Doug Lamborn (R) Incumbent
222,169
62.40%

Congressional District 6

Mike Coffman (R) Incumbent
162,208
51.55%

Morgan Carroll (D)
133,963
42.57%

Congressional District 7

Ed Perlmutter (D) Incumbent
167,884
55.20%

George Athanasopoulos (R)
122,702
40.34%

Statewide Ballot Measures

*Amendment 69, ColoradoCares - Single Payer Health Care
Yes 20.3%
No 79.6%

*Amendment 70, Minimum Wage to \$12.00
Yes 54.30%
No 45.70%

*Amendment 71, Raise the Bar (Constitutional Reform)
Yes 56.8%
No 43.14%

*Amendment 72, Increasing the Tobacco Tax
Yes 46.25
No 53.67%

*Proposition 106 Medical Aid in Dying
Yes 64.5%
No 35.4%

*Proposition 107 Establishing a Presidential Primary

Yes 63.68%
No 36.32%

*Proposition 108 Open Primaries

Yes 52.43%
No 47.57%

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