



Understanding What's at Stake in the 2024 General Election

Many of us have the impression of Colorado being politically middle of the road. However, the 65 member Colorado House is currently composed of 46 Democrats and 19 Republicans. The 35 member Colorado Senate is currently composed of 23 Democrats and 12 Republicans. The Governor is also a Democrat. This overwhelming party advantage makes Colorado the 4th most lopsided state in the nation.

In addition to this extreme partisan imbalance, Colorado also has the highest level of “polarization” between the two parties in the country, *Two Decades of Polarization in American State Legislatures, Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy, 2022 343-370.*

Polarization is measured by the frequency with which 5% of the members of one party vote with 95% of the members of the other party.

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Polarization is on the rise in most states, but its growth in Colorado has been uniquely high. Since 2016 Colorado has been the most polarized state in the nation (surpassing California). Simply put, Colorado’s elected officials are overwhelming Democrats and our officials are less moderate than most.

Democrats Lead The Way, But More At Stake Than A Simple Majority

As Colorado gears up for its upcoming General Assembly elections in November, there is little doubt that Democrats will maintain control of

the House of Representatives and the Senate. The only question is whether the Democrats will be able to maintain their supermajority in the House and pick up one seat in the Senate to reach supermajority status.

Why Does Supermajority Status Matter?

A supermajority in the legislature gives the ruling party three advantages: (1) the ability to refer constitutional amendments to the ballot without opposition support, (2) the power to override Governor Polis’ vetoes on progressive legislation that negatively

impacts business interests, and (3) more majority party seats on committees.

Key Senate Races

Democrats need only one more seat to achieve a supermajority in the Senate. 18 seats are up this cycle, of which 10 are solid Democrat seats, 3 are solid Republican seats, and 5 are competitive seats. The 5 competitive and targeted races:

- **SD5 (7 Western Slope Counties)** - Cole Buerger (D) vs. Marc Catlin (R)
- **SD6 (14 SW Colorado Counties)** - Vivian Smotherman (D) vs. Cleave Simpson (R)
- **SD12 (El Paso, Teller Counties)** - Marc Snyder (D) vs. Stan VanderWerf (R)
- **SD13 (Adams, Weld Counties)** Matt Johnston (D) vs. Scott Bright (R)
- **SD16 (Arapahoe, Jefferson Counties)** - Incumbent Chris Kolker (D) vs. Robyn Carnes (R)

Key House Races

The Republicans need to pick up 3 seats to end the Democrats' supermajority. Of the 65 races, 35 are solid Democrat seats, 19 are solid Republican seats, and 11 are competitive seats. Of those 11 competitive seats, Republicans have targeted 5 races:

- **HD16 (El Paso County)** - Incumbent Stephanie Vigil (D) vs. Rebecca Keltie (R)
- **HD19 (Boulder, Weld Counties)** - Jillaire McMillan (D) vs. Dan Woog (R)
- **HD25 (Jefferson County)** - Incumbent Tammy Story (D) vs. George Mumma
- **HD43 (Douglas County)** Incumbent Bob Marshall (D) vs. Matt Burcham (R)

- **HD50 (Weld County)** Incumbent Mary Young (D) vs. Ryan Gonzalez (R)

Voting Strategy

Our members have widely divergent political outlooks. Surveys of membership and leadership of the Association consistently indicate our members are fairly evenly divided between Republicans and Democrats. If you are an exclusive party line voter, there is likely not much in this piece that will alter your voting decisions.

The primary strategy of the Association is to achieve more balanced representation in both the House and the Senate so that it is more difficult for any single political party to enact significant legal changes. Regardless of political philosophy and persuasion, divided government allows us to more easily prevent harmful legislation. Balanced government is good for our industry.

The Association relies on universal Republican support of our issues and moderate Democrats that can be persuaded to sometimes cross party lines and support pro-business policies.

Pursuing these goals, the Association makes political contributions to moderate Democrats in their primary races against more extreme opponents and supports Republican candidates in races where there is a possibility of success. The Association has spent more than \$500,000 in this election cycle to fund industry supportive candidates.

We had great success in supporting moderate Democrats during the Spring primaries (winning 8 out of 10 of our targeted races) and contributed approximately \$150,000 in direct campaign contributions pursuing that goal. There's not much more these candidates need from the Association in the general election because all of these

candidates are in districts so solidly controlled by Democrats that support in the general election is largely irrelevant.

Why the CAA Voter's Guide Matters

On the following pages is a list of all the Senate and House Districts that will be on the ballot this year. In these districts we have placed asterisks following the names of the candidates that have received Association financial support in their campaigns (* indicates modest financial support, ** indicates significant financial support). Democrat candidates are highlighted in blue and Republican candidates are highlighted in red.

If the District is shaded blue, it is so heavily Democrat that the Republican has no reasonable chance of being elected. If it is shaded red, it is so heavily Republican that the Democrat has no reasonable chance of being elected. Sadly, in these Districts it really doesn't matter much whether you vote or not.

In the Districts without shading, the outcome is at least semi competitive and your vote has meaning. A vote for any candidate with a double asterisk is consistent with the Association's contribution strategy, but not the goal of achieving a more divided and balanced state government. It can never be ignored that 100% of Republicans votes with us on issues 100% of the time.



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BLUE SHADED:

Heavily Democratic District
unlikely to elect Republican

RED SHADED:

Heavily Republican District
unlikely to elect Democrat

YELLOW BORDER
Key Race for Industry

Democrat

Republican

(i) = Incumbent

Asterisks indicate candidates that have received
Association support in their campaigns

(*) modest financial support (**) significant financial support

Colorado Senate Races

SENATE DISTRICT 2

Jennifer Brady
Lisa Frizell **

SENATE District 13

Matt Johnston
Scott Bright **

SENATE District 19

Lindsey Daugherty **
Sam Bandimere

SENATE District 28

Mike Weissman
Pedro Espinoza

SENATE DISTRICT 5

Cole Buerger
Matt Solomon

SENATE District 14

Cathy Kipp
Phoebe McWilliams

SENATE District 21

Dafna Michaelson
Jenet (i) **
Frederick Alfred Jr.

SENATE District 29

Janet Buckner (i)

SENATE DISTRICT 6

Vivian Smotherman
Cleave Simpson Jr. (i) **

SENATE District 16

Chris Kolker (i) **
Robyn Carnes

SENATE District 23

Barbara Kirkmeyer (i) **

SENATE District 31

Chris Hansen (i) **

SENATE District 10

Larry Liston (i) **

SENATE District 17

Sonya Jaquez Lewis (i)
Tom Van Lone

SENATE District 26

Jeff Bridges (i) **
Bob Lane

SENATE District 33

James Coleman (i) *
Max Minnig

SENATE District 12

Marc Snyder **
Stan VanderWerf

SENATE District 18

Judith Amabile **

Colorado House Races

HOUSE DISTRICT 1

Javier Mabrey (i)
Barbara DeHaan

HOUSE DISTRICT 4

Cecelia Espenoza **
Jack Daus

HOUSE DISTRICT 7

Jennifer Bacon (i)
Tom Swift

HOUSE DISTRICT 10

Junie Joseph (i) *
William DeOreo

HOUSE DISTRICT 2

Steven Woodrow (i)
Michael DiManna

HOUSE DISTRICT 5

Alex Valdez (i)
Johnnie Johnson

HOUSE DISTRICT 8

Lindsay Gilchrist *
Philip Borrelli

HOUSE DISTRICT 11

Karen McCormick (i)
Kathy Reeves

HOUSE DISTRICT 3

Meg Froelich (i)
Michaela Neal

HOUSE DISTRICT 6

Sean Camacho **
Kyle Witter

HOUSE DISTRICT 9

Emily Sirota (i)
Tom Cowhick

HOUSE DISTRICT 12

Kyle Brown (i) **
Mark Milliman



More Information

Visit www.caahq.org/2024election for deeper analysis of particular districts

2024
COLORADO
GENERAL ASSEMBLY -
GENERAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 5, 2024
COLORADO
APARTMENT ASSOCIATION



HOUSE DISTRICT 13
Julie McCluskie (i) *
Dave Williams

HOUSE DISTRICT 26
Meghan Lukens (i)
Nathan Butler

HOUSE DISTRICT 39
Eric Brody
Brandi Bradley (i)

HOUSE DISTRICT 52
Yara Zokaie

HOUSE DISTRICT 14
Katherine Gayle
Rose Pugliese (i) * *

HOUSE DISTRICT 27
Brianna Titone (i) * *
Ed Cox

HOUSE DISTRICT 40
Naquetta Ricks (i)
Darryl Gibbs

HOUSE DISTRICT 53
Andrew Boesenecker (i)
Donna Walter

HOUSE DISTRICT 15
Jeff Livingston
Scott Bottoms (i) *

HOUSE DISTRICT 28
Sheila Lieder (i)
Peter Boddie

HOUSE DISTRICT 41
Iman Jodeh (i)
Rob McKenna

HOUSE DISTRICT 54
Matt Soper (i) *

HOUSE DISTRICT 16
Stephanie Vigil (i)
Rebecca Keltie * *

HOUSE DISTRICT 29
Shannon Bird (i) * *
Evan Hunt

HOUSE DISTRICT 42
Mandy Lindsay (i)

HOUSE DISTRICT 55
Rick Taggart (i) *

HOUSE DISTRICT 17
Regina English (i)
Elizabeth Riggs

HOUSE DISTRICT 30
Rebekah Stewart * *
Ramey Johnson

HOUSE DISTRICT 43
Robert Marshall (i) * *
Matt Burcham

HOUSE DISTRICT 56
Alessandra Navetta
Chris Richardson

HOUSE DISTRICT 18
Amy Paschal
James Boelens

HOUSE DISTRICT 31
Jacque Phillips * *
Heidi Pitchforth

HOUSE DISTRICT 44
Alyssa Nilemo
Anthony Hartsook (i) * *

HOUSE DISTRICT 57
Elizabeth Velasco (i)
Caleb Waller

HOUSE DISTRICT 19
Jillaire McMillan
Dan Woog * *

HOUSE DISTRICT 32
Manny Rutinel (i)

HOUSE DISTRICT 45
Chad Cox
Max Brooks * *

HOUSE DISTRICT 58
Kathleen Curry
Larry Suckla

HOUSE DISTRICT 20
Arik Dougherty
Jarvis Caldwell

HOUSE DISTRICT 33
William Lindstedt (i) *
Michael Martinez

HOUSE DISTRICT 46
Tisha Mauro (i)
Kimberly Swearingen

HOUSE DISTRICT 59
Katie Stewart
Clark Craig

HOUSE DISTRICT 21
Liz Rosenbaum
Mary Bradfield (i)

HOUSE DISTRICT 34
Jenny Willford (i)
Craig Sullivan

HOUSE DISTRICT 47
Elizabeth Bulthuis
Ty Winter (i) *

HOUSE DISTRICT 60
Kathryn Green
Stephanie Luck (i) *

HOUSE DISTRICT 22
Michael Pierson
Kenneth DeGraaf (i)

HOUSE DISTRICT 35
Lorena Garcia (i)
Lee Knoll

HOUSE DISTRICT 48
Carlos Barron

HOUSE DISTRICT 61
Eliza Hamrick (i)

HOUSE DISTRICT 23
Monica Duran (i) *

HOUSE DISTRICT 36
Michael Carter

HOUSE DISTRICT 49
Lesley Smith
Steve Ferrante

HOUSE DISTRICT 62
Matthew Martinez (i)
Carol Rigganbach

HOUSE DISTRICT 24
Lisa Feret
Gwen Henderson

HOUSE DISTRICT 37
Chad Clifford (i)
Danny Moore

HOUSE DISTRICT 50
Mary Young (i)
Ryan Gonzalez * *

HOUSE DISTRICT 63
Dusty Johnson

HOUSE DISTRICT 25
Tammy Story (i)
George Mumma * *

HOUSE DISTRICT 38
Gretchen Rydin
Jeffrey Patty

HOUSE DISTRICT 51
Sarah McKeen
Ron Weinberg (i)

HOUSE DISTRICT 64
Mark Matthews
Ryan Armagost (i) *

HOUSE DISTRICT 65
Will Walters
Lori Sander



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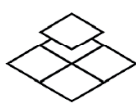


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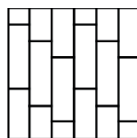
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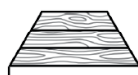
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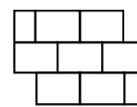
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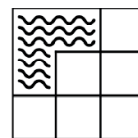
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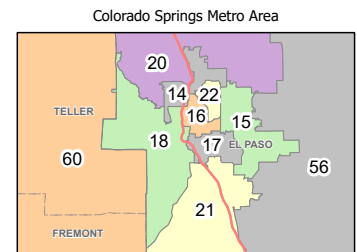
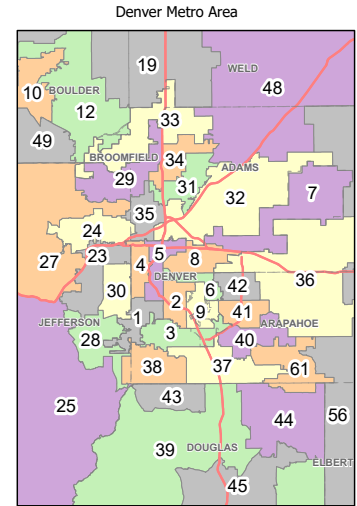
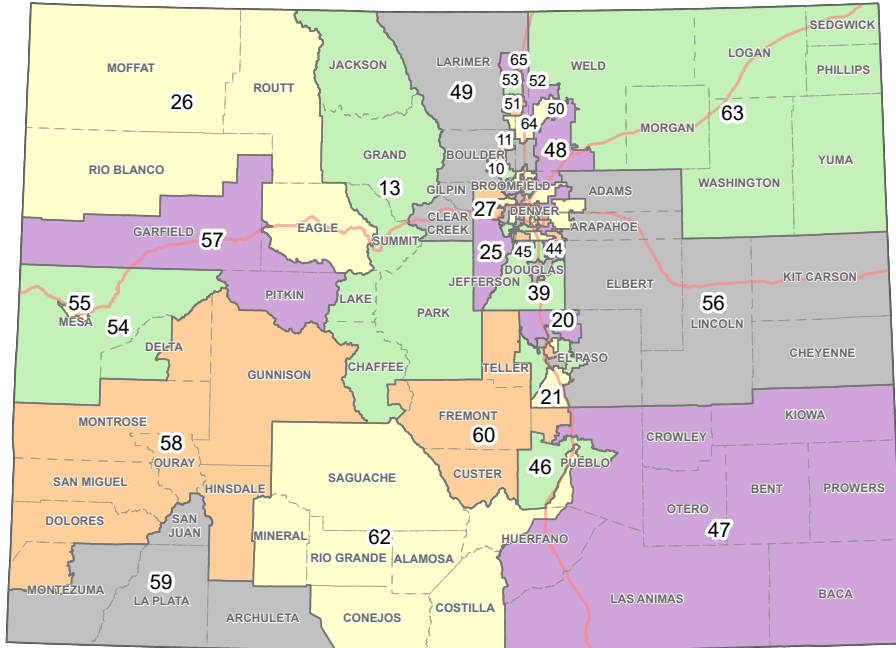
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Find Your District

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Denver House Districts 2024



Denver Senate Districts 2024

