

COLORADO

Voters in Colorado will elect a governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general this cycle. All 65 House seats will be on the ballot, as well as half of the Senate seats (17). Democrats are expected to maintain control of the Governor's Office, the Office of Attorney General, and the legislature.

Attorney General

Democratic Nominee

Attorney General Phil Weiser

Attorney General Phil Weiser (D) is seeking a second term. Before winning his 2018 election to become Attorney General, he had a lengthy career in the legal field and served as dean of the University of Colorado School of Law for five years. He also served in both the Obama and Clinton administrations. His top priorities include improving public safety, implementing criminal justice reform, and addressing environmental protection issues.

Weiser opposes the cash bail system. He has promised that should he receive a second term he would overhaul this system. Weiser has also pledged to provide additional training and mental health services to police officers.

Weiser is also running on his first term accomplishments, including a successful multi-state lawsuit challenging the federal government's decision to dismantle the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, rolling out School Justice Partnership Innovation Grants, and establishing a new environmental crimes unit within the Attorney General's Office.

An <u>August poll</u> shows that both Weiser and his opponent John Kellner are tied, and are each polling at 44%, with 12% of voters undecided. Weiser has <u>invested significantly</u> in his ad buying, with an investment of over \$2 million to roll out ads this fall.

Trivia: Weiser served as a law clerk for both Justices Byron White and Ruth Bader Ginsburg.