

COLORADO

Voters in Colorado will elect a new governor to replace term limited Governor Jared Polis (D), a new attorney general, and treasurer. All 65 seats in the house and approximately half (17) of the senate will also be on the ballot.

Governor

Democratic Nominee

Attorney General Phil Weiser

Attorney General Phil Weiser upset sitting U.S. Senator Michael Bennet in the state's primary. Weiser has served as the state's top lawyer since 2019. He previously worked as a clerk for Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and in the U.S. Department of Justice and the White House under Presidents Obama and Clinton.

Weiser's campaign highlights his work as attorney general to protect the rule of law, democracy, and the pockets of Colorado residents. Weiser highlights his **opposition to corporate housing ownership, protection of the Affordable Care Act, and recovery of nearly \$900 million from drug companies that fueled the opioid crisis**, among other accomplishments as AG. Weiser has focused much of his campaign on his opposition to President Trump, and his track record of putting his words to action as Attorney General. While in office, Weiser filed [65 lawsuits](#) against the Trump Administration.

Weiser hopes to focus on **affordability** by building accessibly-priced and mid-range housing, banning algorithmic pricing by corporate landlords, and expanding down-payment assistance to first time homebuyers. To increase the supply of new housing, Weiser wants to speed up permitting times and prioritize innovation over red tape. Finally, Weiser wants to protect the rural housing supply and affordable rental options statewide.

To create **jobs**, Weiser hopes to spur innovation through a startup-friendly economy and by investing in vocational training programs and community colleges. Through "Earn-and-Learn" programs, he hopes his policies will open pathways to high-demand careers such as education, law enforcement, and nursing.

On **education**, Weiser's plan outlines further investment to raise teacher salaries, reverse recent cuts to the state education budget, and create affordable paths from preschool to postsecondary education. Specifically, Weiser calls to expand Colorado's Universal Preschool Program beyond the 15 hours of preschool a week it currently supports. Once students graduate, Weiser supports loan forgiveness to students who enter public services and critical industries.

The Cook Political Report and the Center for Politics Sabato's Crystal Ball rate this race as Safe Democratic.

Trivia: They have a dog named Zeke.