

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

Republican Nominee

Victor Marx

Marine Veteran and Pastor Victor Marx won a narrow contest for the Republican gubernatorial nomination in Colorado. He seeks to replace term-limited Governor Jared Polis (D). Marx defeated state senator Barb Kirkmeyer by just over 2,000 votes, which was confirmed after two weeks in a mandatory recount due to the tight margin of the race. In addition to his job as a Pastor, Marx runs a non-profit that works in “hunting predators as well as rescuing, restoring and empowering women and children who have been held captive by traffickers and other abusers.”

In a video featured on his website, Marx grounds his campaign in issues of **public safety, affordability, and education**. Marx states that, “On day one as Governor, I will fully back law enforcement and end policies that protect criminals over victims,” and promises to “aggressively prosecute Fentanyl traffickers.” On affordability, Marx promises to cut red tape for small businesses and veto any bill that he feels “grows government at the expense of families.” Finally, he wants the Colorado education system to focus on fundamental subjects, rather than political agendas, and hopes to expand options for charter schools and homeschooling.

Marx drew national attention after his claim that his stepfather forced him to kill a man at age 7, which has not been independently verified. Marx also claims that he has saved over 45,000 women and children, called in an airstrike that killed 70 ISIS militants, and defeated human traffickers in Mexico.

Marx advertises endorsements from Colorado Representative Lauren Boebert, two Colorado sheriffs, and a handful of pastors, veterans, NFL players, and counterterrorism professionals.

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

Trivia: Marx has never run for public office until this year.