



2020 Election Recap



CO goes blue federally

Coloradans overwhelmingly supported the Democratic candidate for President, Joe Biden, and for Senate, John Hickenlooper.

Incumbents keep most state seats

In our catchment area of Douglas County, Arapahoe County, & the City of Aurora, we have 4 new legislators: Chris Kolker, David Ortiz, Naquetta Ricks, & Iman Jodeh. See page 3 for a full list of our local legislators.

Democrats retain state control

Democrats will continue to hold majorities in both the House and Senate at the state level. The executive branch is also held by Democratic Governor Jared Polis.

A mixed bag on ballot measures

Voters approved an income tax decrease, creation of a paid family leave program, and additional oversight of new enterprises. This indicates that Coloradans remain committed to populist values and direct democracy. Check out the [Secretary of State's website](#) for a full list of election results.

3 new County Commissioners

In Arapahoe County, Commissioner Kathleen Conti lost to Carrie Warren-Gully. Douglas County welcomes George Teal who replaces term-limited Commissioner Roger Partridge. Adams County adds Lynn Baca to the seat vacated by Commissioner Mary Hodge. See all of our local County Commissioners on page 3.

What this means for the I/DD world



Local funds secured for essential services

Coloradans voted to repeal the Gallagher Amendment (Amendment B). This is a big win for our community and other locally funded services like firefighters and schools. Repealing Gallagher prevents the loss of local mill levy funds that support programs, families, and providers in our communities. These funds are critical in meeting outstanding needs for people with developmental disabilities/delays and their families.

State faces complex fiscal reality

Several of the ballot measures passed will impact the state budget in coming years. Proposition 116 to lower state income tax passed, saving the average worker \$37 and costing the state an estimated \$78.1 million in revenue annually. The passage of Proposition 117, giving voters a say on enterprises, could also impact legislator's efforts to balance the budget as voters will determine how certain revenue can be leveraged. It's unclear to what degree either of these propositions will impact I/DD funding, but we expect to know more as the state releases its revenue forecasts in December.

Workers get access to additional support

Voters passed Proposition 118 to create a state-run Paid Family Leave Program. This may benefit caregivers who need additional time off to care for a loved one with a disability.



Your Local Changemakers



Although much attention goes to federal elections, everyday government is often conducted by elected officials on the local level like your county commissioners, city council members, and state legislators. Your elected officials in state and local government work hard to pass laws and ordinances that keep you safe, balance budgets with tax revenue, and most importantly, listen to your concerns. Here are some elected officials that represent you in Adams, Arapahoe, and Douglas counties.

County Commissioners

ARAPAHOE COUNTY



Bill Holen



Carrie Warren-Gully



Jeff Baker



Nancy Jackson



Nancy Sharpe

ADAMS COUNTY



Chaz Tedesco



Emma Pinter



Eva Henry



Lynn Baca



Steve O'Dorisio

DOUGLAS COUNTY



Abe Laydon



George Teal



Lora Thomas



Democrat

Republican

State Lawmakers

SENATE

Sen. Jim Smallwood

Sen. Jeff Bridges

Sen.- elect Chris Kolker

Sen.- elect Janet Buckner

Sen. Rhonda Fields

Sen. Chris Hansen

Sen. Chris Holbert

Sen. Kevin Priola

HOUSE

Rep. Meg Froelich

Rep. Emily Sirota

Rep. Mike Weissman

Rep. Tom Sullivan

Rep.- elect David Ortiz

Rep. Mark Baisley

Rep. - elect Naquetta Ricks

Rep. - elect Iman Jodeh

Rep. Dominique Jackson

Rep. Kevin Van Winkle

Rep. Kim Ransom

Rep. Patrick Neville

Rep. Rod Bockenfeld

Rep. Dafna Michaelson-Jenet