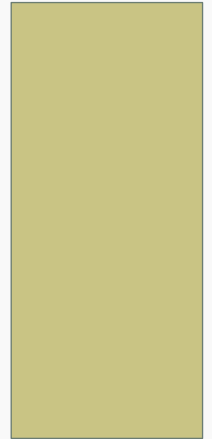


# **2022 GENERAL ELECTION & 2023 SESSION EXPECTATIONS**

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# REMINDER: CO POLITICS NOW



# 2022 SESSION

- Dems controlled all statewide offices and full state-government trifecta.
- Dems enjoyed *large* margins in both chambers:
  - 20 Ds vs 15 Rs in the Senate
  - 41 Ds vs 24 Rs in the House.
- Caucuses: Business friendly Dems, Progressive Dems, moderate Republicans, privacy caucus.



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# 2022 ELECTION RACES TO WATCH



# GOVERNOR'S RACE

- Jared Polis (D):  
incumbent  
seeking 2<sup>nd</sup> term

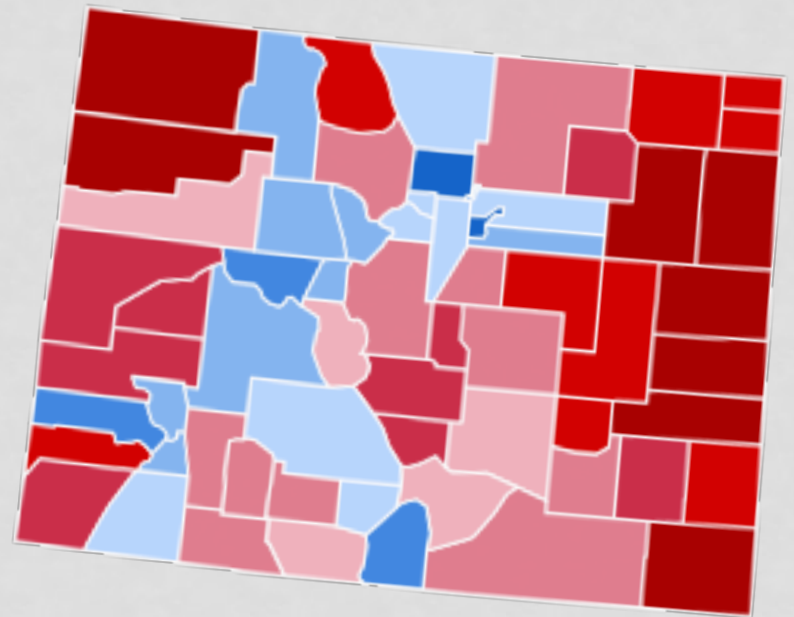


- Heidi Ganahl (R)



# STATE-WIDE ELECTIONS

- Jena Griswold (D) vs Pam Anderson (R)
- Phil Weiser (D) vs John Kellner
- Dave Young (D) vs Lang Sias (R)



# US HOUSE RACES

Colorado currently has 7 house congressional seats, but will have 8 beginning in 2023 (due to 2020 census)

- CD1 (solid D) – Hon. Diana Degette (D)
- CD2 (solid D) - Joe Neguse (D)
- CD3 (solid R) – Lauren Boebert (R)
- CD4 (solid R) - Hon. Ken Buck (R)
- CD5 (solid R) - Hon. Doug Lamborn (R)
- CD7 (**likely** D) –  
Brittany Pettersen(D) vs Erik Aadland (R)
- **NEW CD8 (toss-up) –**  
**Yadira Caraveo (D) vs Barbara Kirkmeyer (R)**



# US SENATE RACE

- Senator Michael Bennet (D): incumbent seeking 3<sup>rd</sup> term



- Joe O'Dea (R)



(Hickenlooper's seat not up for election until 2026)

# WHAT ABOUT THE STATE LEGISLATURE?

## HOUSE

- House will likely stay in Democrat control
- Several more “true progressives” entering the statehouse, but there will likely be an overall lower number of democrats
- Large freshman class entering House (esp Rs)
- Entirely new leadership

## SENATE

- Senate is technically a toss-up between R & D control
- Big news with Senator Kevin Priola switching parties
- Several former House members are moving over to the Senate

**[[REDISTRICTING]]**

# KEY STATE SENATE RACES

## **SENATE DISTRICT 3 (Pueblo)**

- Democrat: Nick Hinrichsen
- Republican: Stephen Varela



## **SENATE DISTRICT 8 (Western Slope)**

- Democrat: Dylan Roberts
- Republican: Matt Solomon



## **SENATE DISTRICT 11 (El Paso)**

- Democrat: Tony Exum
- Republican: Dennis Hisey



# KEY STATE HOUSE RACES

## HOUSE DISTRICT 37 (Arapahoe)

- Democrat: Ruby Dickson
- Republican: Paul Archer



## HOUSE DISTRICT 46 (Pueblo)

- Democrat: Tisha Maura
- Republican: Jonathan Ambler



## HOUSE DISTRICT 50 (Weld)

- Democrat: Mary Young
- Republican: Ryan Gonzalez



# LOTS OF BRAND NEW LEGISLATORS

(LIST NOT INCLUDING TOSS-UP SEATS WITH INCUMBENTS)

SD1-eastern plains: Byron Pelton (R)

HD1 Denver/Jeff: Javier Mabrey (D)

HD6 Denver: Elisabeth Epps (D)

HD14 El Paso: Rose Pugliese (R)

HD16 El Paso: either candidate

HD17 El Paso: Regina English (D)

HD20 El Paso: Don Wilson (R)

HD22 El Paso: Kenneth DeGraaf (R)

HD26 West Slope: either candidate

HD28 Jefferson: either candidate

HD31 Adams: Said Sharbini (D)

HD33 Adams/Broomfield/Weld:  
William Lindstedt (D)

HD34 Adams: Jenny Willford (D)

HD39 Douglas: Brandi Bradley (R)

HD43 Douglas: Kurt Hoffman (R)

HD44 Douglas: Anthony Hartsook (R)

HD45 Douglas: Lisa Frizell (R)

HD46 Pueblo: either candidate

HD47 SW CO: Ty Winter (R)

HD48 Adams/Weld: Gabe Evans (R)

HD55 Mesa: Rick Taggart (R)

HD57 West Slope: Elizabeth Velasco (D)

HD61 Araphahoe/Douglas: either  
candidate

HD62 S. Central: Matthew Martinez (D)

HD64 Larimer/Weld: Ryan Armagost (R)

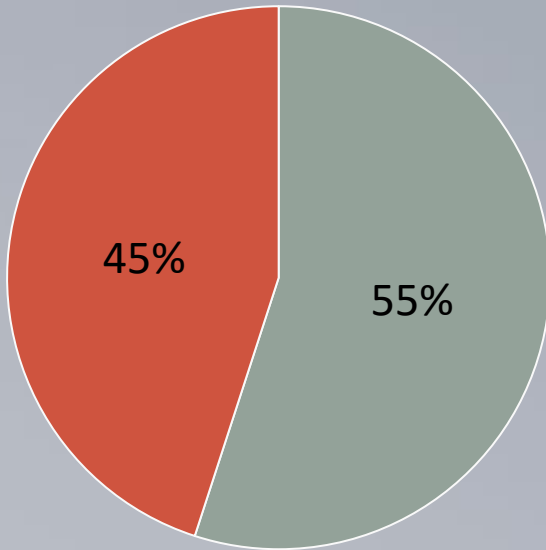


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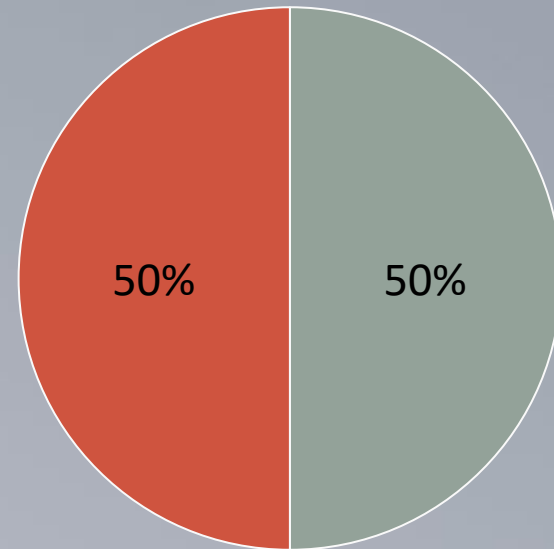
# 2022 BALLOT MEASURES



## CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE



## STATUTORY CHANGE



■ PASS

■ FAIL

## REFRESHER

CONSTITUTIONAL VS. STATUTORY CHANGES



# INITIATIVES AND REFERENDUMS

- **On The Ballot - 7 measures**
  - [Decriminalization and Regulated Access Program for Certain Psychedelic Plants and Fungi Initiative](#) – Statutory
  - [State Income Tax Rate Reduction Initiative](#) – Statutory
  - [Twenty-Third Judicial District Amendment](#)– Ref/Constitutional
  - [Homestead Exemption to Surviving Spouses of U.S. Armed Forces Members and Veterans Amendment](#) - Ref/Constitutional
  - [Charitable Gaming Amendment](#) – Ref/Constitutional
  - [Reduce Income Tax Deduction Amounts to Fund School Meals Program Measure](#)– Ref/Statutory
  - [Include Income Tax Effects in Initiative Ballot Language Measure](#)– Ref/Statutory

# 2023 EXPECTATIONS



# FUTURE FORECAST

- MANY new legislators
  - NO house Rs have ever been in majority & NO house Ds have ever been in the minority
- New leadership (House & JBC)
- Smaller margins in both chambers = different political calculations
- Rising inflation (TABOR not keeping pace)
- Limited revenue for 2023, TABOR refunds

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# QUESTIONS?

