

Election 2010 Report for the Colorado Automobile Dealers Association

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CADA Achieves 96% Accuracy Rate in predicting Colorado House and Senate Races

Election Night 2010 was nothing short of thrilling. The CADA Legislative team was awake until the wee hours of the morning after election night watching recounts in several key races in Colorado. The Colorado Automobile Dealers Association Political Action Committee (PAC) contributed to candidates in 74 Colorado House and Senate Races. Of those candidates to whom CADA provided financial support, 96% were victorious.

Comparatively at the national level, NADA's Dealer Election Action Committee (DEAC) provided financial contributions to a total of 7 Federal candidates for the US Senate and US House of Representatives. Of those candidates to whom DEAC provided financial support, 71% were victorious (5 out of 7).

Federal Races

US Senate

Sen. Michael Bennet (D): 47.7%
Ken Buck (R): 46.8%

Congressional District 1

Rep. Diana Degette (D): 67.4%
Mike Fallon (R): 28.8%

Congressional District 2

Rep. Jared Polis (D): 57.3%
Stephen Bailey (R): 38.-%

Congressional District 3 – Republican Pick-Up

Rep. John Salazar (D): 45.6%
Scott Tipton (R): 50.2%

Congressional District 4 – Republican Pick-Up

Rep. Betsy Markey (D): 40.8%
Cory Gardner (R): 53.1%

Congressional District 5

Rep. Doug Lamborn (R): 65.8%
Kevin Bradley (D): 29.2%

Congressional District 6

Rep. Mike Coffman (R): 66.0%
John Flerlage (D): 31.2%

Congressional District 7

Rep. Ed Perlmutter (D): 53.1%
Ryan Frazier (R): 42.1%

The business community as a whole received a large boost Election Night when the Republicans gained control of the Colorado House of Representatives. The Republicans picked up 6 seats which were previously held by Democrats in order to take the majority. These key races are listed later in this report.

The following are the final results from the mid-term elections for the Federal and Statewide Races. The winners are in bold and italicized.

Statewide Races

Governor

John Hickenlooper (D): 50.7%
Tom Tancredo (ACP): 36.7%
Dan Maes (R): 11.1%

Attorney General

John Suthers (R): 56.9%
Stan Garnett (D): 43.0%

Treasurer – Republican Pick-Up

Cary Kennedy (D): 48.7%
Walker Stapleton (R): 51.2%

Secretary of State – Republican Pick-Up

Bernie Buescher (D): 43.3%
Scott Gessler (R): 50.1%

The Republicans needed to win 6 seats in the Colorado House to gain control of the majority. Without a single seat to spare, they indeed gained 6 to take the majority. Those seats are:

HD 17 - Incumbent Rep. Dennis Apuan (D) was unseated by Republican challenger Mark Barker. (Colorado Springs)

HD 27 - Incumbent Rep. Sara Gagliardi (D) was unseated by Republican challenger Libby Szabo. (Arvada)

HD 29 - Incumbent Rep. Debbie Benefield (D) was unseated by Republican challenger Robert Ramirez. (Westminster)

HD 33 - Incumbent Rep. Diana Primavera (D) was unseated by Republican challenger Don Beezley. (Broomfield)

HD 38 - Incumbent Rep. Joe Rice (D) was unseated by Republican challenger Kathleen Conti. (Littleton)

HD 47 - Open seat, previously held by Rep. Buffie McFadyen (D) was won by Republican Keith Swerdfeger. (Pueblo)

Republican Speaker-Designee Frank McNulty (R-Highlands Ranch) has recently appointed members of his party to serve as the chairman of the House committees of reference. The details of these appointments are below, along with the vice-chair of each committee, if it has been determined yet. The Senate has yet to announce their committee Chairs and member appointees.

House Committee Chairmanship Appointments

House Agriculture, Livestock, and Natural Resources Committee

State Rep. Jerry Sonnenberg, R-Sterling
Vice Chair, State Rep. Randy Baumgardner, R-Hot Sulphur Springs

House Appropriations Committee

State Rep. Cheri Gerou, R-Evergreen

House Economic and Business Development Committee (formerly known as Business Affairs and Labor)

State Rep. Larry Liston, R-Colorado Springs
Vice Chair, State Rep. Spencer Swalm, R-Centennial

House Education Committee

State Rep. Tom Massey, R-Poncha Springs

House Finance Committee

State Rep. Brian DelGrosso, R-Loveland

House Health and Environment Committee (formerly known as Health and Human Services)

State Rep. Ken Summers, R-Lakewood

House Judiciary Committee

State Rep. Bob Gardner, R-Colorado Springs

House Local Government Committee

State Rep. Laura Bradford, R-Collbran

House State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee

State Rep. Jim Kerr, R-Littleton

House Transportation Committee

State Rep. Glenn Vaad, R-Mead
Vice Chair, State Rep. Marsha Looper, R-Calhan

2011 Legislative Leadership

Senate Majority

Senate President: Brandon Shaffer (D)
President Pro Tem: Betty Boyd (D)
Majority Leader: John Morse (D)
Assistant Majority Leader: Lois Tochtrop (D)
Caucus Chair: Morgan Carroll (D)
Joint Budget Committee: Pat Steadman (D)
Joint Budget Committee: Mary Hodge (D)

Senate Minority

Minority Leader: Mike Kopp (R)
Assistant Minority Leader: Bill Cadman (R)
Minority Whip: Scott Renfroe (R)
Caucus Chair: Mark Scheffel (R)
Joint Budget Committee: Kent Lambert (R)

House of Representatives Majority

House Speaker: Frank McNulty (R)
Speaker Pro Tem: Kevin Priola (R)
Majority Leader: Amy Stephens (R)
Assistant Majority Leader: Mark Waller (R)
Caucus Chair: Carole Murray (R)
Majority Whip: BJ Nikkel (R)

House of Representatives Minority

Minority Leader: Sal Pace (D)
Assistant Minority Leader: Nancy Todd (D)
Caucus Chair: Lois Court (D)
Assistant Caucus Chair: Sue Ryden (D)
Whip: Claire Levy (D)
Deputy Whip: Dickey Lee Hullinghorst (D)