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## **2022 Colorado General Election Results**

Yesterday, Colorado voters casted votes in federal, statewide, and legislative general election races. Similar to the pattern we observed across the country, the anticipated “red wave” did not materialize. In fact, Colorado saw a “blue wave” as voters elected Democrats at all levels of government. That said, ballots are still being counted and state legislative results could still change slightly. Below is a general summary of last night’s results based on the information we have at this time.

### **FEDERAL RACES**

Democratic U.S. Senator Michael Bennet won his re-election bid and will serve a third term. Most surprisingly among the congressional races, Democrat Adam Frisch currently holds a narrow lead against the controversial Republican congresswoman Lauren Boebert in Colorado’s 3<sup>rd</sup> congressional district (Western Slope & Southern Colorado), but that race remains too close to call.

### **STATEWIDE RACES**

Voters re-elected Democratic Governor Jared Polis to serve a second term. In addition, all incumbent Democratic officials in statewide constitutional seats won re-election, including the Secretary of State, Treasurer, and Attorney General seats.

### **STATE LEGISLATIVE RACES**

As of this morning, it appears Democrats running in state legislative races widened the margins in both chambers of the Colorado General Assembly. Over the summer, there was speculation that Republicans had a chance to regain control of the State Senate. That possibility seemed to fade in recent weeks, but the party still hoped to narrow the margins. Instead, it appears that Democrats widened the margins by two and will go from a current 21-14 majority to a 23-12 majority for the upcoming legislative session. As of this morning, two incumbent Republicans stand to lose their Senate seats: Dennis Hisey is trailing Tony Exum (SD 11), and Rob Woodward is trailing Janice Marchman (SD 15).

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On the House side, Republicans never expected to gain control of the chamber, but the party had hoped to significantly narrow the margins from last session. However, as of last night, it appears that Democrats may gain five seats, potentially bringing the totals up from 41 Democrats and 24 Republicans to 46 Democrats and 19 Republicans for the upcoming session. Two of the five seats that Democrats appear to have gained were in seats currently held by Republican incumbents: Dan Woog is trailing Jennifer Lee Parenti (HD 19), and Colin Larson is trailing Tammy Story (HD 25). Should this outcome hold, it leaves House Republican Leadership in an uncertain position, because Larson was widely expected to be selected as Minority Leader after the tragic and sudden death of Minority Leader Hugh McKean on October 30<sup>th</sup>.

Leadership elections for both parties in both Chambers will take place tomorrow, November 10<sup>th</sup>, and committee assignments will be determined sometime in late November or early December. We will be monitoring these outcomes closely. Should you have any questions about yesterday's election results, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Thanks,

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