

CO House District 53

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NO RESPONSE WAS RECEIVED FROM THE CANDIDATE Please consult candidate's website for more info.	Do you agree with Colorado's current law that possession of up to 1 gram of fentanyl is treated as a misdemeanor?	No
	Explain your answer in 25 words or less	Strengthen fentanyl laws. Fentanyl can't be treated like other drugs because it's lethal to innocent bystanders. Impose harsh sentences on repeat offenders and dealers.
	Are you concerned that Colorado has the highest rate of car theft in the nation?	Yes
	If so, what steps can the state take to improve this situation? (25 words or less)	Imprison repeat offenders responsible for most crimes. Reject woke criminal justice policies that consistently fail: defund the police, reimagine policing, abolish cash bail, decriminalize fentanyl.
	Should Colorado place more limits on the emergency powers available to elected and unelected officials?	Yes
	Should lower income parents who choose to educate their children in a non-public school be eligible to receive a state-funded scholarship grant to assist with the cost of tuition and fees?	Yes
	Do parents have the right to direct their children's upbringing and education by being allowed to see their children's records, curriculum, teaching and testing materials, as well as to be notified before any medical procedure or mental health therapy is performed	Yes

	on them (except possibly in the case of suspected parental abuse)?	
	Do you agree with Colorado's recently passed law that abortion should be allowed without restrictions through all nine months of pregnancy?	No
	Should organizations that provide abortions be allowed to receive state funds?	No
	Do you believe that healthcare providers have the right to abstain from participating in gender transition therapies?	Yes
	What in your opinion are the three most important medical issues facing Colorado? Choose no more than three from the list below.	Medical privacy, Cost of Prescription Drugs, Cost of Health Insurance
	Should the Covid vaccine be added to the list of mandatory vaccinations for admission to CU and attendance in K-12 schools?	No
	Would you like to see Colorado follow California's example and forbid the sale of new gas-powered cars after 2035?	No
	Given that Rawhide Energy Station's coal burning unit will be retired by 2030, what should Colorado do to avoid the energy shortages that have plagued other states like California and Texas? (25 words or less)	Use common sense. Renewables are too unreliable. Nat gas is clean and affordable. Colorado shouldn't decommission fossil fuels. Germany and China aren't. Why should we?
	Is religious freedom under assault in our nation?	Yes
	Explain your answer in 25 words or less.	Religious freedom always comes under attack. (That's why it's in the Constitution.) "Christian nationalism" is the latest attack (Christianity = Nazism). Authoritarians

		worship the state.
	Should churches and other qualified religious organizations continue to receive tax-exempt status?	Yes
	From the list below, choose the most pressing economic issue facing Colorado.	Affordable housing
	What should the state legislature do about it? (25 words or less)	Affordable housing reflects inflation, building codes, and supply-demand. Let's end state pro-growth policies, cut green building codes, and focus on Colorado residents' quality of life.
	Do you support Colorado's current Extreme Risk Protection Orders (Red Flag) law?	No
	Should there be more restrictions on gun ownership in Colorado?	No
	If yes, what additional restrictions would you recommend?	Strengthen Colorado gun laws to reduce gun violence by imprisoning offenders for gun crimes. We should reduce suicides: stop inflicting economic destruction & misery, provide more mental health resources.