



Polis and Stapleton on Key Issues

In response to some inquiries by members and investors of the 5 partner entities of the Northern Colorado Legislative Alliance (NCLA) about the positions of the two major gubernatorial candidates, Jared Polis (D) and Walker Stapleton (R), this brief overview has been prepared. It is not exhaustive but does include information on a few key issues. NCLA does not endorse candidates so nothing should be inferred from this document in that regard. The source of this information is a series of articles in the Denver Business Journal.

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<p>Transportation</p> <p>https://www.bizjournals.com/denver/news/2018/10/08/colorado-governor-candidates-transportation.html</p>	<p>no plan to fund transportation; wait and see until after fall elections</p> <p>opposes Proposition 109 (Fix Our Damn Roads) because he says it will lead to cuts from education and other areas of the budget</p> <p>declined to take a position on Proposition 110 (.62% sales tax increase)</p> <p>would support the expansion of some existing roadways, but wants a long-term transportation plan that focuses heavily on transit, transit-oriented development and high-speed rail along the whole Front Range</p>	<p>find efficiencies that get Colorado highway maintenance costs in line with neighboring states, sports gambling revenue, etc.</p> <p>supports Proposition 109 (Fix Our Damn Roads) – no tax increase, use existing / growing state resources, use to issue bonds</p> <p>opposes Proposition 110 (.62% sales tax increase); does not believe a tax hike is needed to fix state’s problems; because 55 percent of the revenues collected will go to local streets or to transit projects rather than to statewide projects; money is in state budget</p>

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		<p>concentrate on the state’s highway system; transit does not carry enough Coloradans to be considered equal in importance to highway fixes, and local governments have the capacity to fix their own roadways independent of the state</p> <p>would prioritize transportation in state budget</p>
<p>Economic Development</p> <p>https://www.bizjournals.com/denver/news/2018/05/03/polis-is-selling-entrepreneurship-but-some-in.html</p> <p>https://www.bizjournals.com/denver/news/2018/05/03/polis-is-selling-entrepreneurship-but-some-in.html</p> <p>https://www.bizjournals.com/denver/news/2018/10/09/polis-stapleton-economic-development-differences.html</p>	<p>focus on capital formation and helping businesses find capital</p> <p>advocate for financing groups now focused on the country’s two coasts to look at Colorado companies and help to seed firms here</p> <p>aid specific industries in the state – marijuana, blockchain, ecosphere of early-stage companies</p> <p>maintain Colorado’s quality of life — protection of natural areas and open spaces is an economic imperative</p>	<p>extend the prosperity of the Denver area into more rural regions through infrastructure — transportation, water, broadband</p> <p>minimize regulations on current industries, such as oil and gas</p> <p>opposes push for 100 percent renewable energy on the state’s grid by 2040 and government-funded universal health insurance saying that such proposals will drive up costs and regulations making it unattractive to prospective businesses</p> <p>focus the tax credits that are offered toward geographic areas where the jobs are needed the most</p>
<p>Environment</p> <p>https://www.bizjournals.com/denver/news/2018/05/03/polis-is-selling-entrepreneurship-but-some-in.html</p>	<p>supports environmental protections feeling any economic growth needs to be sustainable</p>	<p>supports keeping control in the state’s hand to create uniform policies for energy companies across the 64 counties</p>

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	<p>proposes moving health care system away from private health insurance and toward publicly funded universal care,</p> <p>use the bully pulpit of the governor’s office to push for a national Medicare for All plan</p> <p>implement a reinsurance program in which a fee would be assessed on all private policies</p> <p>Supports a single geographic rating area for premium costs to bring down premiums in the high-cost mountain and Western Slope areas but would lead to raises in costs along most of the Front Range</p>	<p>care system are given freedom to operate</p> <p>opposes single payer – high costs (between \$25 and \$30 billion to set up and run annually), would need to be funded by a payroll tax that employers can’t afford</p> <p>supported federal efforts to repeal the individual health-insurance mandate and believes the way to reduce costs for individuals and employers is to give them more choices</p>