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Colorado State and CU Regents Election Overview [1]

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Regents:
Three new Regents will be joining the board come January 2021.

Callie Rennison [3] (Democrat), a professor in the School of Public Affairs at CU Denver, won election District 2 with 60.5% of the vote. Incumbent Democrat Regent Linda Shoemaker did not run for reelection.

Ilana Spiegel [4] (Democrat) won 53.7% of the vote for election in the general election for District 6. Incumbent Republican Regent John Carson did not pursue reelection this year.

Nolbert Chavez [5] ran unopposed in District 7. He is a Democratic former member of the state House of Representatives and is the chief of external initiatives and the executive director of CityCenter [6], a CU Denver program that connects the university to business and civic leaders. Incumbent Irene Griego has served on the Board of Regents since 2011.

Read more at *CUConnections* [7].

State Elections:
In the Colorado General Assembly, there are 65 House seats and 35 Senate seats. All 65 House seats and 18 Senate seats were up for election this year. Legislators elected will begin serving in the 2021 State Session which starts January 13th. During the 2020 State Session, Democrats held a 3 seat majority in the Senate and a 17 seat majority in the House. For the 2021 State Session, Democrats' will have a slightly larger 5 seat majority in the Senate and retain their 17 seat House majority. Women will hold a majority of seats in the state House in 2021.

Statewide Ballot Measures:
The state-wide ballot measures that have been called are listed below.

Ballot Measure	Passed or Failed	Percent of Vote
Amendment B: Gallagher Amendment Repeal and Property Tax Assessment Rates Measure [8]	Passed	57.5%
Amendment C: Bingo Raffles Allow Paid Help and Repeal Five-Year Minimum [9]	Passed	51.9%

Amendment 76: Citizenship Qualification of Electors [10]	Passed	62.9%
Amendment 77: Local Voter Approval Gaming Limits in Black Hawk, Central City, and Cripple Creek [11]	Passed	60.5%
Proposition EE: Cigarette Tobacco and Nicotine Products Tax [12]	Passed	67.6%
Proposition 113: National Popular Vote [13]	Passed	52.2%
Proposition 114: Restoration of Gray Wolves [14]	Passed	50.9%
Proposition 115: Prohibition on Late-Term Abortions [15]	Failed	59%
Proposition 116: State Income Tax Rate Reduction [16]	Passed	57.9%
Proposition 117: Voter Approval Requirement for Creation of Certain Fee-Based Enterprises [17]	Passed	52.5%
Proposition 118: Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program [18]	Passed	57.7%

Now that the elections are over, CU's Government Relations team, campus and system leadership will be getting to know all of the newly elected officials.



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