Tom Sullivan (Colorado)

Tom Sullivan (Democratic Party) is a member of the Colorado State Senate, representing District 27. He assumed office on January 9, 2023. His current term ends on January 13, 2027.

Sullivan (Democratic Party) ran for election to the Colorado State Senate to represent District 27. He won in the general election on November 8, 2022.

Biography

Tom Sullivan grew up in Rochester, New York, Sullivan's family moved to Aurora, CO, for Force from 1974 to 1977 and received the rank of Cross Chief. He earned a bachelor's degree in computer and accounting from Metropolitan State College of Denver in 1988. Sullivan's career experience includes working for the Brownie Troop of Colorado Girl Scouts. He served on the executive council of the Colorado American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO) and was a member of the Colorado Democratic Party's Jefferson Jackson Dinner committee. Sullivan's focus on protecting dignity and equality, rights and benefits, and on raising the standard of living and quality of life for all working people and their families.[1] Sullivan lives in Aurora with his wife, Commissioner Jacqueline Sullivan and their three children.

Committee assignments

This membership information was last updated in March 2023. Ballotpedia completes yearly updates of committee membership. If you would like to send an update, email us at editor@ballotpedia.org.

2021-2022

Sullivan was assigned to the following committees:

- House Business Affairs and Labor Committee, Vice-chair
- Transportation and Local Government Committee

2019-2020

Sullivan was assigned to the following committees:

- House Business Affairs and Labor Committee
- House Finance Committee

Sponsored legislation

The following bills he/she sponsored by this legislature. Bills are monitored by BillTrack50 and sorted by action history. The following list may not be comprehensive. To see all bills sponsored by this person, click on the legislator's name in the title of the table.

Bills Sponsored By: Tom Sullivan

CO SB0024 - Employment Of School Mental Health...
Under current law, a mental health professional must be licensed by the state board of mental health professions in order to work in a school. The bill authorizes a school district, the state charter school institute, and a board of cooperative...
PROPOSED: House Education Committee | 01-09-23 | 01:30:00 PM

CO SB0170 - Mandatory School Resource Officer Tr...
Under current law, a peace officer who works as a school resource officer must complete a 40-hour school resource officer training curriculum (training) identified by the D.F.A. S. board. The bill rescinds a newer officer tr...

Elections

2022

See also: Colorado State Senate elections, 2022

General election

General election for Colorado State Senate District 27

Tom Sullivan (D) and Tom Kim (R) are the candidates in the November 8, 2022, general election for Colorado State Senate District 27 on November 8, 2022.

Candidate	%	Votes
✓ Tom Sullivan (D)	54.2%	39,861
Tom Kim (R)	45.8%	33,757
Scattering: Kristin Colorado Carter, Aaron Gibrilla-wo	0%	29
Total votes: 73,647		

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Democratic primary election

Democratic primary for Colorado State Senate District 27

Tom Sullivan and Tom Kim are the candidates in the June 28, 2022, Democratic primary for Colorado State Senate District 27.

Candidate	Votes
✓ Tom Sullivan (Incumbent)	13,569
Total votes: 13,569	

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Republican primary election

Republican primary for Colorado State Senate District 27

Kim Kim and Jonathan Shepherd Macklin are the candidates in the June 28, 2022, Republican primary for Colorado State Senate District 27.

Candidate	Votes
✓ Tom Kim	8,129
Jonathan Shepherd Macklin	3,447
Total votes: 11,576	

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2020

See also: Colorado House of Representatives elections, 2020

General election

General election for Colorado House of Representatives District 37

Tom Sullivan and Caroline Cornell are the candidates in the November 3, 2020, general election for Colorado House of Representatives District 37 on November 3, 2020.

Candidate	%	Votes
✓ Tom Sullivan (D)	54.1%	27,629
Caroline Cornell (R)	45.9%	22,242
Total votes: 49,871		

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Democratic primary election

Democratic primary for Colorado House of Representatives District 37

Tom Sullivan and Jason Ortiz are the candidates in the June 30, 2020, Democratic primary for Colorado House of Representatives District 37.

Candidate	Votes
✓ Tom Sullivan (Incumbent)	7,503
Total votes: 7,503	

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Republican primary election

Republican primary for Colorado House of Representatives District 37

Caroline Cornell and Kim Ruth are the candidates in the June 30, 2020, Republican primary for Colorado House of Representatives District 37.

Candidate	Votes
✓ Caroline Cornell	7,028
Total votes: 7,028	

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2018

See also: Colorado House of Representatives elections, 2018

General election

General election for Colorado House of Representatives District 37

Tom Sullivan and Cole Wist are the candidates in the November 6, 2018, general election for Colorado House of Representatives District 37 on November 6, 2018.

Candidate	%	Votes
✓ Tom Sullivan (D)	56.8%	25,686
Cole Wist (R)	43.2%	18,493
Total votes: 44,177 (90.87% precinct reporting)		

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Democratic primary election

Democratic primary for Colorado House of Representatives District 37

Tom Sullivan and Jason Ortiz are the candidates in the June 26, 2018, Democratic primary for Colorado House of Representatives District 37 on June 26, 2018.

Candidate	Votes
✓ Tom Sullivan (Incumbent)	7,624
Total votes: 7,624	

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Republican primary election

Republican primary for Colorado House of Representatives District 37

Cole Wist and Kim Ruth are the candidates in the June 26, 2018, Republican primary for Colorado House of Representatives District 37 on June 26, 2018.

Candidate	Votes
✓ Cole Wist (Incumbent)	6,729
Total votes: 6,729	

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Endorsements

Sullivan's endorsements by the Aurora Sentinel.[1]

2016

See also: Colorado State Senate elections, 2016

Elections for the Colorado State Senate took place in 2016. The primary election took place on June 28, 2016, and the general election was held on November 8, 2016. The candidate filing deadline was April 4, 2016.[2]

Incumbent Jack Tate defeated Tom Sullivan in the Colorado State Senate District 27 general election.[3][4]

Colorado State Senate, District 27 General Election, 2016			Source
Party	Candidate	Votes	%
Republican	✓ Jack Tate Incumbent	53,693	56.8%
Democrat	Tom Sullivan	40,845	43.2%
	Total Votes	94,538	100%

Source: Colorado Secretary of State ✓ Winner

Tom Sullivan ran unopposed in the Colorado State Senate District 27 Democratic primary.[5][6]

Incumbent Jack Tate ran unopposed in the Colorado State Senate District 27 Republican primary.[7][8]

Endorsements

2016 presidential endorsement

Sullivan endorsed Hillary Clinton for the Democratic primary in the 2016 U.S. presidential election.

See also: Endorsements for Hillary Clinton

Campaign themes

2022

Ballotpedia survey responses

See also: Ballotpedia: Candidate Connection

Tom Sullivan did not complete Ballotpedia's 2022 Candidate Connection survey.

2020

Tom Sullivan did not complete Ballotpedia's 2020 Candidate Connection survey.

2016

Sullivan, whose son was killed by James Holmes in a mass shooting at an Aurora movie theater in 2012, launched his campaign on February 23, 2016. During the announcement, Sullivan named gun control and gun family leave and economic inequality as campaign themes. He also criticized incumbent Jack Tate (R) for voting for a $200 bill that would decrease the killing of a fetus as a homicide, saying that Tate was "out of touch with the people of District 27."[9]

In addition, Sullivan's campaign website highlighted the following issues:[10]

- Economy/Jobs/Paid Leave:
  - We need to promote economic development that brings good paying jobs for working Coloradans. The minimum wage should be a living wage and earned paid sick and family leave should be a part of all employee packages.
- Education
  - We need to do everything we can to support our teachers so that every child can get a quality education. We need more resources into our public school classrooms, and take measures to make college more affordable.
- Energy
  - We need to work on moving to more clean energy sources, like wind and solar energy, while preserving jobs for Coloradans in the energy industry.
- Infrastructure/Transportation
  - We need to repair and update our infrastructure, particularly unsafe roads and bridges, while also easing flow

Scorecards

See also: State legislative scorecards and State legislative scorecards in Colorado

A scorecard evaluates a legislator's voting record. Its purpose is to inform voters about the legislator's political positions. Because scorecards have varying purposes and methodologies, each scorecard will be considered on its merits. For example, an advocacy group's scorecard may assess a legislator's voting record on one issue while a state newspaper's scorecard may assess a legislator's voting record on many issues.

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Preceded by	Colorado State Senate District 27 2023-Present	Succeeded by
Chris Kolker (D)		
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