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Mike Kopp

Mike Kopp was a 2014 Republican candidate for Governor of Colorado.[1]

Kopp is a former Republican member of the Colorado State Senate, representing District 22 from 2007 until stepping down on October 21, 2011. He was serving as State Senate Minority Leader when he resigned following his wife's death from cancer.[2]

Mike Kopp
Republican Party
Prior offices
Colorado State Senate District 22
Education
Bachelor's: North Central University, Minneapolis
Graduate: University of Colorado, 2007
Personal
Religion: Christian
Profession: Business
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Personal website

Biography

Kopp earned his B.A. in Ministry from North Central University-Minneapolis. His professional experience includes working as Clerk of Detention and Deportation for the United States Border Patrol, Fire Fighting Crew for the National Park Services and Principal of Forward Thrust Strategies. He served as a Sergeant in the United States Army.

Committee assignments

2011-2012

In the 2011-2012 legislative session, Kopp served on these committees:

- Executive Committee of the Legislative Council, Colorado General Assembly
- Legislative Council Committee, Colorado General Assembly

2009-2010

In the 2009-2010 legislative session, Kopp served on these committees:

- Appropriations Committee, Colorado Senate
- Transportation Committee, Colorado Senate

Issues

Sponsored legislation

Kopp's sponsored legislation included:

- SB 10-191 - Quality Instruction Through Educator Effectiveness.[3]

Healthcare

B.1. Nikkel and Kopp co-sponsored the Healthcare Opportunity and Patient Empowerment (HOPE) bill.

The measure would authorize the state of Colorado to collaborate with other states to create an interstate compact opting out of federal laws regulating health care.[4]

Elections

2014

See also: Colorado Gubernatorial election, 2014

Early speculation about the 2014 Colorado gubernatorial election placed Kopp on a short list of possible Republican challengers to take on Democratic incumbent Gov. John Hickenlooper.[5] Kopp confirmed rumors he was considering a bid when he filed for the election on October 1, 2013.[6]

Kopp sought the Republican nomination in the primary election on June 24, 2014. He was defeated by Bob Beauprez. The general election took place on November 4, 2014.

Primary Election Results

Governor of Colorado, Republican Primary, 2014 [hide]	
Candidate	Vote % / Votes
✓Bob Beauprez	30.2% / 116,333
Tom Tancredo	26.7% / 102,830
Scott Gessler	23.2% / 89,213
Mike Kopp	19.9% / 76,373
Total Votes	384,749

Election results via Colorado Secretary of State.

Hypothetical match-up polls

Hickenlooper vs. Kopp [hide]						
Poll	John Hickenlooper (D)*	Mike Kopp (R)	Someone else	Undecided	Margin of error	Sample size
Public Policy Polling , (December 3-4, 2013)	45%	37%	0%	17%	+/-3.2	928

Note: The pole above may not reflect all polls that have been conducted in this race. Those displayed are a random sampling chosen by Ballotpedia staff. If you would like to nominate another poll for inclusion in the table, send an email to editor@ballotpedia.org.

Race background

Democratic nomination

Democratic incumbent Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper ran for re-election in 2014 alongside Lieutenant Governor Joseph Garcia (D). Hickenlooper and Garcia were first elected together in 2010. They were uncontested for re-nomination in the Democratic primary on June 24, 2014.

Republican nomination

On June 24, Colorado voters selected Bob Beauprez as the Republican nominee for governor. It was the only contested primary for a statewide office held that day. Beauprez represented Colorado's 7th Congressional District from 2003 to 2007 and he was the Republican nominee for governor in 2006.[7] He drew 30 percent of the primary vote, according to unofficial totals, defeating Tom Tancredo (27 percent), Colorado Secretary of State Scott Gessler (23 percent) and Mike Kopp (20 percent).[8] Gessler passed up a possible second term as secretary of state in 2014 in favor of an ultimately unsuccessful attempt to challenge Hickenlooper for the state's top office. Since Gessler was knocked out of the governor's race, he was unable to make a bid for re-election as secretary of state.

On the advertising front, the primary campaign season was a relatively quiet one for the governor's race, a trend which was not continued in the general election. According to the candidates' campaign finance reports due July 1, Hickenlooper raised nearly $3 million in preparation for the second phase of the 2014 campaign cycle and ended the reporting period with $579,268 of cash on hand. Meanwhile, Beauprez, having weathered a tough primary battle, was left with $34,921 cash on hand. Beauprez' total fundraising for the cycle as of June 25 was $351,921, and he already faced loans exceeding $500,000, most of which he lent to himself.[9]

General election

Hickenlooper, Beauprez, Matthew Hess (Libertarian), Harry Hempy (Green) and various unaffiliated candidates competed in the general election on November 4, 2014.[10][11]

In September 2014, Governing rated the race between Hickenlooper and Beauprez as a "Toss-up" while *The Cook Political Report* gave Hickenlooper a slight advantage with a "Lean D" rating.[12][13]

2010

See also: Colorado State Senate elections, 2010

Kopp sought re-election to the 22nd District seat in 2010. He was uncontested in the primary. He defeated Mike Daniels (D) in the November 2 general election.

Colorado State Senate, District 22 General election (2010)	
Candidates	Votes
✓ Mike Kopp (R)	35,155
Mike Daniels (D)	20,851

2006

On November 7, 2006, Kopp was elected to the 22nd District Seat in the Colorado State Senate, defeating opponent Paula E. Noonan (D).[14]

Kopp raised $84,094 for his campaign, while Noonan raised $306,337.[15]

Colorado State Senate, District 22 (2006)	
Candidates	Votes
✓ Mike Kopp (R)	27,024
Paula E. Noonan (D)	24,092

Campaign donors

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Mike Kopp campaign contribution history [hide]			
Year	Office	Result	Contributions
2014	Colorado Governor	✗	$297,506
2010	Colorado State Senate, District 22	✓	$82,220
2006	Colorado State Senate, District 22	✓	$84,094
Grand total raised			$463,820

Source: (FH Follow the Money)

Ballotpedia collects information on campaign donors for each year in which a candidate or incumbent is running for election. See the table below for more information about the campaign donors who supported Mike Kopp.[16] Click [show] for more information.

Mike Kopp Campaign Contributions [show]

2010

In 2010, Kopp raised $55,173 in contributions.[16]

His three largest contributors were:

Donor	Amount
Copic Insurance Small Donor Committee	$2,000
Colorado Medical Society	$1,400
Colorado Association Of Realtors Small Donor Committee	$1,000

2006

In 2006, Kopp collected $84,094 in donations.[16]

His two largest contributors in 2006 were:

Donor	Amount
Colorado Rural Electric Association	$2,400
Senate Majority Fund	$1,000

Personal

Note: Please contact us if the personal information below requires an update.
Kopp has four children. His wife, Kimberly, passed away from cancer in 2011.

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- Legislative Profile from Project Vote Smart
- Project Vote Smart biography of Senator Mike Kopp
- Campaign Contributions: 2010, 2008 & 2006
- Mike Kopp on Facebook
- Mike Kopp on Twitter
- "Senate GOP gets show on the road with Mike Kopp at the wheel," *Colorado News Agency*, July 21, 2010 (Archive)

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Footnotes

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