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Michael McLachlan (Colorado)

Michael "Mike" McLachlan is a former Democratic member of the Colorado House of Representatives, representing District 59 from 2013 to 2025.

McLachlan passed away on June 23, 2021, after a battle with a long-term illness.[1]

Michael McLachlan

Democratic Party

Prior offices
Colorado House of Representatives District 59

Education	
Bachelor's	Southern Colorado State University University of Arizona, 1973
Law	

Military	
Service / branch	U.S. Marine Corps
Years of service	1965 - 1967

Contact
Personal website

Biography

McLachlan earned his B.S. from Southern Colorado State University and his J.D. from the University of Arizona in 1973. He served in the United States Marine Corps from 1965 to 1967.[2]

Committee assignments

2013-2014

At the beginning of the 2013 legislative session, McLachlan served on the following committees:

Colorado committee assignments, 2013 [hide]
Agriculture, Livestock and Natural Resources
Judiciary

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Campaign themes

2014

McLachlan's website highlighted the following campaign themes:[3]

Jobs and the Economy

- Excerpt: "During Mike's time in office, he has worked tirelessly to level the playing field for our State's middle class and help us continue our recovery from the great recession."

Education

- Excerpt: "As the only state legislator with two Colorado Universities in his district, Mike fought for funding for Western State University and Fort Lewis College for capital projects, and the co-sponsored a bill that capped tuition increases at state colleges and universities at 6%."

Healthcare

- Excerpt: "Mike is dedicated to helping the State of Colorado find a solution to rising health care costs and providing health care to children who need it."

Environment

- Excerpt: "Mike is committed to protecting our air and water. He has been actively involved in protecting the water rights of the Western Slope and protecting our rivers."

Women's Issues

- Excerpt: "Mike supports women's right to choose, and he supports women's right to affordable contraceptives and health screenings. Mike is also in support of ensuring that women receive equal pay for equal work."

Elections

2014

See also: *Colorado House of Representatives elections, 2014*

Elections for the Colorado House of Representatives took place in 2014. A primary election took place on June 24, 2014. The general election was held on November 4, 2014. The signature filing deadline for candidates wishing to run in this election was March 31, 2014. Incumbent Michael McLachlan was unopposed in the Democratic primary, while J. Paul Brown was unopposed in the Republican primary. Brown defeated McLachlan in the general election.[4][5][6][7]

Colorado House of Representatives, District 59, General Election, 2014			[Collapse]
PARTY	CANDIDATE	VOTE %	VOTES
Republican	✔ **J. Paul Brown**	50.2%	17,280
Democratic	Michael McLachlan **Incumbent**	49.8%	17,110
Total Votes			**34,390**

2012

See also: *Colorado House of Representatives elections, 2012*

McLachlan won election in the 2012 election for Colorado House of Representatives District 59. He ran unopposed in the Democratic primary on June 26, 2012. He defeated incumbent J. Paul Brown (R) in the general election on November 6, 2012.[8]

Colorado House of Representatives, District 59, General Election, 2012			[Collapse]
PARTY	CANDIDATE	VOTE %	VOTES
Democratic	✔ **Mike McLachlan**	51.1%	21,632
Republican	J. Paul Brown **Incumbent**	48.9%	20,715
Total Votes			**42,347**

Campaign donors

BP *The finance data shown here comes from the disclosures required of candidates and parties. Depending on the election or state, this may not represent all the funds spent on their behalf. Satellite spending groups may or may not have expended funds related to the candidate or politician on whose page you are reading this disclaimer, and campaign finance data from elections may be incomplete. For elections to federal offices, complete data can be found at the FEC website. Click here for more on federal campaign finance law and here for more on state campaign finance law.*

Michael McLachlan campaign contribution history [hide]			
Year	Office	Result	Contributions
2012	Colorado State House, District 59	✔	$149,323
Grand total raised			**$149,323**

Source: FF Follow the Money

2012

McLachlan won election to the Colorado House of Representatives in 2012. During that election cycle, McLachlan raised a total of **$149,323**.

Colorado House of Representatives 2012 election : campaign contributions [show]

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 report should be considered on its own 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 evaluate the voting record in its entirety.

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2014

In 2014, the 69th Colorado General Assembly was in session from January 8 to May 7.

- ACLU of Colorado
  Legislators *scored on their votes on bills the ACLU of Colorado "felt were the best representations of the civil liberties issues facing Colorado today."*
- Colorado Senior Lobby, Inc.
  Legislators *are scored on their votes related to senior issues.*
- Colorado Union of Taxpayers
  Legislators *are scored on their votes on bills related to fiscal policy.*
- Colorado Voters for Animals
  Legislators *are scored on their stances on animal protection issues.*
- Conservation Colorado
  Legislators *are scored on their votes on bills related to environmental conservation.*
- Planned Parenthood Colorado
  Legislators *are scored on their votes on bills related to reproductive health issues.*
- Principles of Liberty
  Legislators *are scored on their votes on bills related to "core principles of liberty," which the organization defines as "Free People," "Free Markets," and "Good Government."*
- The American Conservative Union
  Legislators *are scored on their votes on conservative issues.*
- Women's Lobby of Colorado
  Legislators *are scored on their stances on women's issues.*

2013

To view all the scorecards we found for this legislator in 2013, click [show]. [show]

Personal

Note: Please contact us if the personal information below requires an update.
McLachlan and his wife, Barbara, have two children.[2]

Noteworthy events

Recall efforts

See also: *Michael McLachlan recall, Colorado House of Representatives (2013)*

Following McLachlan's votes in favor of several pieces of gun control legislation, the conservative group Colorado Accountability filed recall paperwork with the Colorado Secretary of State on March 5, 2013. Supporters of the recall needed to collect 10,586 valid signatures by May 7 to force a recall election, but did not submit any signatures by the deadline.[9][10][11]

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See also

- Colorado House of Representatives
- Colorado House Committees
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- Colorado State Legislature

External links

- Official campaign website
- Profile from Open States
- Michael McLachlan on Facebook
- Michael McLachlan on Twitter
- Campaign Contributions: 2012

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Footnotes

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Political offices		
Preceded by J. Paul Brown (R)	Colorado House of Representatives District 59 2013–2025	Succeeded by J. Paul Brown (R)

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State of Colorado
Denver (capital)
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