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Legislative Update, Nov. 10, 2016



Colorado stays the course

If you are a fan of classic rock 'n' roll, you have probably heard "The Song Remains the Same" by Led Zeppelin. Turns out, that song title is a pretty good summation of what happened with the 2016 election in Colorado.

Pretty much everything remained the same.

Coloradoans are sending our congressional delegation back to Washington, D.C., unchanged. The Colorado House will be led again by Democrats and the Senate will stay under Republican control. House Democrats extended their majority by three seats (37-28), while Senate Republicans were able to maintain their one-seat majority (18-17). **Gov. John Hicklenlooper** will finish the remaining two years of his governorship with a split General Assembly and many big issues to address.

There will be some new faces in the leadership of both the House of Representatives and Senate, however. Both caucuses met today to elect leadership and fill seats on the Joint Budget Committee. The House will be led by **Rep. Crisanta Duran** (D) and **Sen. Kevin Grantham** (R) will head up the work in the Senate.

Now is a great time for you to contact your elected officials and discuss issues you'd like them to address during the 2017 General Assembly. This is especially true if you are represented by one of the legislative leaders listed below.

Colorado House of Representatives

Speaker of the House

Rep. Crisanta Duran

D, House District 5 (Denver)

Majority Leader

Rep. K.C. Becker

D, House District 13 (Boulder)

Assistant Majority Leader	Rep. Alec Garnett D, House District 2 (Denver)
Majority Caucus Chair	Rep. Daneya Esgar D, House District 46 (Pueblo)
Assistant Majority Caucus Chair	Rep. Jennifer Arndt D, House District 53 (Fort Collins)
Majority Whip	Rep. Brittany Petterson D, House District 28 (Lakewood)
Majority Deputy Whip	Rep. Javon Melton D, House District 41 (Aurora)
Minority Leader	Rep. Patrick Neville R, House District 45 (Castle Rock)
Assistant Minority Leader	Rep. Cole Wist R, House District 37 (Centennial)
Minority Caucus Chair	Rep. Lori Saine R, House District 63 (Firestone)
Minority Whip	Rep. Perry Buck R, House District 49 (Windsor)

Colorado Senate

President of the Senate	Sen. Kevin Grantham R, Senate District 2 (Canon City)
President Pro-Tem	Sen. Jerry Sonnenberg R, Senate District 1 (Sterling)
Majority Leader	Sen. Chris Holbert R, Senate District 30 (Parker)
Assistant Majority Leader	Sen. Ray Scott R, Senate District 7 (Grand Junction)
Majority Caucus Chair	Sen. Vicki Marble R, Senate District 23 (Fort Collins)
Senate Majority Whip	Sen. John Cooke R, Senate District 13 (Greeley)
Minority Leader	Sen. Alicia Guzman D, Senate District 34 (Denver)
Assistant Minority Leader	Sen. Leroy Garcia D, Senate District 3 (Pueblo)
Minority Whip	Sen. Michael Merrifield D, Senate District 11 (Colorado Springs)
Minority Caucus Chair	Sen. Lois Court D, Senate District 31 (Denver)

Joint Budget Committee

Rep. Millie Hamner, D, House District 61 (Dillon)
Sen. Kent Lambert, R, Senate District 9 (Colorado Springs)
Sen. Kevin Lundberg, R, Senate District 15 (Berthoud)*
Sen. Dominick Moreno, D, Senate District 21 (Commerce City)*
Rep. Bob Rankin, R, House District 57 (Carbondale)
Rep. Dave Young, D, House District 50 (Greeley)

*– New to the Joint Budget Committee

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