

Former Republican Attorney General Cynthia Coffman Endorses Phil Weiser

Endorsement by Coffman follows announcement of support from other high-profile Republicans and Independents from across the state

SEPTEMBER 15, 2022—Today, the Phil Weiser for Colorado campaign announced the endorsement of former Republican Attorney General Cynthia Coffman. Coffman, Weiser's predecessor, served as Colorado's Attorney General from 2015 through 2019. Coffman also served as Chief Deputy Attorney General to Republican Attorney General John Suthers, and as chief legal counsel to Republican former Governor Bill Owens.

Coffman stated:

"Phil Weiser understands and honors the office he has held the last four years. He is respected among his fellow attorneys general as a collaborative leader who hasn't been drawn into base partisan battles that threaten pragmatic problem solving. He is an influential voice in the national attorney general community because he is an independent thinker not susceptible to the sway of special interest groups.

As General Weiser's predecessor in the job, I have been pleased by his continuation of impactful initiatives in school safety, domestic violence and sexual assault prevention, substance abuse treatment, and childhood sexual abuse recovery.

Naturally, we do not see eye-to-eye on every policy issue or legal position, but Phil Weiser has earned my professional respect and personal support. General Weiser deserves another four years in service as Colorado's Attorney General."

Weiser stated:

"Cynthia Coffman served Colorado well as a respected leader who built relationships across our state and across party lines during her distinguished career in public service. I'm proud to have her support. While Cynthia and I don't necessarily agree on everything, we agree on the critical foundations of what Coloradans want from their Attorney General: a commitment to protecting victims, defending the rule of law, addressing the opioid crisis, fighting for equality, and engaging in dialogue with everyone. We are stronger as Coloradans when we work together with a spirit of true collaboration to develop the best solutions to our challenges. I am honored to have Cynthia's support as well as that from other respected Republicans and Independents who have endorsed my re-election."

Coffman's endorsement of Weiser follows last week's announcement that many prominent current and former Republican and Independent leaders are supporting Weiser's re-election. Those officials included:

- Former Speaker of the House of Representative Russ George
- Former Colorado Supreme Court Justice Rebecca Love Kourlis
- Former Westminster Mayor Herb Acheson
- Former Craig Mayor and Former Moffat County Commissioner Ray Beck
- Former Moffat County Commissioner Audrey Danner
- Former District Attorney Steve Erkenbrack, Mesa County, former Chief Deputy Attorney General
- Commissioner Greg Felt, Chaffee County Commission
- Sheriff Justin Perry, Ouray County
- Commissioner Ben Tisdel, Ouray County Commission
- Former Assistant Republican Leader Cole Wist
- Former State Representative Rob Witwer
- Former District Attorney David Wood, Larimer and Jackson Counties

Statements from each of these officials are available here.

Last week's announcement also included the release of two videos featuring rural law enforcement sheriffs and local government officials supporting Weiser's work as Attorney General:

- Sheriff Joe Pelle, Boulder County; Sheriff Justin Perry, Ouray County; and Sheriff Robert Jackson, Alamosa County, available <u>here</u>; and
- Commissioner Ben Tisdel, Ouray County; and Commissioner Greg Felt, Chaffee County, available <u>here</u>.

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