



Green Industries of Colorado Releases Endorsements of Legislative Candidates

The Green Industries of Colorado (GreenCO) endorses and supports candidates who it believes are supportive of policies that will support and not hinder small businesses, which includes legislation around uniform sales tax definitions, employer requirements for paid leave and other benefits and construction defects. The Colorado Water Plan and water policy that is crafted in support of the plan, specifically to outdoor water use, is very important to the organization. In addition, GreenCO supports candidates who are supportive of opportunities for trade education in secondary education and who support policies that enhance the state's economic climate for business and job growth.

To determine endorsements and financial support, the GreenCO Political Committee interviewed candidates and reviewed incumbent voting records for the 2015 and 2016 sessions. Candidates endorsed by GreenCO are individuals with whom GreenCO can work with at the State Capitol and who will be supportive of green industry businesses.

GreenCO has endorsed and supported the following candidates:

House

[Katy Brown](#) (R) House District 3
[Chris Hansen](#) (D) House District 6
[James Coleman](#) (D) House District 7
[Leslie Herod](#) (D) House District 8
[Dave Williams](#) (R) House District 15
[Kit Roupe](#) (R) House District 17
[Tracy Kraft-Tharp](#) (D) House District 29
[Jessica Sandgren](#) (R) House District 31
[Adrienne Benavidez](#) (D) House District 32
[Matt Gray](#) (D) House District 33
[Susan Beckman](#) (R) House District 38
[Hugh McKean](#) (R) House District 51
[Phil Covarrubias](#) (R) House District 56
[J. Paul Brown](#) (R) House District 59

Senate

[Jim Smallwood](#) (R) Senate District 4
[Laura Woods](#) (R) Senate District 19
[Kevin Priola](#) (R) Senate District 25

GreenCO urges its members to personally give to these endorsed candidates. A corporation or a non-corporate business entity cannot give money directly to a candidate. An individual can give a legislative candidate up to \$400.

GreenCO will continue to work with legislators on issues important to the green industry and the businesses we support.

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The [Green Industries of Colorado](#) is an alliance of seven trade associations representing all facets of the horticulture and landscape industries. GreenCO members are committed to water conservation and industry-wide best management practices as a way of doing business. We provide expert advice on how to select and properly care for plants and landscapes. Colorado's green industry contributes more than \$2 billion to Colorado's economy and provides nearly 40,000 jobs.

GreenCO member associations

[Associated Landscape Contractors of Colorado](#)

[Colorado Arborists and Lawn Care Professionals](#)

[Colorado Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects](#)

[Colorado Nursery & Greenhouse Association](#)

[Garden Centers of Colorado](#)

[International Society of Arboriculture, Rocky Mountain Chapter](#)

[Rocky Mountain Sod Growers Association](#)