

# Realtor Assn. Endorsements in This Year's Election Cross Party Lines

Individual agents may avoid revealing their own political leanings lest they offend a potential client, but the Realtor associations on the local, state and national level are known for taking stands on issues and endorsing candidates who share our organizations' commitment to property rights.

I have always been politically active myself — even running for office in 1981 and 1985 — and I'm not one to hide my centrist political viewpoints, including

when they differ from the Realtor line. This year, however, I find myself in agreement with most of the Realtor endorsements, and I'm impressed by the bi-partisan nature of those endorsements.

My impression is that the largely Republican leadership of the state association has held sway when it came to the important statewide races, but — surprise! — this year

the state association endorsed Democrats Michael Bennet for U.S. Senate and John Hickenlooper for Governor. For Attorney

General, they endorsed Republican John Suthers, but for Treasurer, they endorsed Democrat Cary Kennedy. For Congress, they endorsed Republican Mike Coffman in CD 6 and Democrat Ed Perlmutter in CD 7.

For Jeffco area State Representatives, they endorsed five Republicans and only one Democrat (Sue Schafer), but for State Senate, they endorsed only one Republican (Mike Kopp) and two Democrats (Cheri Jahn and Jeanne Nicholson).

I'm sorry they didn't endorse Democrat Max Tyler for House District 23, widely recognized as a superb first-term legislator. I can only assume that Max lost our

endorsement for his opposition to the "completion" of the Beltway through Golden — an area where I myself disagree strongly with the Realtor associations. Every candidate interview in which I have participated as a member of the government affairs committee, we have asked for their position on the beltway, so I know it's a factor.

The state association does have a written policy and procedure for making endorsements, and I have posted its 2-page "endorsement process" paper on my website, [www.JimSmithColumns.com](http://www.JimSmithColumns.com), in case you'd like to review it.

## 'No' to All Ballot Measures

There are some really screwy ballot measures this year. The Realtors have joined almost everyone else in opposing the "Ugly 3," which are Amendments 60 and 61, and Proposition 101. Rita and I are also opposing every other ballot measure.

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## This Week's Featured Listing:

### This Home Is Easy to Miss, Hard to Forget

I'm featuring this home again because I can't believe it hasn't sold yet! If Rita and I didn't have to stay in our current home for tax reasons, we'd downsize to this beautifully upgraded home on 0.7 acres. Located at 4901 Indiana Street, it's easy to miss this home hidden behind several tall spruce trees which have grown together and hidden it from view. The above picture is actually from the far side of the home. You can see those tall spruce trees in the background. Only the driveway and garage are visible from Indiana Street. The driveway above is actually on 49th Ave. Off camera to the left in the above picture is a manicured yard with an agricultural ditch which you could mistake for a slow-moving stream. Take the video tour at the website above and you'll see why we love it.



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