

## *The CACI Advantage*

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### **CACI Endorses Pro-Business State Legislative Candidates; August 8<sup>th</sup> Primary Fast Approaching**

Based on analyses of voting records and recommendations by CACI's lobbying team, the CACI Executive Committee has endorsed 29 pro-business incumbents for the November 7<sup>th</sup> election to the Colorado General Assembly.

We appreciate the contributions of CACI members and individuals to CACI's Colorado Business Political Action Committee (CB-PAC), which has and will be providing campaign contributions to these candidates.

First, of particular importance, are three CACI-endorsed candidates who face primary election challengers on Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>:

- Rep. Val Vigil (D-Thornton), who also is seeking election to the Senate
- Senator Kiki Traylor (R-Littleton)
- Rep. Dale Hall (R-Greeley), who also is seeking election to the Senate

For the Senate for the General Election, CACI has endorsed and will support the following incumbent Senators who are seeking re-election as well as one House member who is seeking election to the Senate:

- Senator Lew Entz (R-Hooper)
- Senator Abel Tapia (D-Pueblo)
- Senator Steve Johnson (R-Ft. Collins)
- Senator Ed Jones (R-Colorado Springs)
- Senator Ken Kester (R-Las Animas)
- Rep. Matt Knoedler (R-Lakewood)
- Senator Paula Sandoval (D-Denver)

For the House of Representatives for the General Election, CACI has endorsed the following incumbent Representatives who are seeking re-election while one Senator is seeking election to the House:

- Speaker of the House, Andrew Romanoff (D-Denver)
- House Minority Leader Mike May (R-Parker)
- Rep. Rosemary Marshall (D-Denver)
- Rep. Bill Cadman (R-Colorado Springs)
- Rep. Larry Liston (R-Colorado Springs)
- Rep. Mark Cloer (R-Colorado Springs)
- Rep. Cheri Jahn (D-Wheat Ridge)
- Rep. Rob Witwer (R-Genesee)
- Rep. Jim Kerr (R-Littleton)
- Bill Berens (R-Broomfield)
- Rep. David Balmer (R-Centennial)
- Rep. Nancy Todd (D-Aurora)
- Senator David Owen (R-Greeley)
- Rep. Robert McCluskey (R-Fort Collins)
- Rep. Dorothy Butcher (D-Pueblo)
- Rep. Al White (R-Winter Park)
- Rep. Tom Massey (R-Poncha Springs)
- Rep. Rafael Gallegos (D-Antonito)
- Rep. Cory Gardner (R-Yuma)

As additional candidates are endorsed by the CACI Executive Committee, that information will be passed along to CACI members.

During the last two weeks of August, the CACI lobbying team and members of CACI's Governmental Affairs Council will be interviewing new legislative candidates.

CACI members who wish to support any of these candidates should contact Donnah Moody, CACI Director of Governmental Relations, at 303.866.9641 for more information.

**Mark Your Calendar: CACI Annual Meeting Set for Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> to Feature Colorado Gubernatorial Debate**

U.S. Congressman Bob Beauprez, a Republican, and former Denver District Attorney Bill Ritter, a Democrat, have agreed to debate business issues facing Colorado at the CACI Annual Meeting Luncheon set for 12 Noon, Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, at the Westin Tabor Center Hotel. The Luncheon will be preceded at 10:30 a.m. by the Annual Meeting of the CACI Board of Directors, which will elect officers and new Board members.

For information on the CACI Annual Meeting Luncheon and sponsorship opportunities, contact Denise Reeves, CACI Vice President of Events and Programs, at 303.866.9622 or via e-mail at [dreeves@COchamber.com](mailto:dreeves@COchamber.com)

## **Governor Bill Owens and House Speaker Andrew Romanoff Issue Statements of Appreciation to CACI**

CACI members will soon receive in the mail a four-page CACI brochure entitled *2006 Legislative Session Report*. Included in this brochure are statements from Governor Owens and Speaker Romanoff:

“CACI has long served as a vanguard for Colorado’s business community. Throughout my tenure as Governor, I have taken CACI’s advice seriously, and this last legislative session was no exception. Your organization has worked hard to protect and enhance Colorado’s business climate, and the State owes you a debt of gratitude for your work.”

Governor Bill Owens

“I appreciate CACI’s significant contribution to the 2006 legislative session. CACI representatives offered valuable insight on key legislation affecting Colorado employers and the Colorado economy.”

Speaker of the House Andrew Romanoff

## **New Colorado Job Creation Incentives Explained**

The Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade (OEDIT) has issued information about how the new HB-1017 Performance-Based Job Creation Incentives will be handled. This bill was supported by local economic development organizations, CACI, and other business interests. Here’s what the OEDIT has sent out:

The Colorado Economic Development Commission has authorized OEDIT staff to develop a simple form and procedures for companies that meet the following criteria and will then be qualified to receive incentives:

In rural communities, five or more jobs created in one month:

At 110% of average county wage	\$1,000 per job after one year
At 115% of average county wage	\$1,250 per job after one year
At 120% of average county wage	\$1,500 per job after one year

In urban areas, the minimum number of jobs created in one month rises to ten.

In addition, the EDC approved an enhanced program using rollover EDC funds for highly desirable, high-impact deals. This program will be reviewed regularly and will depend upon availability of funds. The procedures are exactly the same as the HB 1017 program and will increase the dollar amounts as follows:

In rural communities, five or more jobs created in one month:

At 125% of average county wage	An additional \$1,000 for a total of \$2,500 per job after one year
At 135% of average county wage	An additional \$250 for a total of \$2,750 per job after one year

At 150% of average county wage	An additional \$250 for a total of \$3,000 per job after one year
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In urban areas, ten or more jobs created in one month:

At 150% of average county wage	An additional \$500 for a total of \$2,000 per job after one year
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At 160% of average county wage	An additional \$250 for a total of \$2,250 per job after one year
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At 175% of average county wage	An additional \$250 for a total of \$2,500 per job after one year
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The forms will be ready, along with detailed fact sheets, early in the fall. Jobs qualify if they were created during or after January 2006, meaning the first draw of incentive funds may occur in January, 2007.

**For More Information . . .**

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