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EXECUTIVE SYNOPSIS

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In preparing this background report, we undertook an examination of all readily available and relevant electronic and online records, several hundred Nexis and news articles, dozens of active and archived web pages, and several dozen public records from Nexis and the resources of various federal, state, and municipal government offices. The results of our analysis are contained below.

Typographical Note: There are a number of articles quoted in this report that contain typographical errors. These are from the original text of the article and have not been corrected when being quoted directly.

SUMMARY

Taxes, Fees, And Spending

McLachlan is an opponent of TABOR and regards it as one of the “worst things to happen to Colorado”. McLachlan appears to back gutting TABOR and has supported efforts to subvert it. Further on taxes, McLachlan pushed for a repeal of the Gallagher amendment, which kept property taxes in check. McLachlan supports higher taxes on corporations and the wealthy. McLachlan supported an effort to significantly increase the state sales tax; going even further by supporting additional tax increases on products such as tobacco and nicotine.

In 2017, McLachlan noted she opposed efforts to cut the hospital provider fee. McLachlan also voted to extend a program that relies on surcharges and registration fees for motorcycles. In 2018, McLachlan successfully increased fees on Colorado businesses as well. In addition to business, McLachlan supports levying additional increased fines and fees for environmental and parks and wildlife violations. McLachlan supports multiple market-distorting tax credits.

Recently, McLachlan helped to pass the “largest budget ever” as Colorado’s ballooning government spending continues and voted in support of a plan by Democrats to provide TABOR refunds earlier, ahead of the midterm elections. McLachlan supported the Obama-era stimulus programs and backed legislation that could expose taxpayers to multi-billion-dollar pension bailouts.

McLachlan is backed by unions and champions their priorities. McLachlan has noted support for expanding unemployment benefits to gig workers. During Covid, McLachlan refused to commit to liability protections for businesses.

Health Care, Education, Environment, Regulations

McLachlan supports the creation of a public option for healthcare in Colorado. In 2020, McLachlan supported legislation aimed at increasing childhood vaccinations – a measure perceived as anti-parental choice. Moreover, during the Covid pandemic, McLachlan appeared to have scolded those who decided not to wear masks. McLachlan supported legislation that further

imposes insurance mandates, a move that critics suggest could drive up healthcare costs. In 2017, McLachlan voted to expand Obamacare subsidies.

In 2022, McLachlan indicated support for “universal pre-k” and has backed full-day kindergarten. McLachlan also opposed efforts to promote school choice by voting against HB119-1123, a bill that would allow for income tax deductions for K-12 expenses from 529 plans. McLachlan has backed liberal positions on school curriculums.

In 2018, McLachlan appeared to support pushing Colorado towards “100% carbon free” energy, and has voted to implement those policies. Additionally, McLachlan supports SB 138 and HB 1303, which implement measures and regulations to reduce carbon emissions. Moreover, McLachlan backed severe restrictions on the oil and gas industry while supporting additional environmental regulations. McLachlan continues her support for increased regulations by imposing additional rules on certain mining companies.

McLachlan, a clear supporter of growing the regulatory state, was financially boosted by environmentalist billionaire Tom Steyer, and been linked to other environmental groups.

Immigration, Public Safety, And Social Issues

McLachlan has backed legislation providing benefits to illegal immigrants. McLachlan has even indicated support for broad reforms to law enforcement and policing. In 2022, McLachlan supported the ‘Crime Through Safer Streets’ legislation, which is viewed as inadequate and unnecessary by Republicans. McLachlan goes further by with her support for a fentanyl bill that critics suggest “fails miserably”. McLachlan criticized efforts to punish homeless people for sleeping in public and supports the repeal of the death penalty.

McLachlan supports unfettered access to abortion and Planned Parenthood. In 2022, McLachlan voted to pass the “Reproductive Health Equity Act” – which declares “every pregnant individual has a fundamental right to continue the pregnancy and give birth or to have an abortion”. Also, McLachlan supports efforts to undermine the Second Amendment. McLachlan said she “supports the background checks, but that she splits with her husband on limiting high-capacity ammunition magazines”. In 2018, McLachlan voted to pass legislation that created an opportunity for the seizure of firearms without due process and on the basis of unchallenged accusations.

McLachlan authored a tweet pledging to “stand against white supremacy” and claiming that “silence is complicity”. In 2017, McLachlan supported a policy in the state legislature that seeks to ensure race is further entrenched in the conversation regarding legislation. In 2021, McLachlan sponsored legislation to ban schools from using Native American mascots and impose a \$25,000 monthly fine for continued use of such mascots.

Far-Left Ties

In 2020, McLachlan was listed as among the candidates to sign on to the Working People’s platform. The Working People’s platform calls for things such as: union and organizing protections; higher minimum wages; protecting the Affordable Care Act; higher taxes on the wealthy and corporations; opposing anti-immigration policies that separate families.

On social media, McLachlan has indicated support for policies that seek to consolidate liberal power, such as D.C. statehood and packing the Supreme Court.

McLachlan's reelection efforts received \$500,000 from an organization funded by the Soros-backed Sixteen Thirty Fund. McLachlan has also been backed by other dark money groups such as Education Reform Now.

McLachlan has exchanged support with prominent progressive politicians, ranging from Joe Biden and Barack Obama to members of 'The Squad' (Ayanna Pressley, Ocasio-Cortez, Ilhan Omar).

TOP ISSUES

Political

Campaign Finance

- Between 2016 and 2020, McLachlan received tens of thousands of dollars from liberal education groups, such as the Colorado Education Association and the Colorado Federation of Teachers.
 - McLachlan similarly received tens of thousands of dollars from labor and public sector unions, including SEIU Local 105, the Colorado State Conference of Electrical Workers, and the Food and Commercial Workers Local 7.
 - It should also be noted that McLachlan has taken in tens of thousands of dollars from abortion policy groups like Planned Parenthood, NARAL, and Emily’s List.

Compensation

- While serving in the Colorado House of Representatives since 2017, McLachlan has received an aggregate of \$152,493.50 in taxpayer-funded compensation.

Partisan Ties And Activities

- McLachlan has endorsed the Liberal Working People's platform.
 - In 2020, McLachlan was listed as among the candidates to sign on to the Working People’s Platform.
- On social media, McLachlan has indicated support for policies that seek to consolidate liberal power.
 - On social media, McLachlan has promoted content indicating support for D.C. and Puerto Rico statehood.
- McLachlan’s reelection efforts received support from organization funded by the Soros-backed Sixteen Thirty Fund.
 - In 2018, McLachlan’s re-election efforts were boosted by the group Our Colorado Values, which received a \$500,000 cash infusion from the liberal dark money group known as the Sixteen Thirty Fund.
- McLachlan has been backed by other ‘dark-money’ groups.
- McLachlan has exchanged support with prominent progressive politicians.
 - In 2020, McLachlan spoke at a Biden-Harris GOTV rally and noted “it’s all part of our get-out-the-vote effort. we really support Biden-Harris, now more than ever”.

- In 2019, McLachlan indicated support for Elizabeth Warren’s campaign for president.
- In 2018, McLachlan’s state legislative campaign was endorsed by Barack Obama.
- On social media, McLachlan has promoted blatantly partisan content unbecoming of a public official.

Policy

Fiscal, Business, And Economic

- McLachlan is a vocal opponent of TABOR who regards it as one of the “worst things to happen to Colorado”.
- McLachlan appears to back gutting TABOR and has supported efforts to subvert TABOR.
- McLachlan has pushed to eliminate the Gallagher Amendment.
- McLachlan supports higher taxes on the wealthy and corporations.
- McLachlan supported an effort to significantly increase the state sales tax.
 - In March 2017, McLachlan voted to pass HB 1242 - legislation that “calls for a referendum to impose a 17 percent increase in the state sales tax for the next 20 years...”
- McLachlan supports additional tax increases at the state level.
- McLachlan opposed cutting the hospital provider fee.
- McLachlan voted to extend a program that relies on surcharges and registration fees for motorcycles.
- McLachlan voted to increase fees on Colorado businesses.
- McLachlan supports levying additional increased fines and fees.
- McLachlan backs market-distorting tax credits.
- McLachlan helped pass the “largest budget ever” as Colorado’s ballooning government spending continues.
- McLachlan voted in support of a political ploy by democrats to provide TABOR refunds earlier, ahead of the midterm elections.
- McLachlan supported Colorado's \$800 million state stimulus program.
- McLachlan voted to extend a costly Obama-era stimulus program.

- McLachlan backed legislation that could expose taxpayers to multi-billion-dollar pension bailouts.
- McLachlan, backed by unions, champions their priorities at the expense of businesses and the taxpayer.
 - McLachlan supported legislation that grants the public employees of a county the right to collective bargain.
 - McLachlan supports increasing the minimum wage.
 - McLachlan has been backed by several liberal unions and organized labor groups.
- McLachlan supported expanding unemployment benefits to gig workers.
- McLachlan would not commit to liability protections for businesses during Covid.

Health Care

- McLachlan supports the creation of a public option for health care in Colorado.
- McLachlan supported legislation to increase childhood vaccinations- a measure perceived as anti-parental choice.
- McLachlan was a known promoter of masking during the Covid pandemic.
- McLachlan supported legislation that critics suggest could drive up health care costs by further imposing insurance mandates.
- McLachlan voted to expand Obamacare subsidies.

Education

- McLachlan has indicated support for “universal pre-k” and has backed full-day kindergarten.
- McLachlan has opposed efforts to promote school choice.
- McLachlan has backed liberal positions on school curriculums.
 - McLachlan opposed curriculum transparency measures.
 - McLachlan supported controversial comprehensive sex ed legislation.
 - McLachlan supported seemingly left-leaning curriculum agendas on history and media literacy.

Energy, Environment, Regulatory

- McLachlan appears to support pushing Colorado towards “100% carbon free” energy and has voted to implement those policies.

- On social media, McLachlan has promoted content expressing support for Colorado becoming “80% renewable and 100% carbon free”.
- McLachlan supports measures and regulations to reduce carbon emissions.
- McLachlan has attempted to have it both ways on fossil fuel regulations.
- McLachlan backs severe restrictions of the oil and gas industry while supporting additional environmental regulations.
 - McLachlan supported legislation that “empowers the ability of the Oil & Gas Conservation Commission and scores of localities to infringe mineral property rights by amending previous law and imposing numerous new regulations designed to restrict oil and gas extraction”.
 - McLachlan supported legislation that “will have a devastating effect on the state economy by imposing draconian mandates on carbon dioxide emissions”.
- McLachlan has supported increased mining regulations.
- McLachlan was financially boosted by radical environmentalist billionaire Tom Steyer and has been linked to other environmental groups.
- McLachlan supports the growth of the regulatory state.
 - McLachlan supported legislation that “creates a new mechanism for government to interfere in the health care system by imposing various new mandates...”
 - McLachlan supported legislation that “restricts competition and drives up business and patient pharmaceutical costs by imposing new barriers for pharmacy technicians to enter the workforce”.
 - McLachlan supported legislation that “infringes property rights and ultimately drives up housing costs by further lengthening the eviction process”.

Immigration, Public Safety, Law Enforcement

- McLachlan has backed legislation providing benefits to illegal immigrants.
- McLachlan has indicated support for broad reforms related to law enforcement and policing.
- McLachlan has supported public safety legislation viewed as inadequate and unnecessary by Republicans.
- McLachlan supported a fentanyl bill that critics suggested “fails miserably”.
- McLachlan criticized enforcement efforts punishing homeless people who slept in public.
- McLachlan supports repeal of the death penalty.

Social Issues And Race

- McLachlan supported euthanasia measures and personally helped a friend die.
 - McLachlan has noted her support for right-to-die legislation and believes people should have choice when they reach that time in their lives.
- McLachlan supports unfettered access to abortion and Planned Parenthood.
 - In 2022, McLachlan voted to pass the “Reproductive Health Equity Act” – which declares “every pregnant individual has a fundamental right to continue the pregnancy and give birth or to have an abortion”.
 - In 2016, McLachlan authored a tweet celebrating her endorsement from Planned Parenthood.
- McLachlan supports efforts to undermine the Second Amendment.
 - “McLachlan said she supports the background checks, but that she splits with her husband on limiting high-capacity ammunition magazines”.
 - McLachlan called herself a ‘believer in Second Amendment Rights,’ but criticized the gun community, including the NRA, for its failure to respond to recent school shootings”.
- McLachlan has engaged in the promotion of racial politics and pushes the existence of white supremacy.
 - McLachlan championed legislation fining schools \$25,000 for continued use of Native American mascots.
 - In 2020, McLachlan authored a tweet pledging to “stand against white supremacy” and claiming that “silence is complicity”.
- McLachlan supported a policy in the state legislature that seeks to ensure race is further entrenched in the conversation regarding legislation.
- McLachlan has indicated support for the aggressive expansion of the trans agenda.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

PERSONAL INFORMATION: BARBARA MCLACHLAN

Full Name: Barbara Hall McLachlan (née Hall)

DOB: October 27, 1954 (67)

Marital Status: Married

Spouse: Michael Edward McLachlan
DOB: April 18, 1946 (76)

Children: Two

Voter Registration: Registered Democrat – La Plata County, CO

Education: 1999 – 2003 M.A., Learning and Teaching, Regis University
Unk. – 1994 B.A., English and Education, Fort Lewis College
Unk. – 1981 B.A., Journalism, Colorado State University at Fort Collins

Employment: 2017 – Pres. Representative, Colorado House of Representatives, HD-59
1989 – 2014 English/Journalism Teacher, Durango High School
Unk. – Unk. Tutor/Student Teacher, Fort Lewis College
Unk. – Unk. Journalist, Durango Herald

Associations: N/A

Business Interest: Law Offices of Michael E. McLachlan, P.C.
CO Business ID: 20111226300
(2011-Pres.)

Military Service: N/A

Election Results: 2020 Colorado House of Representatives, HD-59 (General, Won)
2018 Colorado House of Representatives, HD-59 (General, Won)
2016 Colorado House of Representatives, HD-59 (General, Won)

Web Sites: <https://barbaraMcLachlan.com/>
<https://en.wikipedia.org/>
<https://ballotpedia.org/>
<https://www.legistorm.com/>
<https://justfacts.votesmart.org/>
<https://leg.colorado.gov/>



Social Media: [Facebook](#) (Personal)
[Facebook](#) (Campaign)
[Twitter](#) (Campaign)
[Instagram](#) (Personal)
[Instagram](#) (Campaign)

ELECTION RESULTS

Barbara McLachlan has been serving in the Colorado House of Representatives for District 59 since winning her 2016 election. McLachlan was re-elected in 2018 and 2020.

2020 General Election, Colorado House Of Representatives, HD-59

General Election Results (November 3, 2020)

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>Vote Total</u>
Barbara McLachlan	DEM	29,524
Marilyn Harris	REP	23,788

(Official Election Results, [Colorado Secretary Of State](#), 11/3/20)

2018 General Election, Colorado House Of Representatives, HD-59

General Election Results (November 6, 2018)

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>Vote Total</u>
Barbara McLachlan	DEM	23,273
Paul Jones	IND	18,273

(Official Election Results, [Colorado Secretary Of State](#), 11/6/18)

2016 General Election, Colorado House Of Representatives, HD-59

General Election Results (November 8, 2016)

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>Vote Total</u>
Barbara McLachlan	DEM	23,336
J. Paul Brown	REP	22,661

(Official Election Results, [Colorado Secretary Of State](#), 11/8/16)

CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Thus far, Barbara McLachlan has received an aggregate of \$41,490.39 for her campaign for the Colorado House of Representatives for District 59. While mostly funded by individual contributors, McLachlan has received thousands of dollars from special interest groups, such as the Colorado Trial Lawyers Association and the Communications Workers of America. McLachlan has disbursed an aggregate of \$1,893.96 to date, primarily spending her funds on consulting and operating expenses.

Between 2016 and 2020, McLachlan received an aggregate of \$438,318 in total contributions for her campaigns for the Colorado House of Representatives. McLachlan received tens of thousands of dollars from teacher unions, such as the Colorado Education Association and the Colorado Federation of Teachers. McLachlan similarly received tens of thousands of dollars from labor and public sector unions, including SEIU Local 105, the Colorado State Conference of Electrical Workers, and the Food and Commercial Workers Local 7. McLachlan has taken in tens of thousands of dollars from abortion policy groups like Planned Parenthood, NARAL, and Emily's List.

Individually, McLachlan has contributed an aggregate of \$19,965.43 to federal and statewide campaign committees. Federally, McLachlan has contributed \$9,397.36, giving to various Democratic candidates and committees across the state of Colorado. McLachlan contributed to the presidential campaign of Michael Bennet but did not contribute to any other candidates, including Biden. At the state level, McLachlan has contributed \$10,568.07 to campaign committees in the state of Colorado. Much like her federal contributions, Lachlan has given to numerous Democratic candidates and committees in the state of Colorado.

Committee To Elect Barbara McLachlan (2022)

Notable Contributions

Thus Far, McLachlan Has Received An Aggregate Of \$41,490.39 In Total Contributions For His Campaign For The Colorado House Of Representatives. (Colorado Secretary Of State, Accessed 7/19/22)

- **In 2022, McLachlan Received \$2,500 From The Colorado Trial Lawyers Association.** (Colorado Secretary Of State, Accessed 7/19/22)
- **In 2022, McLachlan Received \$1,000 From AFT Colorado Federation Of Teachers, School, Health And Public Employees.** (Colorado Secretary Of State, Accessed 7/19/22)
- **In 2022, McLachlan Received \$400 From The Communications Workers Of America PAC.** (Colorado Secretary Of State, Accessed 7/19/22)
- **In 2021, McLachlan Received \$400 From The Colorado Bankers Association State PAC.** (Colorado Secretary Of State, Accessed 7/19/22)
- **In 2022, McLachlan Received \$400 From Building Bridges For Colorado.** (Colorado Secretary Of State, Accessed 7/19/22)

Notable Expenditures

Thus Far, McLachlan Has Disbursed An Aggregate Of \$1,893.96 For Her Campaign For The Colorado House Of Representatives. (Colorado Secretary Of State, Accessed 7/19/22)

- **In 2022, McLachlan Disbursed \$524 To Walter Kempler For Consulting.** (Colorado Secretary Of State, Accessed 7/19/22)
- **In 2022, McLachlan Disbursed \$250 To The Colorado Democratic Party For Operating Expenses.** (Colorado Secretary Of State, Accessed 7/19/22)
- **In 2022, McLachlan Disbursed \$182 To The USPS For Office Equipment.** (Colorado Secretary Of State, Accessed 7/19/22)

Committee To Elect Barbara McLachlan (2016-2020)

Notable Contributions

Between 2016 And 2020, McLachlan Received An Aggregate Of \$438,318 In Total Contributions For Her Campaigns For The Colorado House Of Representatives. (Colorado Secretary Of State, Accessed 7/19/22)

- **Between 2016 And 2020, McLachlan Received \$44,471 From The Colorado Democratic Party.** (Colorado Secretary Of State, Accessed 7/19/22)
- **Between 2016 And 2020, McLachlan Received \$12,450 From The Colorado Education Association.** (Colorado Secretary Of State, Accessed 7/19/22)
- **Between 2016 And 2020, McLachlan Received \$10,817 From Conservation Colorado.** (Colorado Secretary Of State, Accessed 7/19/22)
- **Between 2016 And 2020, McLachlan Received \$9,585 From Planned Parenthood Of The Rocky Mountains.** (Colorado Secretary Of State, Accessed 7/19/22)
- **Between 2016 And 2020, McLachlan Received \$7,500 From SEIU Local 105.** (Colorado Secretary Of State, Accessed 7/19/22)
- **Between 2016 And 2020, McLachlan Received \$6,500 From The Colorado Trial Lawyers Association.** (Colorado Secretary Of State, Accessed 7/19/22)
- **Between 2016 And 2020, McLachlan Received \$6,300 From The Southwest Regional Council Of Carpenters.** (Colorado Secretary Of State, Accessed 7/19/22)
- **Between 2016 And 2020, McLachlan Received \$5,500 From The Colorado State Conference Of Electrical Workers.** (Colorado Secretary Of State, Accessed 7/19/22)
- **Between 2016 And 2020, McLachlan Received \$4,850 From The Food And Commercial Workers Local 7.** (Colorado Secretary Of State, Accessed 7/19/22)
- **Between 2016 And 2020, McLachlan Received \$4,000 From The Colorado Federation Of Teachers.** (Colorado Secretary Of State, Accessed 7/19/22)
- **Between 2016 And 2020, McLachlan Received \$3,750 From The Colorado AFL-CIO.** (Colorado Secretary Of State, Accessed 7/19/22)
- **Between 2016 And 2020, McLachlan Received \$3,000 From The Boulder Valley Education Association.** (Colorado Secretary Of State, Accessed 7/19/22)
- **Between 2016 And 2020, McLachlan Received \$1,000 From Emily's List.** (Colorado Secretary Of State, Accessed 7/19/22)
- **Between 2016 And 2020, McLachlan Received \$1,000 From NARAL Pro-Choice Colorado.** (Colorado Secretary Of State, Accessed 7/19/22)

Individual Contributions

Federal Election Commission

According To The Federal Election Commission, McLachlan Has Contributed An Aggregate Of \$9,397.96 To Federal Campaign Committees. ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 7/19/22)

- **Between 2017 And 2020, McLachlan Contributed \$3,365 To The Colorado Democratic Party.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 7/19/22)
- **Between 2012 And 2021, McLachlan Contributed \$2,442.96 To ActBlue.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 7/19/22)
 - **Between 2018 And 2021, McLachlan Contributed \$892.96 To The Colorado Democratic Party.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 7/19/22)
 - **In 2017, McLachlan Earmarked \$400 To Brittany Petterson For Colorado.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 7/19/22)
 - **Between 2017 And 2020, McLachlan Earmarked \$400 To Diane For Colorado CD3.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 7/19/22)
 - **In 2020, McLachlan Earmarked \$100 To Biden For President.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 7/19/22)
 - **In 2017, McLachlan Earmarked \$100 To Kirkpatrick For Congress.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 7/19/22)
 - **In 2020, McLachlan Earmarked \$100 To Rural Colorado United.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 7/19/22)
 - **In 2014, McLachlan Earmarked \$100 To Udall For Colorado.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 7/19/22)
 - **In 2021, McLachlan Earmarked \$100 To Caraveo For Congress.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 7/19/22)
 - **In 2020, McLachlan Earmarked \$100 To Hickenlooper For Colorado.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 7/19/22)
 - **In 2019, McLachlan Earmarked \$50 To Bennet For America.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 7/19/22)
 - **In 2016, McLachlan Earmarked \$50 To Gail Schwartz For Congress.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 7/19/22)
 - **In 2020, McLachlan Earmarked \$28.34 To Jon Ossoff For Senate.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 7/19/22)
 - **In 2020, McLachlan Earmarked \$28.33 To Warnock For Georgia.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 7/19/22)

- **In 2020, McLachlan Earmarked \$15 To The Arizona State Democratic Central Campaign Committee.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 7/19/22)
- **Between 2020 And 2021, McLachlan Earmarked \$13.33 To The DNC.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 7/19/22)
- **In 2020, McLachlan Earmarked \$10 To Fair Fight, Inc. PAC.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 7/19/22)
- **In 2012, McLachlan Earmarked \$5 To The DCCC.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 7/19/22)
- **In 2004, McLachlan Contributed \$1,000 To Salazar For Senate.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 7/19/22)
- **Between 2004 And 2005, McLachlan Contributed \$750 To John Salazar For Congress.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 7/19/22)
- **In 2014, McLachlan Contributed \$550 To Udall For Colorado.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 7/19/22)
- **Between 2015 And 2021, McLachlan Contributed \$500 To Bennet For Colorado.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 7/19/22)
- **Between 2017 And 2020, McLachlan Contributed \$290 To Diane For Colorado CD3.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 7/19/22)
- **In 2002, McLachlan Contributed \$250 To Strickland For Colorado Inc.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 7/19/22)
- **In 2017, McLachlan Contributed \$200 To Brittany Petterson For Colorado.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 7/19/22)
- **In 2017, McLachlan Contributed \$50 To Emily’s List.** ([Federal Election Commission](#), Accessed 7/19/22)

Colorado Secretary Of State

According To The Colorado Secretary Of State, McLachlan Has Contributed An Aggregate Of \$10,568.07 To Campaign Committees In The State Of Colorado. (Colorado Secretary Of State, Accessed 7/19/22)

Contributor	Amount	Contribution Date	Recipient Name
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 36.00	10/15/2015	ARCHULETA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 50.00	5/25/2019	ARCHULETA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 15.00	9/27/2019	ARCHULETA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE

BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 25.00	8/30/2021	ARCHULETA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 50.00	1/31/2021	BLUEFLOWER FUND
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 50.00	4/21/2020	BLUEFLOWER FUND
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 6.00	4/14/2012	BOULDER COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 100.00	7/15/2020	BRI FOR COLORADO
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 50.00	11/27/2019	BRI FOR COLORADO
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 50.00	4/18/2018	BRI FOR COLORADO
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 100.00	12/2/2017	BRI FOR COLORADO
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 100.00	6/13/2020	BRIANNA FOR COLORADO
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 52.00	9/11/2020	BRIANNA FOR COLORADO
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 200.00	6/16/2010	BRUCE WHITEHEAD FOR SENATE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 200.00	6/16/2010	BRUCE WHITEHEAD FOR SENATE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 100.00	5/14/2018	CARY KENNEDY FOR GOVERNOR
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 25.00	10/7/2021	CITIZENS FOR ERIKA BROWN
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 25.00	8/2/2018	CLYDE CHURCH FOR LA PLATA CO. COMMISSIONER
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 25.00	1/28/2020	COBALT ADVOCATES SDC
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 35.00	7/13/2021	COLOR ACTION FUND SMALL DONOR COMMITTEE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 50.00	9/22/2020	COLORADO DEMOCRATIC PARTY
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 25.00	11/19/2018	COLORADO DEMOCRATIC PARTY
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 50.00	5/14/2019	COLORADO DEMOCRATIC PARTY
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 100.00	6/6/2017	COLORADO DEMOCRATIC PARTY
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 346.97	11/30/2018	COMMITTEE TO ELECT BARBARA MCLACHLAN
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 100.00	7/16/2020	COMMITTEE TO ELECT DANEYA ESGAR
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 100.00	7/16/2020	COMMITTEE TO ELECT DANEYA ESGAR
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 100.00	8/10/2018	COMMITTEE TO ELECT PETE LEE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 50.00	12/17/2020	CONSERVATION COLORADO ACTION FUND (SDC) (CCAF SDC)
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 50.00	4/27/2018	CUTTER FOR COLORADO
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 50.00	10/25/2019	CUTTER FOR COLORADO
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 50.00	8/13/2020	CUTTER FOR COLORADO
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 50.00	8/1/2014	CYNTHIA ROEBUCK FOR LA PLATA COUNTY COMMISSIONER
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 100.00	7/27/2020	DAFNA MICHAELSON JENET FOR COLORADO HD30
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 25.00	6/19/2016	DATZ FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY

BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 100.00	11/4/2021	DAVE YOUNG FOR COLORADO
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 244.10	8/30/2018	DAVE YOUNG FOR COLORADO
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 100.00	12/3/2017	DAVE YOUNG FOR COLORADO
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 150.00	9/3/2018	DAVE YOUNG FOR COLORADO
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 50.00	11/7/2017	DONOVAN FOR STATE SENATE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 50.00	12/3/2017	DONOVAN FOR STATE SENATE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 200.00	9/7/2017	DONOVAN FOR STATE SENATE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 100.00	9/25/2020	ELECT THOMAS TONY EXUM
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 100.00	6/13/2022	ELECT THOMAS TONY EXUM
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 50.00	11/18/2019	ELECT THOMAS TONY EXUM
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 100.00	2/15/2018	ELECT THOMAS TONY EXUM
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 50.00	3/14/2018	FAITH FOR SD 24
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 100.00	6/28/2017	FAITH FOR SD 24
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 50.00	8/25/2020	FRIENDS TO ELECT ILANA SPIEGEL
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 100.00	8/6/2020	FROELICH FOR COLORADO
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 525.00	9/21/2010	GARNETT FOR OUR ATTORNEY GENERAL
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 495.00	9/21/2010	GARNETT FOR OUR ATTORNEY GENERAL
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 90.00	6/9/2013	GUNNISON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 31.00	6/25/2018	GUNNISON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 100.00	6/14/2020	GUNNISON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 25.00	1/27/2016	GWEN LACHELT FOR LA PLATA COUNTY
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 80.00	5/22/2016	GWEN LACHELT FOR LA PLATA COUNTY
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 50.00	9/1/2016	GWEN LACHELT FOR LA PLATA COUNTY
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 40.00	4/11/2012	GWEN LACHELT FOR LA PLATA COUNTY
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 200.00	1/1/2018	JEFF BRIDGES FOR COLORADO
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 100.00	12/3/2021	JENA FOR COLORADO
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 100.00	7/25/2018	JENA GRISWOLD FOR COLORADO
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 100.00	4/15/2018	JESSIE DANIELSON FOR COLORADO
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 50.00	1/27/2018	JOE SALAZAR FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 25.00	2/5/2016	JULIE FOR COMMISSIONER 2016
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 20.00	4/2/2016	LA PLATA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 50.00	6/22/2014	LA PLATA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE

BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 10.00	6/12/2020	LA PLATA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 100.00	4/2/2010	LA PLATA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 410.00	5/5/2010	LA PLATA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 10.00	12/18/2020	LA PLATA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 10.00	1/12/2021	LA PLATA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 10.00	2/12/2021	LA PLATA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 10.00	3/12/2021	LA PLATA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 10.00	4/12/2021	LA PLATA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 10.00	5/12/2021	LA PLATA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 40.00	8/7/2018	LA PLATA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 10.00	11/12/2021	LA PLATA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 10.00	12/12/2021	LA PLATA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 30.00	5/7/2022	LA PLATA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 10.00	5/10/2011	LA PLATA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 20.00	4/17/2015	LA PLATA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 60.00	9/12/2015	LA PLATA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 20.00	7/10/2018	LA PLATA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 20.00	9/22/2012	LA PLATA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 50.00	9/22/2012	LA PLATA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 72.00	9/13/2014	LA PLATA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 35.00	9/6/2014	LA PLATA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 10.00	8/12/2020	LA PLATA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE

BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 10.00	9/12/2020	LA PLATA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 25.00	12/8/2018	LA PLATA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 10.00	5/12/2019	LA PLATA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 10.00	6/12/2019	LA PLATA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 10.00	7/12/2019	LA PLATA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 20.00	9/3/2019	LA PLATA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 10.00	9/12/2019	LA PLATA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 100.00	9/17/2016	LA PLATA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 10.00	7/12/2020	LA PLATA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 50.00	6/13/2013	LA PLATA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 10.00	8/12/2019	LA PLATA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 15.00	9/29/2019	LA PLATA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 10.00	10/12/2019	LA PLATA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 10.00	11/12/2019	LA PLATA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 10.00	12/12/2019	LA PLATA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 10.00	1/12/2020	LA PLATA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 10.00	2/12/2020	LA PLATA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 10.00	3/12/2020	LA PLATA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 10.00	3/15/2020	LA PLATA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 50.00	3/31/2020	LA PLATA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 10.00	4/12/2020	LA PLATA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 10.00	5/17/2020	LA PLATA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE

BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 200.00	5/24/2020	LA PLATA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 10.00	6/12/2021	LA PLATA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 10.00	7/12/2021	LA PLATA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 150.00	7/31/2021	LA PLATA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 10.00	8/12/2021	LA PLATA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 10.00	9/12/2021	LA PLATA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 10.00	10/12/2021	LA PLATA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 100.00	7/15/2020	LIZ FOR GUNNISON COUNTY
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 100.00	10/14/2020	LYNN PADGETT FOR OURAY COUNTY
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 50.00	10/6/2016	MADDEN 4 CU
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 100.00	7/20/2020	MARSHA FOR COMMISSIONER
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 100.00	10/9/2017	MARTINEZ FOR COLORADO
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 100.00	7/23/2020	MATT FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 100.00	5/26/2012	MCLACHLAN FOR COLORADO
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 100.00	2/19/2014	MCLACHLAN FOR COLORADO
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 100.00	3/19/2014	MCLACHLAN FOR COLORADO
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 100.00	4/19/2014	MCLACHLAN FOR COLORADO
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 100.00	5/1/2012	MCLACHLAN FOR COLORADO
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 100.00	5/26/2014	MCLACHLAN FOR COLORADO
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 100.00	6/26/2012	MCLACHLAN FOR COLORADO
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 100.00	7/25/2012	MCLACHLAN FOR COLORADO
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 25.00	10/30/2017	MCLACHLAN LEADERSHIP FUND
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 30.00	5/15/2016	ONE COLORADO PAC
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 25.00	1/28/2020	ONE COLORADO SMALL DONOR COMMITTEE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 50.00	5/15/2016	ONE COLORADO SMALL DONOR COMMITTEE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 20.00	5/10/2019	OUR COLORADO WAY OF LIFE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 50.00	6/10/2019	OUR COLORADO WAY OF LIFE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 50.00	8/12/2019	OUR COLORADO WAY OF LIFE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 200.00	6/11/2021	PHIL WEISER FOR COLORADO

BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 50.00	8/15/2018	PHIL WEISER FOR COLORADO
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 50.00	1/3/2018	PHIL WEISER FOR COLORADO
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 50.00	9/25/2014	QUICK FOR COLORADO
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 100.00	7/26/2018	RE-ELECT SHERIFF SMITH 2018
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 25.00	10/12/2021	RICK PETERSEN FOR 9R SCHOOL BOARD
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 20.00	7/28/2018	ROLAND MASON FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 50.00	1/27/2014	SEAN SMITH FOR SHERIFF 2014
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 25.00	1/28/2020	SIERRA CLUB SMALL DONOR COMMITTEE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 70.00	5/28/2020	SINGER FOR BOULDER COUNTY
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 100.00	9/28/2020	SULLIVAN FOR COLORADO
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 25.00	10/6/2021	SUPPORTERS OF ANDREA FOR DURANGO 9-R
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 50.00	6/19/2018	THE COMMITTEE TO ELECT ERIN KELLEY
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 50.00	8/3/2018	UNGER FOR SENATE COMMITTEE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 50.00	8/3/2018	UNGER FOR SENATE COMMITTEE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 50.00	11/20/2018	UNGER FOR SENATE COMMITTEE
BARBARA MCLACHLAN	\$ 50.00	8/22/2017	VOICES FOR CHOICE SMALL DONOR COMMITTEE

(Colorado Secretary Of State, Accessed 7/19/22)

VOTING RECORDS

Barbara McLachlan has been an actively registered Democratic Party voter in La Plata County, Colorado since August 9, 1982. Since 1993, McLachlan has failed to vote in at least four elections. (Note: Voter history prior to 1993 is no longer available, per record retention schedule).

La Plata County, CO

According To The La Plata County Board Of Elections, McLachlan Has Been An Actively-Registered Democratic Party Voter In La Plata County, Colorado Since August 9, 1982.

(Voter Profile Report: Barbara McLachlan, La Plata County Board Of Elections, Filed 8/9/82, Colorado Open Records Act Request, Filled 6/28/22)

County: La Plata User Name : Tiffany Lee		Voter Profile Report			Date : 06/28/2022 12:45 PM		
Voter ID : 4927130							
Voter Information							
Voter ID	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Suffix	DOB	DL	SSN
4927130	MCLACHLAN	BARBARA	H		1954		
Registration Information							
Party	Democratic	Status	Active	Reasons			
Affiliation Date	08/09/1982	County Reg Date	08/04/1982	Effective Date 09/07/2011			
Last Voted Date	11/02/2021						
Miscellaneous Information							
Language		Gender	Female	Assistance			
Comments							
Residence Address	399 W PARK AVE # A2 DURANGO, CO 81301						

(Voter Profile Report: Barbara McLachlan, La Plata County Board Of Elections, Filed 8/9/82, Colorado Open Records Act Request, Filed 6/28/22)

Since 1993, McLachlan Has Failed To Vote In At Least Four Elections: The 1994, 1996, And 2000 Primary Elections; As Well As The 2007 General Election. (Voter Profile Report: Barbara McLachlan, La Plata County Board Of Elections, Filed 8/9/82, Colorado Open Records Act Request, Filed 6/28/22)

Date	Election Description	Election Participated
11/02/2021	2021 La Plata County Coordinated Election	VOTED
04/06/2021	2021 City of Durango Municipal Election	VOTED
11/03/2020	2020 La Plata County General Election	VOTED
06/30/2020	2020 La Plata County Primary Election	VOTED
03/03/2020	2020 La Plata County Presidential Primary Election	VOTED
11/05/2019	2019 La Plata County Coordinated Election	VOTED
04/02/2019	2019 City of Durango Municipal Election	VOTED
11/06/2018	2018 La Plata County General Election	VOTED
06/26/2018	2018 La Plata County Primary Election	VOTED
11/07/2017	2017 La Plata County Coordinated Election	VOTED
11/08/2016	2016 La Plata County General Election	VOTED
06/28/2016	2016 La Plata County Primary Election	VOTED
11/03/2015	2015 La Plata County Coordinated Election	VOTED
11/04/2014	2014 La Plata County General Election	VOTED
06/24/2014	2014 La Plata County Primary Election	VOTED
11/05/2013	2013 La Plata County Coordinated Election	VOTED
11/06/2012	2012 La Plata County General Election	VOTED
06/26/2012	2012 La Plata County Primary Election	VOTED
11/01/2011	2011 La Plata County Coordinated Election	VOTED
11/02/2010	2010 La Plata County General Election	VOTED
08/10/2010	2010 La Plata County Primary Election	VOTED
11/03/2009	2009 La Plata County Coordinated Election	VOTED
11/04/2008	General Election 2008	VOTED
08/12/2008	Primary Election 2008	VOTED
11/07/2006	2006 - General	VOTED
08/08/2006	2006 - Primary	VOTED
05/02/2006	2006 - Special	VOTED
11/01/2005	2005 - Coordinated	VOTED
11/02/2004	2004 - General	VOTED
08/10/2004	2004 - Primary	VOTED

11/04/2003	2003 - Coordinated	VOTED
11/05/2002	2002 - General	VOTED
08/13/2002	2002 - Primary	VOTED
11/06/2001	2001 - Coordinated	VOTED
11/07/2000	2000 - General	VOTED
11/02/1999	1999 - Coordinated	VOTED
11/03/1998	1998 - General	VOTED
08/11/1998	1998 - Primary	VOTED
11/04/1997	1997 - Coordinated	VOTED
11/05/1996	1996 - General	VOTED
11/07/1995	1995 - Coordinated	VOTED
11/08/1994	1994 - General	VOTED
11/02/1993	1993 - Coordinated	VOTED

(Voter Profile Report: Barbara McLachlan, La Plata County Board Of Elections, Filed 8/9/82, Colorado Open Records Act Request, Filed 6/28/22)

NOTE: Voter history prior to 1993 is no longer available, per record retention schedule.

PUBLIC COMPENSATION

While serving in the Colorado House of Representatives since 2017, Barbara McLachlan has received an aggregate of \$152,493.50 in taxpayer-funded compensation.

Colorado House Of Representatives (2017-Pres.)

Since 2017, McLachlan Has Received An Aggregate Of \$152,493.50 In Taxpayer-Funded Compensation While Serving In The Colorado House Of Representatives. (Compensation, Colorado State Legislature, Colorado Open Records Act Request, Filed 6/27/22)

ORG	Earnings Type	Amount	Pay Period	
			End Date	Schedule
MCA	REG	2500.00	2018/07/31	M07
MCA	REG	2500.00	2018/08/31	M08
MCA	REG	2500.00	2018/09/30	M09
MCA	REG	2500.00	2018/10/31	M10
MCA	REG	2500.00	2018/11/30	M11
MCA	REG	2500.00	2018/12/31	M12
MCA	REG	3353.50	2019/01/31	M01
MCA	REG	3353.50	2019/02/28	M02
MCA	REG	3353.50	2019/03/31	M03
MCA	REG	3353.50	2019/04/30	M04
MCA	REG	3353.50	2019/05/31	M05
MCA	REG	3353.50	2019/06/30	M06
MCA	REG	3353.50	2019/07/31	M07
MCA	REG	3353.50	2019/08/31	M08
MCA	REG	3353.50	2019/09/30	M09
MCA	REG	3353.50	2019/10/31	M10
MCA	REG	3353.50	2019/11/30	M11
MCA	REG	3353.50	2019/12/31	M12
MCA	REG	3353.50	2020/01/31	M01
MCA	REG	3353.50	2020/02/29	M02
MCA	REG	3353.50	2020/03/31	M03
MCA	REG	3353.50	2020/04/30	M04
MCA	REG	3353.50	2020/05/31	M05
MCA	REG	3353.50	2020/06/30	M06
MCA	REG	3353.50	2020/07/31	M07
MCA	REG	3353.50	2020/08/31	M08
MCA	REG	3353.50	2020/09/30	M09
MCA	REG	3353.50	2020/10/31	M10
MCA	REG	3353.50	2020/11/30	M11
MCA	REG	3353.50	2020/12/31	M12
MCA	REG	3353.50	2021/01/31	M01
MCA	REG	3353.50	2021/02/28	M02
MCA	REG	3353.50	2021/03/31	M03
MCA	REG	3353.50	2021/04/30	M04
MCA	REG	3353.50	2021/05/31	M05
MCA	REG	3353.50	2021/06/30	M06
MCA	REG	3353.50	2021/07/31	M07

MCA	REG	3353.50	2021/08/31	M08
MCA	REG	3353.50	2021/09/30	M09
MCA	REG	3353.50	2021/10/31	M10
MCA	REG	3353.50	2021/11/30	M11
MCA	REG	3353.50	2021/12/31	M12
MCA	REG	3353.50	2022/01/31	M01
MCA	REG	3353.50	2022/02/28	M02
MCA	REG	3353.50	2022/03/31	M03
MCA	REG	3353.50	2022/04/30	M04
MCA	REG	3353.50	2022/05/31	M05

(Compensation, Colorado State Legislature, Colorado Open Records Act Request, Filled 6/27/22)

EDUCATION RECORDS

Barbara McLachlan currently holds a master's degree from Regis University in education, which she received in August 2003. McLachlan holds two bachelor of arts degree; one in education from Fort Lewis College, which she received in April 1994, and one in journalism from Colorado State University, which she received in May 1981.

Regis University (M.A.)

According To The National Student Clearinghouse, McLachlan Graduated From Regis University In August 2003 With A Master's Degree In Education (Teaching And Learning). (Degree Verify, National Student Clearinghouse, Accessed 7/20/22)

INFORMATION YOU PROVIDED

Subject Name: **BARBARA** Middle Name **MCLACHLAN**
First Name Last Name

Name Used While Attending School: **BARBARA** Middle Name **HALL**
(if different from above) First Name Last Name

Date of Birth: **10/27/1954**
mm/dd/yyyy

School Name: **REGIS UNIVERSITY**

Attempt To: **Verify a degree**

INFORMATION VERIFIED

Name On School's Records: **BARBARA H MCLACHLAN**

Date Awarded: **08/29/2003**

Degree Title: **MASTER OF ARTS**

Official Name of School: **REGIS UNIVERSITY**

School Division: **REGIS COLLEGE**

Major Course(s) of Study: **EDUCATION**

(and NCES CIP Code, if available): **130101**

Major Concentration: **LEARNING AND TEACHING**

Dates of Attendance: **05/03/1999 to 08/29/2003**

(Degree Verify, National Student Clearinghouse, Accessed 7/20/22)

Fort Lewis College (B.A.)

According To The National Student Clearinghouse, McLachlan Graduated From Fort Lewis College In April 1994 With A Bachelor Of Arts Degree In English. (Degree Verify, National Student Clearinghouse, Accessed 7/20/22)

INFORMATION YOU PROVIDED

Subject Name: **BARBARA** First Name **MCLACHLAN** Middle Name LastName
Name Used While Attending School: **BARBARA** First Name **HALL** Middle Name LastName
(if different from above)
Date of Birth: **10/27/1954** mm/dd/yyyy
School Name: **FORT LEWIS COLLEGE**
Attempt To: **Verify a degree**

INFORMATION VERIFIED

Name On School's Records: **BARBARA HALL MCLACHLAN**
Date Awarded: **04/30/1994**
Degree Title: **BACHELOR OF ARTS**
Official Name of School: **FORT LEWIS COLLEGE**
School Division: **SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCE**
Major Course(s) of Study: **ENGLISH - EDUCATION**
(and NCES CIP Code, if available): **230101**

(Degree Verify, National Student Clearinghouse, Accessed 7/20/22)

Colorado State University (B.A.)

According To The National Student Clearinghouse, McLachlan Graduated From Colorado State University In May 1981 With A Bachelor Of Arts Degree In Journalism. (Degree Verify, National Student Clearinghouse, Accessed 7/20/22)

INFORMATION YOU PROVIDED

Subject Name: **BARBARA** First Name **MCLACHLAN** Middle Name LastName
Name Used While Attending School: **BARBARA** First Name **HALL** Middle Name LastName
(if different from above)
Date of Birth: **10/27/1954** mm/dd/yyyy
School Name: **COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY**
Attempt To: **Verify a degree**

INFORMATION VERIFIED

Name On School's Records: **BARBARA HALL MCLACHLAN**
Date Awarded: **05/16/1981**
Degree Title: **BACHELOR OF ARTS**
Official Name of School: **COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY**
School Division: **LIBERAL ARTS**
Major Course(s) of Study: **TECHNICAL JOURNALISM**
(and NCES CIP Code, if available): **090401**
Major Concentration: **NEWS-EDITORIAL**

(Degree Verify, National Student Clearinghouse, Accessed 7/20/22)

CRIMINAL RECORDS

NOTE: No criminal records could be found for Barbara McLachlan.

POLICE RECORDS

NOTE: No immediately actionable information pertaining to Barbara McLachlan could be gleaned from municipal police records.

REAL PROPERTY RECORDS

399 W Park Avenue Unit 2, Durango, CO, La Plata County

This is the primary residence owned by Barbara McLachlan. This single-family residential property comprises two bedrooms and two bathrooms and has a 2022 market value of \$520,130. McLachlan has owned the property since October 2010.



([La Plata County Assessor](#), Accessed 7/19/22)

Property Information

Full Address:	399 W Park Avenue Unit 2, Durango, CO 80301
County:	La Plata County
Parcel ID:	5665-203-41-002
Property Type:	Single-Family Residential
Owner:	MCLACHLAN BARBARA HALL
Sale Date:	10/27/2010
Sale Price:	\$601,700
Year Built:	1983
Total Bedrooms:	2
Total Bathrooms:	2
Total Square Footage:	1,551
2022 Market Value:	\$520,130

([La Plata County Assessor](#), Accessed 7/19/22)

Tax Information

In 2021, McLachlan Paid \$1,476.12 In Total Municipal Property Taxes. ([La Plata County Assessor](#), Accessed 7/19/22)

Tax Year	Type	Effective Date	Amount
2021	Tax Payment	06/07/2022	\$738.06
2021	Tax Payment	02/16/2022	\$738.06
2021	Tax	01/11/2022	\$1,476.12

([La Plata County Assessor](#), Accessed 7/19/22)

BANKRUPTCIES, JUDGMENTS, & LIENS RECORDS

NOTE: No bankruptcies, judgments, or lien records could be found for Barbara McLachlan.

LEGAL ISSUES

NOTE: No legal issues could be found for Barbara McLachlan.

BUSINESS RECORDS

Barbara is the current active-manager of the Colorado-domiciled business Law Offices of Michael E. McLachlan, P.C., which was incorporated in April 2011. The company is currently active to date.

Law Offices Of Michael E. McLachlan, P.C.

In April 2011, The Law Offices Of Michael E. McLachlan, P.C. Was Incorporated As A Domestic For-Profit Entity With The Colorado Secretary Of State. (Colorado Secretary Of State, Filed 4/15/11)

Details			
Name	Law Offices of Michael E. McLachlan, P.C.		
Status	Good Standing	Formation date	04/15/2011
ID number	20111226300	Form	Corporation
Periodic report month	April	Jurisdiction	Colorado
Principal office street address	399 W Park Ave Apt A-2, Durango, CO 81301, United States		
Principal office mailing address	399 W Park Ave Apt A-2, Durango, CO 81301, United States		

Registered Agent	
Name	Barbara McLachlan
Street address	399 W Park Ave, Apt A-2, Durango, CO 81301, United States
Mailing address	399 W Park Ave, Apt A-2, Durango, CO 81301, United States

(Colorado Secretary Of State, Filed 4/15/11)

- **The Company Is Currently Active To Date And McLachlan Is Listed As The Registered Agent.** (Colorado Secretary Of State, Accessed 7/20/22)

NON-PROFIT RECORDS

NOTE: No non-profit records could be found for Barbara McLachlan.

PROFESSIONAL & RECREATIONAL LICENSES

Barbara McLachlan was a licensed teacher in the state of Colorado between May 20, 1994 and May 20, 2019. McLachlan's license expired on May 20, 2019.

Teaching License

Colorado

McLachlan Was A Licensed Teacher In The State Of Colorado Between May 20, 1994 And May 20, 2019. ([Colorado Department Of Education](#), Accessed 7/20/22)

Full Name

Barbara McLachlan

Active Credentials

Number	Name	Endorsements	Status	Effective Date	Expiration Date
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This person has no active credentials.

Expired/Other Credentials

Number	Name	Endorsements	Status	Start Date	End Date
100418	Professional Teacher License	English Language Arts (7-12) CTE Audio/Video/Film Technology (7-12)	EXPIRED - Credential	05.20.2014	05.20.2019
437508	Professional Teacher License	English Language Arts (7-12) CTE Audio/Video/Film Technology (7-12)	EXPIRED - Credential	05.20.2009	05.20.2014
268013	Professional Teacher License	English Language Arts (7-12)	EXPIRED - Credential	05.20.2004	05.20.2009
98923	Professional Teacher License	English Language Arts (7-12)	EXPIRED - Credential	05.20.1999	05.20.2004
368060	Certificate		EXPIRED - Credential	05.20.1994	05.20.1999

([Colorado Department Of Education](#), Accessed 7/20/22)

- **McLachlan's License Expired On May 20, 2019.** ([Colorado Department Of Education](#), Accessed 7/20/22)

PERSONAL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

On her 2022 Personal Financial Disclosure, Barbara McLachlan declared she received income from four sources. McLachlan listed four assets valued at more than \$5,000 while disclosing four liabilities of more than \$1,000. McLachlan declared no fiduciary positions or business interests.

2022 Personal Financial Disclosure (HD-59)

Income

In 2022, McLachlan Declared She Received Income From PERA. (2022 Personal Financial Disclosure, Filed 1/20/22, Colorado Open Records Act Request, Filled 6/21/22)

In 2022, McLachlan Declared She Received Income From Social Security. (2022 Personal Financial Disclosure, Filed 1/20/22, Colorado Open Records Act Request, Filled 6/21/22)

In 2022, McLachlan Declared She Received Income From Veterans. (2022 Personal Financial Disclosure, Filed 1/20/22, Colorado Open Records Act Request, Filled 6/21/22)

In 2022, McLachlan Declared She Received Income From The State Of Colorado. (2022 Personal Financial Disclosure, Filed 1/20/22, Colorado Open Records Act Request, Filled 6/21/22)

Source of Income (Name of Employer)	Recipient of Income (Individual receiving income – Self, Spouse, Minor Children)
PERA	Barbara
Social Security	Barbara
Veterans	Barbara
State of Colorado	Barbara

(2022 Personal Financial Disclosure, Filed 1/20/22, Colorado Open Records Act Request, Filled 6/21/22)

Assets

In 2022, McLachlan Declared Hall Cabin As An Asset Valued At More Than \$5,000. (2022 Personal Financial Disclosure, Filed 1/20/22, Colorado Open Records Act Request, Filled 6/21/22)

In 2022, McLachlan Declared New York Life Insurance As An Asset Valued At More Than \$5,000. (2022 Personal Financial Disclosure, Filed 1/20/22, Colorado Open Records Act Request, Filled 6/21/22)

In 2022, McLachlan Declared PERA Life Insurance As An Asset Valued At More Than \$5,000. (2022 Personal Financial Disclosure, Filed 1/20/22, Colorado Open Records Act Request, Filled 6/21/22)

ASSETS:

List the name of each business, insurance policy, or trust where there is a financial interest in excess of \$5000 for you, your spouse, or your minor children residing with you.

Name of Business, Insurance Company or Trust	Who is the person with this financial interest?
Hall Cabin	Barbara
New York Life Insurance	Barbara
PERA Life Insurance	Barbara

(2022 Personal Financial Disclosure, Filed 1/20/22, Colorado Open Records Act Request, Filled 6/21/22)

Real Property

In 2022, McLachlan Declared Her Primary Residence In Colorado, As Well As Several Properties Owned Via A Family Trust. (2022 Personal Financial Disclosure, Filed 1/20/22, Colorado Open Records Act Request, Filled 6/21/22)

List the **LEGAL** description (as shown on the books of the county assessor) of all real property in Colorado (including an option to buy) in which you have a direct or indirect interest with a fair market value in excess of \$5000. Property that must be listed includes residential, investment property, condominium, rental property and any mineral, water, coal, and rights to sand and gravel. STREET ADDRESSES DO NOT SATISFY STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS.

Legal Description of Property	Owner of Record
<small>Condominium unit A-2, in condominium unit A, Armas Crossing Condominiums, Amended Plat 1, according to condominium map filed for record May 9</small>	
1984, under reception #499207	Barbara
Lot 23, Subdivision No. 5, Lookout Mountain Park, Golden, CO	Barbara, Nancy Howell, Steve Hall
Undivided 25% interest in Lots 24, 25, 26, 27, Subdivision No. 5, Lookout Mountain Park, Golden, CO	Barbara, Nancy Howell, Steve Hall
Emerson Court Condos, 1390 N. Emerson St., Unit 506, Denver, CO 80218-1861	Barbara

(2022 Personal Financial Disclosure, Filed 1/20/22, Colorado Open Records Act Request, Filled 6/21/22)

Liabilities

In 2022, McLachlan Declared A Liability Of More Than \$1,000 To The Bank Of San Juans. (2022 Personal Financial Disclosure, Filed 1/20/22, Colorado Open Records Act Request, Filled 6/21/22)

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In 2022, McLachlan Declared A Liability Of More Than \$1,000 To Mileage Plus Credit Card. (2022 Personal Financial Disclosure, Filed 1/20/22, Colorado Open Records Act Request, Filled 6/21/22)

In 2022, McLachlan Declared A Liability Of More Than \$1,000 To A Chase Credit Card. (2022 Personal Financial Disclosure, Filed 1/20/22, Colorado Open Records Act Request, Filled 6/21/22)

LIABILITIES:

List the name of each creditor for you, your spouse, or minor children living with you to whom is owed an amount in excess of \$1000 including the interest rate.

Name of Creditor	Interest Rate (%)	Person Liable for Debt
Bank of the San Juans	6	Barbara
Bank of America	3.75	Barbara
MileagePlus Credit Card	18	Barbara
Chase Credit Card	18	Barbara

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Fiduciary Positions

In 2022, McLachlan Declared No Fiduciary Positions. (2022 Personal Financial Disclosure, Filed 1/20/22, Colorado Open Records Act Request, Filled 6/21/22)

List all offices, directorships and fiduciary relationships held by you, your spouse, or minor children residing with you.

Name of Organization or Trust	Position Held	Person Holding the Position
N/A		

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Business Interests

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List any business with which you or your spouse is associated, and which does business with, or is regulated by, the State of Colorado (e.g., attorney, real estate, medical profession, etc.)

Name of Business:	Nature of Business:	Person Involved:
N/A		

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MCLACHLAN'S FISCAL RECORD

McLachlan is an opponent of TABOR and regards it as one of the “worst things to happen to Colorado”. McLachlan appears to back gutting TABOR and has supported efforts to subvert it. Further on taxes, McLachlan pushed for a repeal of the Gallagher amendment, which kept property taxes in check. McLachlan supports higher taxes on corporations and the wealthy. McLachlan supported an effort to significantly increase the state sales tax; going even further by supporting additional tax increases on products such as tobacco and nicotine.

In 2017, McLachlan noted she opposed efforts to cut the hospital provider fee. McLachlan also voted to extend a program that relies on surcharges and registration fees for motorcycles. In 2018, McLachlan successfully increased fees on Colorado businesses as well. In addition to business, McLachlan supports levying additional increased fines and fees for environmental and parks and wildlife violations. McLachlan supports multiple market-distorting tax credits.

Recently, McLachlan helped to pass the “largest budget ever” as Colorado’s ballooning government spending continues and voted in support of a plan by Democrats to provide TABOR refunds earlier, ahead of the midterm elections. McLachlan supported the Obama-era stimulus programs and backed legislation that could expose taxpayers to multi-billion-dollar pension bailouts.

McLachlan is backed by unions and champions their priorities. McLachlan has noted support for expanding unemployment benefits to gig workers. During Covid, McLachlan refused to commit to liability protections for businesses.

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[\(Centennial State Prosperity, 2020\)](#)

5 The Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR) prohibits Colorado from raising taxes without voters' consent. TABOR also prohibits Colorado from establishing a rainy day fund to weather tough economic times. Colorado's spending on essential services like education and transportation has lagged behind the state's economic and population growth. Colorado ranks 47th in the nation in per pupil spending. The state also currently lacks funds to enforce labor and other laws in any meaningful way. Do you support or oppose efforts to revise or get rid of TABOR and why?

Support

Comment: TABOR is one of the worst things to happen to Colorado, particularly because the issues described in the question. Unfortunately, it is an amendment, which requires a vote; it is separated into about eight different parts, which all must be voted on; and when one is taken out, others are triggered. It's a mess. I support all efforts to take away an amendment to our constitution that not one state has ever copied because it is so bad.

([Centennial State Prosperity](#), 2020)

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Revenue/Taxes

4 The coronavirus pandemic has upended state budgets across the country, including Colorado's. Do you support or oppose efforts to decouple state taxes from federal taxes and change how Colorado taxes corporations to responsibly raise revenue and why?

Support

Comment: I support this, but know that my across-the-aisle friends who love TABOR will find a way to fight this, hard. If we can all work together on this, I believe we can make it happen.

([Centennial State Prosperity](#), 2020)

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In 2017, McLachlan Voiced Criticism Of TABOR. "McLachlan also addressed the state's funding challenges: Colorado's revenues are lower now than in 2008, and problematic amendments to the Constitution including the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights and the Gallagher Amendment complicate budgeting. "School districts are strapped for cash, road and bridges are dangerously unmaintained, and child care remains unaffordable and college tuition increases every year," she said. TABOR enacted the strictest limits on raising revenue and spending for any state in the nation, she said. While the Gallagher Amendment requires the state to lower the assessment rate – the property value of homes subject to taxation – whenever statewide total residential property values increase faster than business property values. This year, the Gallagher Amendment cut the La Plata County budget and hurt funding for local fire departments. Members of the crowd asked McLachlan about efforts to repeal TABOR, which would require approval from Colorado voters, and she was unaware of any citizen-led initiatives. Republican-led efforts to repeal TABOR in the Legislature have also failed she said." (*The Durango Herald*, 10/7/17)

MCLACHLAN APPEARS TO BACK GUTTING TABOR AND HAS SUPPORTED EFFORTS TO SUBVERT TABOR

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In 2017, McLachlan Supported Legislation That “Deals A Major Blow To The Colorado Taxpayer Bill Of Rights (TABOR), Which Limits Spending Growth To The Rate Of Inflation Plus Population Growth”

McLachlan Voted Yea On SB17-267, Which Creates The Colorado Healthcare Affordability And Sustainability Enterprise And Does Not Subject The Enterprise To TABOR Limits. ([SB17-267](#), Bill Passed – House (49 – 16), Colorado House Of Representatives, 5/10/17, McLachlan Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “The bill creates the Colorado Healthcare Affordability and Sustainability Enterprise (enterprise) within the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) beginning in FY 2017-18...Enterprise status and TABOR limit adjustment. The Colorado Healthcare Affordability and Sustainability Enterprise is designated as an enterprise under the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR) and has the authority to issue revenue bonds. Fee revenue collected by the enterprise is not subject to the state's TABOR limit...” ([SB17-267](#))

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McLachlan Supports Reducing TABOR Refunds And Backed The Failed Proposition CC Effort In 2019

McLachlan Voted Yea On HB 1257, Which Authorizes The State To Annually Retain And Spend All State Revenues In Excess Of The Constitutional Limitation On State Fiscal Year Spending That It Would Otherwise Be Required To Refund. ([HB19-1257](#), Bill Passed – House (41 – 23), Colorado House Of Representatives, 4/16/19, McLachlan Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Concerning authority for the state to keep and spend all of the revenue in excess of the constitutional limitation on state fiscal year spending beginning with the 2019-20 fiscal year in order to provide funding for public schools, higher education, and roads, bridges, and transit.” ([HB19-1257](#))

ACU: “This Bill Is Designed To Unlock Unlimited Spending Authority For Nonessential Government Functions By Proposing A Constitutional Amendment To Eliminate The Budget Caps Enacted Under TABOR.” “This bill is designed to unlock unlimited spending authority for nonessential government functions by proposing a constitutional amendment to eliminate the budget caps enacted under TABOR (i.e., Taxpayer Bill of Rights). The TABOR amendment was approved in 1992 and contains various provisions which limit the amount of revenue the state can retain and spend.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2019)

- **“Under This Proposed Amendment, Revenues Exceeding The State’s Budget Will No Longer Be Refunded To Taxpayers, But Instead Placed In An “Exempt” Account For K-12 And Higher Education And Transportation Projects.”** ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2019)
- **“As A Result, Government Funds That Would Otherwise Be Used For The Aforementioned Purpose Are Now Available Instead For Wasteful Purposes.”** ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2019)

The American Conservative Union “Opposes Eliminating A Critical Measure That Protect Taxpayers From Wasteful Government Spending And Ever-Increasing Tax Burdens And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU believes surplus revenues should be returned to the taxpayers through refunds or future tax cuts or alternatively used to pay down state debt. ACU opposes eliminating a critical measure that protect taxpayers from wasteful government spending and ever-increasing tax burdens and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 16, 2019 by a vote of 41-23.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2019)

McLachlan Has Backed Measures That Seek To Subvert TABOR Rules

McLachlan Voted Yea On HB 1245, Concerning An Increase In Affordable Housing Funding From Increased State Sales Tax Revenue

McLachlan Voted Yea On HB 1245, Concerning An Increase In Affordable Housing Funding From Increased State Sales Tax Revenue That Results From A Modification To The State Sales Tax Vendor Fee. ([HB19-1245](#), Bill Passed – House (37 – 27), Colorado House Of Representatives, 5/3/19, McLachlan Voted Yea)

ACU: “This Bill Is Designed To Subvert TABOR Legislative Spending Limits Through A Series Of Schemes To Increase The State’s Sales Tax Revenue And Expand Inefficient And Crony Programs Associated With “Affordable” Housing.” “This bill is designed to subvert TABOR (i.e., Taxpayer Bill of Rights) legislative spending limits through a series of schemes to increase the state’s sales tax revenue and expand inefficient and crony programs associated with “affordable” housing. Under previous law, all vendors which collected state sales taxes were permitted to keep 3.3% of the taxes collected in order to offset the cost of collection. This bill establishes a \$1,000 monthly cap on the amount vendors may keep and makes other changes to the system so that the state can collect \$47 million in additional revenue. The revenue resulting from this scheme is then to be transferred into an account to fund “affordable” housing programs, many of which abuse taxpayer funds to enrich select government-favored developers while inefficiently completing housing projects (if built at all).” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2019)

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The American Conservative Union “Opposes This Scheme To Bypass TABOR And Increase Consumer Costs And Expand Cronyism And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU believes the best way to actually make housing affordable is by eliminating excessive zoning and building regulations, opposes this scheme to bypass TABOR and increase consumer costs and expand cronyism and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on May 3, 2019 by a vote of 37-27 and the bill was signed into law.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2019)

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McLachlan Voted Yea On SB 261, Which Requires The State Treasurer To Transfer \$30 Million From The Unclaimed Property Trust Fund To The General Fund. ([SB19-261](#), Bill Passed – House (55 – 8), Colorado House Of Representatives, 5/2/19, McLachlan Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Unclaimed property trust fund - transfer - general fund. On July 1, 2019, the act requires the state treasurer to transfer \$30 million from the unclaimed property trust fund to the general fund. The amount transferred constitutes fiscal year spending subject to the state fiscal year spending limit.” ([SB19-261](#))

ACU: “This Bill Is Designed To Subvert TABOR (I.E., Taxpayer Bill Of Rights) Limits On Government Spending By Raiding And Spending \$30 Million Of Funds Within The Unclaimed Property Trust Fund Which Is Not Subject To TABOR.” “This bill is designed to subvert TABOR (i.e., Taxpayer Bill of Rights) limits on government spending by raiding and spending \$30 million of funds within the Unclaimed Property Trust Fund which is not subject to TABOR. The Unclaimed Property Trust Fund holds lost or forgotten assets of individuals and businesses in Colorado, including bank accounts, insurance payments, safety deposit boxes and other property.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2019)

The American Conservative Union “Opposes This Scheme To Bypass Constitutional Restrictions On Spending.” “ACU opposes this scheme to bypass constitutional restrictions on spending, expresses serious concerns about the potential of this measure to violate property rights, and believes if any money is taken from the fund, it should be used for responsible purposes such as reducing state debt and providing tax relief and opposed this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2019)

MCLACHLAN HAS PUSHED TO ELIMINATE THE GALLAGHER AMENDMENT

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In 2020, McLachlan Pushed For Repeal Of The Gallagher Amendment, Which Kept Property Taxes In Check. “When the Gallagher Amendment was first adopted, local property taxes funded 60% of education, and the state general fund provided the remaining 40% of the funding for K-12 schools. However, with decreasing property tax revenue, roles have reversed, and the state has been required to fill a growing gap in funding for schools. The state now provides 60% of funding for schools, with local property taxes providing 40% of the funding for K-12 schools. With state spending cuts to education after COVID-19, increased property taxes could be help keep schools funded. But in rural areas like Southwest Colorado, homeowners have benefited tremendously from the tax relief, despite increasing development in places like Durango. Those homeowners now pay among the lowest effective property tax rates in the country, but it has steadily increased the tax burden on businesses that were hit hard by the lack of tourists visiting Colorado's national parks and ski resorts this spring. Desperate to prevent further damage to education funding, lawmakers in Colorado, including state Rep. Barbara

McLachlan, D-Durango, and Sen. Jack Tate, R-Centennial, are pushing for repeal of the amendment. "Our property taxes will go so low, there will be no state funding to fall back on," McLachlan said. So McLachlan and other lawmakers voted to include a ballot measure in the November election that will ask voters if they want to repeal the Gallagher Amendment." (*The Journal*, 7/21/20)

MCLACHLAN SUPPORTS HIGHER TAXES ON THE WEALTHY AND CORPORATIONS

“McLachlan Supports Amendment 73, A \$1.6 Billion Tax Hike To Provide Funding For Education That Would Hit Individuals Making More Than \$150,000 A Year With Gradually Increasing Income Tax Rates”

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MCLACHLAN SUPPORTED AN EFFORT TO SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE THE STATE SALES TAX

In March 2017, McLachlan Voted To Pass HB 1242 - Legislation That “Calls For A Referendum To Impose A 17 Percent Increase In The State Sales Tax For The Next 20 Years...”

In 2017, McLachlan Voted Yea On HB 1242, “New Transportation Infrastructure Funding Revenue.” ([HB 1242](#), Passed (41 - 24), Colorado General Assembly, 3/31/17, McLachlan Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Requires a ballot question to be submitted to the voters of the state at the November 2017 statewide election that seeks approval for the state to temporarily impose additional state sales and use taxes for 20 years beginning January 1, 2018, and to issue up to a specified amount of transportation revenue anticipation notes (TRANs) for the purpose of funding specified state transportation projects. If the voters approve the temporary additional sales and use taxes and the issuance of TRANs, the new sales and use tax revenue and TRANs proceeds generated are allocated” ([HB 1242](#))

ACU: HB 1242 “Calls For A Referendum To Impose A 17 Percent Increase In The State Sales Tax For The Next 20 Years, With The Funds Being Used To Pay For Major Transportation Projects.” “This bill calls for a referendum to impose a 17 percent increase in the state sales tax for the next 20 years, with the funds being used to pay for major transportation projects. The bill shifts the state away from the user fee method of funding transportation by

reducing automotive registration fees. Furthermore, the bill mandates that 15 percent of the funds raised go to public transit projects. Higher tax burdens suppress economic growth, which reduces family prosperity, as illustrated by the ACU Foundation's Family Prosperity Index." ([American Conservative Union](#), 2017)

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In May 2017, McLachlan Was Among The Legislators Critical Of The Senate For Killing HB 1242 To Raise The State Sales Tax To Fund Infrastructure Improvements. "While the final days of the legislative session brought elected officials together in support of a measure to buoy rural Colorado, lawmakers from the southwest corner of the state had been working to do just that all session." "We all kinda decided at the same moment we shouldn't be Republican versus Democrat, but urban versus rural," Rep. Barbara McLachlan, D-Durango, said of herself, Rep. Marc Catlin, R-Montrose, and Sen. Don Coram, R-Montrose. That isn't to say they saw eye to eye on everything, but when it came to bills that would directly benefit their districts, they closed ranks and defended each other from well-intentioned urban lawmakers who might not realize the realities of rural life. "That's one of the biggest surprises that I've had, is the division between urban and rural is really wider than the division between Republican and Democrat a lot of times," Catlin said. The Republicans from Montrose listed bills on water rights among the achievements of which they were most proud. Senate Bill 36, which addresses what information can be presented during an appeal of a water rights ruling, was Coram's top achievement. For Catlin, it was SB 117, which recognizes hemp as a legitimate product for the purpose of determining water rights usage. McLachlan cited House Bill 1003, her signature bill of the session, which requires the departments of Education and Higher Education to conduct a study on the teacher shortage and craft a strategic plan to correct issues of decreased enrollment and teacher retention. The three lawmakers agreed that the biggest disappointment was the death of HB 1242, the big transportation funding measure, which would have raised hundreds of millions dollars annually for transportation infrastructure through a half-a-cent sales tax increase." (*The Journal*, 5/15/17)

In 2018, It Was Noted McLachlan Supported Proposition 110 “Because It Is Tied To A 0.62 Percent Sales Tax Increase And Wouldn’t Divert Funds From The State’s General Fund”

In 2018, “McLachlan Supports Proposition 110 Because It Is Tied To A 0.62 Percent Sales Tax Increase And Wouldn’t Divert Funds From The State’s General Fund.” “Two propositions, Proposition 109 and Proposition 110, are on the ballot to dedicate money to transportation projects. Proposition 109 would authorize the state to issue \$3.5 billion in bonds. Proposition 110 would authorize the state to issue \$6 billion in bonds. McLachlan supports Proposition 110 because it is tied to a 0.62 percent sales tax increase and wouldn’t divert funds from the state’s general fund. Proposition 109 has no funding source and would draw resources away from other pressing needs such as education, she said.” (*The Durango Herald*, 9/18/18)

MCLACHLAN SUPPORTS ADDITIONAL TAX INCREASES AT THE STATE LEVEL

McLachlan Voted In Favor Levying Increase Tobacco And Nicotine Taxes

McLachlan Voted Yea On HB 1427, Which Seeks To Increase Taxes Related To Tobacco And Nicotine. ([HB20-1427](#), Bill Passed – House (41 – 22), Colorado House Of Representatives, 6/15/20, McLachlan Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “The act refers a ballot issue to the voters at the November 2020 general election for the following tax changes: To increase the statutory per cigarette tax from 1 cent to 6.5 cents until July 1, 2024, then to 8 cents until July 1, 2027, and thereafter to 10 cents; To increase the statutory tobacco products tax from 20% of the manufacturer’s list price (MLP) to 30% of MLP until July 1, 2024, then to 36% of MLP until July 1, 2027, and to 42% thereafter of MLP for tobacco products; To create a tax on nicotine products that is equal to 50% of MLP until July 1, 2024, then 56% of MLP until July 1, 2027, and thereafter 62% of MLP, which is the same tax as the total tax levied on most tobacco products, including the tax from Amendment 35, with the increase; To establish a tax rate for cigarettes, tobacco products, and nicotine products that are modified risk tobacco products approved by the United States department of health and human services that is 50% of the statutory tax rate.” ([HB20-1427](#))

MCLACHLAN OPPOSED CUTTING THE HOSPITAL PROVIDER FEE

In 2017, McLachlan Noted She Opposed Efforts To Cut The Hospital Provider Fee

McLachlan Voted To Enterprise The Hospital Provider Fee In 2017 Via SB 267 In Order To Avoid Having To Cut It Due To TABOR Limits

In 2017, McLachlan Noted She Opposed Efforts To Cut The Hospital Provider Fee. ‘Here in Colorado, the hospital provider fee has been a key pillar to keeping our hospitals open and ensuring the health and safety of our residents. Hospitals pay the hospital provider fee based on their occupied beds and outpatient charges. The fee attracts matching funds from the federal government – doubling in the process. The money goes right back to the hospitals, helping them

cover the costs of uninsured patients and uncompensated care. The need for this extra federal money goes back, in part, to the 1980s, when an unfunded mandate was handed down to hospitals that required them to provide emergency care to everyone, even if they were uninsured. This policy has saved countless lives; it also placed an enormous burden on hospitals. In addition to this emergency care, hospitals and health care providers in our state annually provide many services that are uncompensated or undercompensated. Between these reimbursement issues and the mandate on emergency care, many rural hospitals simply can't make ends meet without the support from this fee. The hospital provider fee, despite being a lifeline for the health of Colorado and our Southwest communities, finds itself in the center of a budgetary policy debate. There are two propositions on the table to ease our current budgetary mess. The first is to cut the fee revenue in order to help balance the state budget, preventing hundreds of millions of dollars in TABOR refunds at the same time as we're having to cut funding from schools.” (Barbara McLachlan, Op-Ed, *The Durango Herald*, 3/19/17)

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MCLACHLAN VOTED TO EXTEND A PROGRAM THAT RELIES ON SURCHARGES AND REGISTRATION FEES FOR MOTORCYCLES

McLachlan Supported Legislation That “Extends For Three Years A Government-Run Motorcycle Safety Public Relations Campaign, Which Is Paid For Through Surcharges On Motorcycle License And Registration Fees”

McLachlan Voted Yea On SB17-243, Which Will Continue The Motorcycle Operator Safety Training Program For Three Years. ([SB17-243](#), Bill Passed – House (48 – 17), Colorado House Of Representatives, 5/1/17, McLachlan Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Under current law, the Motorcycle Operator Safety Training (MOST) program is scheduled to repeal on July 1, 2017. This bill continues the MOST program for three years, and transfers the program from the Office of Transportation Safety in the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) to the Office of the Chief of the Colorado State Patrol in the Department of Public Safety (DPS), effective January 1, 2018. The MOST

program is funded by a \$2 surcharge for a motorcycle endorsement on driver licenses and a \$4 surcharge on the registration of a motorcycle. Money is credited to the MOST Cash Fund in the Department of Revenue (DOR) and used by CDOT to administer the program, contract for motorcycle training programs, and provide public relations related to motorcycle safety.” ([SB17-243](#))

ACU: “This Bill Extends For Three Years A Government-Run Motorcycle Safety Public Relations Campaign, Which Is Paid For Through Surcharges On Motorcycle License And Registration Fees.” “This bill extends for three years a government-run motorcycle safety public relations campaign, which is paid for through surcharges on motorcycle license and registration fees. ACU opposes this program that raises the cost of motorcycle ownership and has been deemed ineffective and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on May 1, 2017 by a vote of 48-17.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2017)

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MCLACHLAN VOTED TO INCREASE FEES ON COLORADO BUSINESSES

McLachlan Supported Legislation That Increases The Statutory Fee Caps For Stationary Sources Of Air Pollutants

McLachlan Voted Yea On HB18-1400, Which Increases The Statutory Fee Caps For Stationary Sources Of Air Pollutants. ([HB18-1400](#), Bill Passed – House (57 – 8), Colorado House Of Representatives, 5/7/18, McLachlan Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “This bill increases the statutory fee caps for stationary sources of air pollutants by 25 percent; actual fees will be set in rule at or below these caps by the Air Quality Control Commission. This is assumed to increase ongoing state revenue and expenditures.” ([HB18-1400](#))

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MCLACHLAN SUPPORTS LEVYING ADDITIONAL INCREASED FINES AND FEES

McLachlan Has Voted In Favor Of Legislation To Increase Fines For Environmental And Parks And Wildlife Violations

McLachlan Voted Yea On HB 1143, Which Increases Civil Fines For Environmental Violations. ([HB20-1143](#), Bill Passed – House (40 – 24), Colorado House Of Representatives, 6/5/20, McLachlan Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Current state law sets the maximum civil fine for most air quality violations at \$15,000 per day and most water quality violations at \$10,000 per day, but federal law allows the federal environmental protection agency to assess higher maximum daily fines per violation. Sections 1 and 2 of the act raise the maximum fine to \$47,357 per day for air quality violations and \$54,833 per day for water quality violations and direct the air quality control commission and the water quality control commission in the department of public health and environment to annually adjust the maximum fine based on changes in the consumer price index...” ([HB20-1143](#))

McLachlan Voted Yea On HB 1026, Which Increases Fines For Parks And Wildlife Violations Of Law. ([HB19-1026](#), Bill Passed – House (50 – 13), Colorado House Of Representatives, 3/11/19, McLachlan Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Parks and wildlife - increased fines - disposition of fines collected. With regard to fines imposed for violations of laws enforced by the division of parks and wildlife in the department of natural resources (division), the act changes the amount of certain fines and modifies the disposition of money collected from fines.” ([HB19-1026](#))

ACU: “This Bill Imposes Excessive Penalties On Minor Infractions Of State Parks And Wildlife Rules.” “This bill imposes excessive penalties on minor infractions of state parks and wildlife rules. The increased penalties are applied under the guise of conservation but in reality siphons more taxpayer dollars into state and local slush funds. The bill’s opening salvo reveals its true intention “to provide funding to the division of parks and wildlife” and it’s 10 expensive new programs for their 2025 agenda.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2019)

The American Conservative Union “Supports Responsible Use Of Public Lands, Recognizes That User Fees, Not Revenues From Citations Or Criminal Prosecution, Are Often The Most Appropriate Way To Fund Public Goods, Opposes Arbitrarily Imposes Fines To Fund Fiscally Irresponsible Programs And Opposed This Bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2019)

MCLACHLAN BACKS MARKET-DISTORTING TAX CREDITS

McLachlan Supported Legislation Which Increases The Tax Credit Allocation For Affordable Housing

McLachlan Voted Yea On HB 1228, Which Increases The Tax Credit Allocation For Affordable Housing. ([HB19-1228](#), Bill Passed – House (43 – 20), Colorado House Of Representatives, 4/16/19, McLachlan Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Income tax - affordable housing tax credit - increase in aggregate amount of tax credits that may be allocated annually. Currently, under the affordable housing tax credit, during each calendar year of the period beginning in 2015 and ending in 2024 the Colorado housing and finance authority (CHFA) may allocate tax credits in an aggregate amount up to \$5 million annually. The act increases the annual aggregate cap to \$10 million for the years beginning on January 1, 2020, and ending on December 31, 2024.” ([HB19-1228](#))

ACU: “This Bill Doubles Taxpayer Funding Of One Form Of Cronyism Which Provides Competitive Advantages To Select Government-Favored Developers Of ‘Affordable’ Housing.” “This bill doubles taxpayer funding of one form of cronyism which provides competitive advantages to select government-favored developers of “affordable” housing. Under the bill, the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority may allocate an additional \$30 million dollars (now \$60 million total) in tax credits each year through 2024 to whichever developers can afford to make good friends of government.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2019)

The American Conservative Union “Opposes This Taxpayer-Funded Cronyism, Believes The State Should Instead Eliminate Excessive Zoning And Building Regulations To Solve The Housing Shortage And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU recognizes that while these programs are intended to help tenants, that the lion’s share of these tax advantages and grants end up swallowed by developers, investors and financial institutions. ACU opposes this taxpayer-funded cronyism, believes the state should instead eliminate excessive zoning and building regulations to solve the housing shortage and opposed this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2019)

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McLachlan Voted Yea On HB 1013, Concerning The Extension Of The Income Tax Credit For Child Care Expenses Paid By A Resident Individual With A Federal Adjusted Gross Income Of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars Or Less. ([HB19-1013](#), Bill Passed – House (56 – 7), Colorado House Of Representatives, 4/16/19, McLachlan Voted Yea)

ACU: “This Bill Traps More Individuals In Government Dependency By Extending A Program For Eight Additional Years Which Socializes Childcare Costs.” “This bill traps more individuals in government dependency by extending a program for eight additional years which socializes childcare costs. Specifically, the program is extended to 2029 and will provide refundable tax credits to individuals below certain income levels.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2019)

The American Conservative Union “Supports Efforts To Help The Federal Government Perform Its Constitutional Role In Enforcing The Nation’s Immigration Laws, Believes Taxpayer Benefits And Privileges Should Be Primarily For Citizens, Opposes Expending Taxpayer Resources To Encourage Individuals To Subvert The Law And Opposed This Bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2019)

MCLACHLAN HELPED PASS THE “LARGEST BUDGET EVER” AS COLORADO’S BALLOONING GOVERNMENT SPENDING CONTINUES

In 2022, McLachlan Voted To Pass The Colorado State Budget

In 2022, McLachlan Voted Yea On HB 22-1329, “2022-23 Long Bill.” ([HB 22-1329](#), Passed (41 - 24), Colorado State Assembly, 3/31/22, McLachlan Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Concerning the provision for payment of the expenses of the executive, legislative, and judicial departments of the state of Colorado, and of its agencies and institutions” ([HB 22-1329](#))

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The FY 2022-23 Colorado State Budget “Offers Some Relief For People Serving Time In The Community Corrections System, Including Those On Parole Or Probation.” “Meanwhile, the budget offers some relief for people serving time in the community corrections system, including those on parole or probation. These people currently pay “subsistence payments” of \$17 a day if they are in a residential facility. The state would instead pay \$16.5 million to make up the difference for the facilities. ‘We are having issues obviously collecting these fees from offenders, but also offenders are leaving (corrections) in debt,’ said state Rep. Leslie Herod, a Democratic member of the Joint Budget Committee.” (Andrew Kenney, “6 Quick Highlights From Colorado’s \$36 Billion Spending Plan — The Largest Ever,” [CPR News](#), 3/31/22)

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MCLACHLAN VOTED IN SUPPORT OF A PLAN BY DEMOCRATS TO PROVIDE TABOR REFUNDS EARLIER, AHEAD OF THE MIDTERM ELECTIONS

In May 2022, McLachlan Voted To Pass SB 22-233

In 2022, McLachlan Voted Yea On SB 22-233, “TABOR Refund Mechanism For FY 2021-22 Only.” ([SB 22-233](#), Passed (54 - 11), Colorado State Assembly, 5/10/22, McLachlan Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “The amount of the refund is \$400 for every qualified individual who files a single income tax return or who receives a property tax, rent, or heat credit rebate and \$800 for each pair of qualified individuals who file a joint income tax return.” ([SB 22-233](#))

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SB 233, Legislation To Implement An Earlier TABOR Check, Was Revealed By Some Democrats To Be A Political Maneuver To Help Protect Their Legislative Majority. ‘The focus of the messaging was rather that, one, everybody's getting a \$400 check and, two, it's coming about eight months earlier than TABOR refunds usually do. Checks should land a couple of months before ballots go out, in what figures to be a critical year for Democrats trying to hold onto their Capitol trifecta, and for Republicans hoping to finally regain a modicum of power at the state level. The Senate minority leader, Republican Chris Holbert of Douglas County, said he was "insulted" by the Democrats' framing. But he had to give them credit. "I think it's smart politics," he said, "especially in an election year, because so many people don't understand the differences and don't have time to look at the differences between our state government and the federal government." The former can't deficit-spend, meaning there is no chance for the kind of out-of-thin-air stimulus the latter can order. Holbert expects many perhaps even most Coloradans will see these checks and assume they're just like the \$1,400 payments the federal government sent out earlier in the pandemic. "A very clever campaign tactic," said the GOP's top budget official in the Senate, Carbondale's Bob Rankin. "I think the timing is interesting. It's just before a critical campaign in which we, the Republicans, believe we have a chance to make significant gains. (Democrats) realize that, and so this is just a campaign trick. It doesn't really help anybody very much above what they would get through the normal process." Though they were not forthcoming about it in the program's unveiling, several Democrats in follow-up interviews conceded that, yes, the election is on their minds. The House is controlled 41-24 by Democrats, but only 20-15 in the Senate, so three flipped seats in November would swing the chamber right. One of the lead sponsors of the bill to implement the checks program, SB22-233, is Sen. Nick Hinrichsen, a Democrat of Pueblo who was not a driving force behind the policy, but whose seat is a must-get for Republicans in November. Both House sponsors are Democrats in November races that should be competitive. "Are there election-year implications? Absolutely," said Denver Democratic Sen. Chris Hansen, Rankin's colleague on the Joint Budget Committee. "Everything we've done this session, we've obviously thinking about the election. We are really trying to carefully manage our policies this session to be advantageous for Colorado, but also to recognize the political moment we're in. Nationally, this is going to be a tough cycle for Democrats, I think we can all see. ... We're trying to recognize that and proceed carefully as a result." But he and other Democrats insisted they did not mean to distort reality when they stood with the governor to announce their "very simple" tax refund plan.” (*The Daily Reporter Herald*, 4/28/22)

MCLACHLAN SUPPORTED COLORADO'S \$800 MILLION STATE STIMULUS PROGRAM

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MCLACHLAN VOTED TO EXTEND A COSTLY OBAMA-ERA STIMULUS PROGRAM

McLachlan Supported Legislation That Extended An Obama-Era Transitional Jobs Program

McLachlan Voted Yea On HB18-1334, Which Extends An Obama-Era Transitional Jobs Program. ([HB18-1334](#), Bill Passed – House (55 – 8), Colorado House Of Representatives, 3/29/18, McLachlan Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Transitional jobs program - extension - appropriation. The transitional jobs program is currently set to end on June 30, 2019, and no new transitional jobs are to be offered after December 31, 2018. The act extends the program for 5 additional years.” ([HB18-1334](#))

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MCLACHLAN BACKED LEGISLATION THAT COULD EXPOSE TAXPAYERS TO MULTI-BILLION-DOLLAR PENSION BAILOUTS

McLachlan Supported Legislation That “Eliminates Reforms To The State Retirement System Passed Last Year, Thus Exposing Taxpayers To Potential Multi Billion Dollar Bailouts And Risks The State Failing To Provide The Full Amount Of Retirement Benefits Promised To Public Employees”

McLachlan Voted Yea On HB 1217, Which Amended The PERA Public Employees' Retirement Association Local Government Division Member Contribution Rate. ([HB19-1217](#), Bill Passed – House (49 – 16), Colorado House Of Representatives, 3/19/19, McLachlan Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Public employees' retirement association - employer contribution rates - local government division. The 2% increase in the member contribution rate for members in the local government division of the public employees' retirement association that was enacted during the 2018 legislative session is eliminated.” ([HB19-1217](#))

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The American Conservative Union “Recognizes The State Cannot Afford The \$20 Million In Lost Pension Revenue Resulting From This Legislation, Opposes Increasing Unfunded Liabilities By Removing Mechanisms That Provide For The Solvency The State’s Pension Program And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU recognizes the state cannot afford the \$20 million in lost pension revenue resulting from this legislation, opposes increasing unfunded liabilities by removing mechanisms that provide for the solvency the state’s pension program and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 19, 2019 by a vote of 49-16 and the bill was signed into law.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2019)

MCLACHLAN ON UNION ISSUES

McLachlan Supported Legislation That Grants The Public Employees Of A County The Right To Collective Bargain

McLachlan Voted Yea On SB 22-230, “Collective Bargaining For Counties.” ([SB 22-230](#), Passed (41 - 24), Colorado State Assembly, 5/11/22, McLachlan Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Beginning January 1, 2023, the bill grants the public employees of a county the right to: Organize, form, join, or assist an employee organization or refrain from doing so; Engage in collective bargaining; Engage in other concerted activities for the purpose of collective bargaining or other mutual aid or protection; Communicate with other county employees and with employee organization representatives and receive and distribute literature regarding employee organization issues; and Have an exclusive representative at formal discussions concerning a grievance, a personnel policy or practice, or any other condition of employment.” ([SB 22-230](#))

The Colorado GOP Alleged SB 230 Was A \$400 Million Unfunded Mandate Based On Collective Bargaining

In May 2022, The Colorado GOP Criticized SB 230, Which It Alleged Was A \$400 Million Unfunded Mandate Based On Collective Bargaining. “The following information was released by the Colorado Republican Party: Greenwood Village, Colorado Colorado GOP Chairwoman Kristi Burton Brown released the following statement regarding SB22-230: In the aftermath of COVID, and in the middle of record-setting inflation, Jared Polis and the Democrats in the legislature are now trying to pass one of the largest unfunded mandates in state history. The collective bargaining bill, SB22-230, would cost counties at least \$400 million. It would take this money out of employees' paychecks, away from emergency services, and into the campaign coffers of Democrats. Just last July, the Colorado Sun reported that the Colorado AFL-

CIO would withhold campaign donations from Democrats until after the legislative session. They promised not to resume donating to Democrat campaigns unless and until they were treated like authentic partners. With SB22-230, Jared Polis and the Colorado Democrats are choosing to partner with unions at the cost of bankrupting Colorado's counties. Rep. Daneya Esgar, sponsor of SB22-230, has historically received 30% of her campaign donations from unions. Other Democrats supporting SB22-230 are used to having unions pour in for their campaigns, including Democrats running in swing legislative seats this year like Reps. Tom Sullivan, Lisa Cutter, Kyle Mullica, and Dylan Roberts.” (Colorado GOP, 5/5/22)

McLachlan Supports Increasing The Minimum Wage

In 2016, McLachlan Noted Her Support For Amendment 70, Which Increased The State Minimum Wage To \$12 An Hour By 2020. “The minimum wage will begin to rise, it will be tougher to amend the state constitution, and primary elections will change with the new year. Along with state amendments and propositions approved by voters in November and signed into law this week by Gov. John Hickenlooper, there is a handful of other new laws that take effect Jan. 1, 2017. Amendment 70, which raises the Colorado minimum wage incrementally over the next several years, will boost wages in January from \$8.31 to \$9.30. The amendment, approved by voters by more than a 10 percent margin, will increase the minimum wage by 90 cents annually on the first of each year until it reaches \$12 on Jan. 1, 2020. Barbara McLachlan, Democratic representative-elect for House District 59, said while the increases will be a hardship for small businesses initially, the change has the potential to improve the standard of living for individuals in rural Colorado who work for minimum wage. "Eventually, these people will be able to work two jobs instead of three jobs and be able to have more time and money to spend in the community," McLachlan said. This was not a sentiment echoed by her counterpart from across the aisle, Don Coram, Republican representative for District 58. He believes the minimum wage was intended to be a starting point and not an end goal. "I'm concerned about the young people that have never had employment that are starting out," Coram said. "That minimum wage has been where business could afford to hire them and train them, but if they are going to pay more money now, I fear that those young people won't get that start to get that first job." McLachlan countered that more and more individuals are being asked to live off of minimum wages. "I support it (Amendment 70) because we cannot expect everybody to live on this wage that was not designed to be a livable wage.” (The Durango Herald, 12/30/16)

McLachlan Notes Her Potential Support For A Higher Minimum Wage For Restaurant Workers To Ensure They Achieved A Living Wage. ([Centennial State Prosperity](#), 2020)

On The Issues

Colorado Workers and Economy

1 This year, Colorado raised the state minimum wage to \$12/per hour. However, no more than \$3.02/per hour in tip income may be used to offset the minimum wage of tipped employees. Do you support or oppose action changing how tip income is treated for minimum wage purposes and why?

Support

Comment: I would be happy if, whatever plan is chosen, all restaurant workers are paid a fair wage, a livable wage. If that comes through tips, or tip sharing, a higher minimum wage, or something new and creative, I'll be satisfied. Oftentimes, when we only talk about tips in the restaurant industry, we forget about the hard work done in the kitchen.

([Centennial State Prosperity](#), 2020)

On Social Media, McLachlan Has Indicated Support For Increasing Wage Mandates On Businesses (Minimum Wage)

In January 2021, McLachlan ‘Liked’ A Tweet Appearing To Express Her Support For Increasing The Minimum Wage To “\$15 By 2025”. (McLachlan Profile, [Twitter](#), 1/26/21)



(McLachlan Profile, [Twitter](#), 1/26/21)

McLachlan Supported Legislation That “Drives Up Taxpayer Costs By Forcing Contractors And Subcontractors Working On Public Construction Projects With Costs Over A Half-Million Dollars To Comply With ‘Prevailing Wage’ Mandates”

McLachlan Voted Yea On SB 196, Which Amended Prevailing Wage Requirements, Among Other Measures. ([SB19-196](#), Bill Passed – House (40 – 25), Colorado House Of Representatives, 4/29/19, McLachlan Voted Yea)

ACU: “This Bill Drives Up Taxpayer Costs By Forcing Contractors And Subcontractors Working On Public Construction Projects With Costs Over A Half-Million Dollars To Comply With ‘Prevailing Wage’ Mandates.” “This bill drives up taxpayer costs by forcing contractors and subcontractors working on public construction projects with costs over a half-million dollars to comply with “prevailing wage” mandates. The prevailing wage originated under the Davis-Bacon Act, a Depression-era policy which forces companies contracting with the government to pay their workers above-market wages. Additionally, the bill forces

contractors working on public projects to utilize a certain number of union apprentices.”
([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2019)

The American Conservative Union “Has Long-Opposed The Prevailing Wage, The Davis-Bacon Act, And Other Labor Mandates Which Needlessly Drive Up Taxpayer Costs And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU has long-opposed the prevailing wage, the Davis-Bacon Act, and other labor mandates which needlessly drive up taxpayer costs and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 29, 2019 by a vote of 40-25 and the bill was signed into law.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2019)

McLachlan Supported Legislation That “Subjects Small Business-Owners And Large Employers Alike To Frivolous Litigation By Imposing A Litany Of Draconian Employer Mandates”

McLachlan Voted Yea On SB 85, The Equal Pay For Equal Work Act. ([SB19-85](#), Bill Passed – House (40 – 21), Colorado House Of Representatives, 4/27/19, McLachlan Voted Yea)

ACU: This Bill “Subjects Small Business-Owners And Large Employers Alike To Frivolous Litigation By Imposing A Litany Of Draconian Employer Mandates.” “This bill, known as the Equal Pay for Equal Work Act, subjects small business-owners and large employers alike to frivolous litigation by imposing a litany of draconian employer mandates. Firstly, the bill eliminates the pre-litigation phase of wage discrimination complaints (an important protection against frivolous litigation) and allows these allegations to instead be filed directly to a court. Secondly, the bill specifies the wide-ranging damages available to individuals with successful claims, including backpay up to three years, “equitable remedies,” and various court costs. Thirdly, the bill aggressively expands the role of government by mandating that businesses notify all employees of every promotion opportunity on the same day. Finally, the bill creates enormous costs of compliance for businesses by imposing tedious recordkeeping requirements and imposing penalties up to \$10,000 per violation.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2019)

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The American Conservative Union “Opposes This Measure Which Merely Enriches Trial Lawyers And Drives Small Employers Out Of Business With Outsized Regulatory Burdens And Overwhelming Court Costs For Frivolous Cases...” “ACU vehemently opposes discrimination and believes that individuals or employers that discriminate will face serious repercussions in the marketplace. ACU opposes this measure which merely enriches trial lawyers and drives small employers out of business with outsized regulatory burdens and overwhelming court costs for frivolous cases and opposed this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2019)

McLachlan Has Been Backed By Several Liberal Unions And Organized Labor Groups

“McLachlan Is Benefiting From The Usual Democratic Allies, Including Conservation Colorado, Which Represents The Environmental World, And The Colorado Education Association, The State's Union Of Teachers.” “McLachlan has had less help in the consulting department, though she did hire a campaign manager, P.J. Higgins, who worked on her husband's campaign. McLachlan is benefiting from the usual Democratic allies, including Conservation Colorado, which represents the environmental world, and the Colorado Education Association, the state's union of teachers.” (*The Durango Herald*, 8/11/16)

In 2020, The Progressive Voters Guide Noted That McLachlan Was Endorsed By Several Unions Including The AFSCME, AFT Colorado, AFL-CIO, Colorado Education Association, And The SEIU. ([2020 Progressive Voters Guide](#), Accessed 7/21/22)

Selected Endorsements

Endorsed By: AFSCME Council 18, AFT Colorado, Cobalt, Colorado AFL-CIO, Colorado Education Association (CEA), Colorado WINS, Conservation Colorado, One Colorado, Planned Parenthood Votes Colorado, SEIU Local 105

([2020 Progressive Voters Guide](#), Accessed 7/21/22)

- **In 2020, McLachlan Was Endorsed By The AFSCME Council 18 – Colorado.** (2020 Endorsement, [AFSCME](#), Accessed 7/21/22)

The screenshot shows the website for AFSCME Council 18: Colorado. The header includes the AFSCME logo and the text "AFSCME Council 18: Colorado". Below the header is a green navigation bar with the following menu items: HOME, ABOUT US (with a dropdown arrow), NEWS, JOIN AFSCME!, CALENDAR, and RESOURCES (with a dropdown arrow). The main content area displays a list of candidates:

- HD 52 - Cathy Kipp
- HD 59 - Barbara McLachlin
- HD 61 - Julie McCluskie
- HD 62 - Donald Valdez

(2020 Endorsement, [AFSCME](#), Accessed 7/21/22)

- **In 2020, The AFSCME Was Known To Oppose A 22-Week Abortion Ban And Measures To Raise Taxes, Including A Cigarette Tobacco And Nicotine Products Tax.** (2020 Endorsement, [AFSCME](#), Accessed 7/21/22)

Statewide Ballot Measures
Citizen Qualification of Electors (#76) – No
Local Voter Approval of Gaming Limits in Black Hawk, Central City, and Cripple Creek (#77) – Yes
Colorado National Popular Vote Interstate Compact Referendum (#113) – Yes
Colorado 22-Week Abortion Ban Initiative (#115) – No
Policy Changes Pertaining to State Income Taxes (#116) – Yes
Voter Approval Requirement for Creation of Certain Fee-Based Enterprises (#117) – No
Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program (#118) – Yes
Repeal Property Tax Assessment Rates (Amendment B) – Yes
Cigarette Tobacco and Nicotine Products Tax (Prop. EE) – Yes

(2020 Endorsement, [AFSCME](#), Accessed 7/21/22)

- **In 2020, McLachlan Was Endorsed By The Colorado AFL-CIO.** (2020 Endorsements, [AFL-CIO](#), Archived 11/13/20)

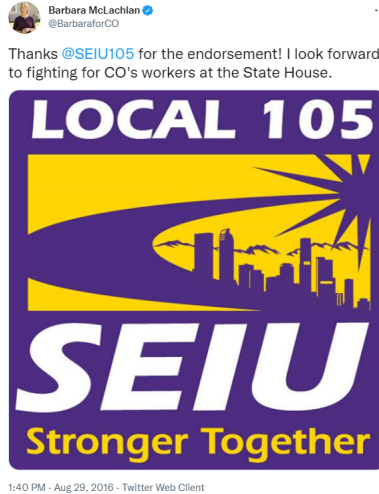
On Social Media, McLachlan Has Historically Enjoyed The Support Of Powerful Unions

In May 2016, McLachlan Shared A Tweet Thanking The AFLCIO Of Colorado For Their Endorsement, “I Am Proud To Have It And Can’t Wait To Fight For CO’s Workers And Their Families”. (McLachlan Profile, [Twitter](#), 5/26/16)



(McLachlan Profile, [Twitter](#), 5/26/16)

In August 2016, McLachlan Shared A Tweet Thanking The Local Service Employees International Union For Their Endorsement, “I Look Forward To Fighting For CO’s Workers”. (McLachlan Profile, [Twitter](#), 8/29/16)



(McLachlan Profile, [Twitter](#), 8/29/16)

MCLACHLAN SUPPORTED EXPANDING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS TO GIG WORKERS

McLachlan Supported Expanding Unemployment Benefits For Gig Economy Workers

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([Centennial State Prosperity](#), 2020)

2 A 2018 NPR/Marist poll revealed 20 percent of all American workers are contract workers hired to work on a specific project or for a fixed period of time. Do you support or oppose action that would provide gig economy workers access in Colorado to unemployment benefits, workers compensation, etc., and why?

Support

Comment: Twenty percent is huge. And with that in mind, yes, we should make sure these valuable employees have access to benefits. That sector will continue to grow, and we should address their needs.

([Centennial State Prosperity](#), 2020)

MCLACHLAN WOULD NOT COMMIT TO LIABILITY PROTECTIONS FOR BUSINESSES DURING COVID

In 2020, McLachlan Would Not Commit To Supporting Immunity For Businesses For Civil Lawsuits Related To COVID. ([Centennial State Prosperity](#), 2020)

Keep Communities Safe during the COVID-19 Pandemic

8 At the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, some states and localities rushed to grant businesses immunity from civil lawsuits related to the coronavirus. Do you think businesses should be shielded from lawsuits related to COVID-19?

Support

Comment: I wish there was a "depends" button. I don't know the issues surrounding the lawsuits, and am unable to answer with a clear yes or no. I understand the reasoning behind the immunity because everything in our economy was happening so fast, but I am sure there are unintended consequences for a sweeping immunity for all.

([Centennial State Prosperity](#), 2020)

MCLACHLAN ON HEALTH CARE, EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT, REGULATIONS

McLachlan supports the creation of a public option for healthcare in Colorado. In 2020, McLachlan supported legislation aimed at increasing childhood vaccinations – a measure perceived as anti-parental choice. Moreover, during the Covid pandemic, McLachlan appeared to have scolded those who decided not to wear masks. McLachlan supported legislation that further imposes insurance mandates, a move that critics suggest could drive up healthcare costs. In 2017, McLachlan voted to expand Obamacare subsidies.

In 2022, McLachlan indicated support for “universal pre-k” and has backed full-day kindergarten. McLachlan also opposed efforts to promote school choice by voting against HB119-1123, a bill that would allow for income tax deductions for K-12 expenses from 529 plans. McLachlan has backed liberal positions on school curriculums.

In 2018, McLachlan appeared to support pushing Colorado towards “100% carbon free” energy and has voted to implement those policies. Additionally, McLachlan supports SB 138 and HB 1303, which implement measures and regulations to reduce carbon emissions. Moreover, McLachlan backed severe restrictions on the oil and gas industry while supporting additional environmental regulations. McLachlan continues her support for increased regulations by imposing additional rules on certain mining companies.

McLachlan, a clear supporter of growing the regulatory state, was financially boosted by environmentalist billionaire Tom Steyer, and been linked to other environmental groups.

MCLACHLAN SUPPORTS THE CREATION OF A PUBLIC OPTION FOR HEALTH CARE IN COLORADO

McLachlan Supports Efforts To Create A Public Option For Health Insurance In Colorado

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Colorado.** ([Centennial State Prosperity](#), 2020)

Quality and Affordable Healthcare

6 This year, lawmakers introduced legislation to create a public health insurance option for our state. Do you support or oppose creating a public option in Colorado and why?

Support

Comment: I do. This option offered competition to insurance providers, and since we have only one provider on the Western Slope, this is good news. It also lets people who like their private insurance to keep it. Rep. Roberts, the bill's sponsor, said he is polishing the bill for this upcoming session to address current concerns.

([Centennial State Prosperity](#), 2020)

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In May 2021, McLachlan Touted Her Support For Colorado's Quasi-Public Option Program Known As The Colorado Option. “Just this week, the House passed a bill to create a new health insurance option for Coloradans, known as the Colorado Option, which will help us afford quality health care by lowering insurance premiums by 18%. The standardized plan must address historical health inequities and will also lower out-of-pocket costs for consumers. We on the Western Slope have some of the highest health-care premiums in the country. There is substantial evidence that people of color and people living in poverty in Colorado often suffer worse health outcomes because they don't have access to an affordable insurance option. The Colorado Option improves health equity by increasing access to affordable insurance products for these underserved communities so no one has to go without the care they need. The sponsors, Rep. Dylan Roberts, D-Eagle County, and Rep. Iman Jodeh, D-Aurora, took great care to ensure this bill is good for everyone, from rural families to communities up and down the Front Range, and Coloradans of all ages, races and backgrounds. I am proud to support it.” (Barbara McLachlan, Op-Ed, *The Durango Herald*, 5/15/21)

MCLACHLAN SUPPORTED LEGISLATION TO INCREASE CHILDHOOD VACCINATIONS- A MEASURE PERCEIVED AS ANTI-PARENTAL CHOICE

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Brown✳️ (@JenBrownColo) June 9, 2020 But Colorado Rep. Barbara McLachlan, D-Durango, said those in opposition of the bill are "not reading it correctly." The bill does not require vaccinations, but it asks parents to indicate whether their child is vaccinated and whether the reason is medical or nonmedical, such as a religious exemption. Currently, parents just hand in a piece of paper to the school administration, explaining they do not want their children vaccinated, McLachlan said. "The death rate for measles is higher than it is for COVID," McLachlan said. If there is a breakout of measles, the bill makes it easier for the school district to identify children who are not vaccinated and contact their parents to say those children should not go into school, McLachlan said. "It's about the kids, but (opponents of the bill) are making it bigger than that," McLachlan said." (*The Durango Herald*, 6/10/20)

MCLACHLAN WAS A KNOWN PROMOTER OF MASKING DURING THE COVID PANDEMIC

On Social Media, McLachlan Has Been Pictured Wearing A Mask

In September 2021, McLachlan Was Pictured Wearing A Mask. (Matt Cook Profile, [Twitter](#), 9/23/21)



(Matt Cook Profile, [Twitter](#), 9/23/21)

On Social Media, McLachlan Appears To Have Scolded Those Who Decided Not To Wear Masks

In November 2020, McLachlan Shared A Tweet Appearing Dismissive Of Those Who Choose Not To Wear A Mask. (McLachlan Profile, [Twitter](#), 11/9/20)



(McLachlan Profile, [Twitter](#), 11/9/20)

**MCLACHLAN SUPPORTED LEGISLATION THAT CRITICS SUGGEST
COULD DRIVE UP HEALTHCARE COSTS BY FURTHER IMPOSING
INSURANCE MANDATES**

McLachlan Supported Legislation That “Drives Up Health Insurance Costs For Everyone By Expanding Yet Another Mandate Controlling The Coverage Options Available To Consumers”

McLachlan Voted Yea On HB 1269, Which Enacts The "Behavioral Health Care Coverage Modernization Act" And Amends Insurance Law, Among Other Measures. ([HB19-1269](#), Bill Passed – House (45 – 19), Colorado House Of Representatives, 4/29/19, McLachlan Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Concerning measures to improve behavioral health care coverage practices, and, in connection therewith, making an appropriation.” ([HB19-1269](#))

ACU: “This Bill Drives Up Health Insurance Costs For Everyone By Expanding Yet Another Mandate Controlling The Coverage Options Available To Consumers.” “This bill drives up health insurance costs for everyone by expanding yet another mandate controlling the coverage options available to consumers. Under the bill, all health insurance policies offered in the state must provide coverage for mental health and substance abuse treatment at the same

level as any coverage they offer for physical health care. The bill also imposes numerous reporting requirements to enforce the parity of coverage.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2019)

The American Conservative Union “Opposes Health Insurance Mandates That Drive Up The Cost Of Health Insurance And Prevent Individuals From Obtaining Policies That Best Suit Their Needs And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU sympathizes for individuals who require these treatments, and we stand proudly with individuals who choose to seek help in the fight for mental wellness. However, ACU opposes health insurance mandates that drive up the cost of health insurance and prevent individuals from obtaining policies that best suit their needs and opposed this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2019)

MCLACHLAN VOTED TO EXPAND OBAMACARE SUBSIDIES

McLachlan Voted To Pass HB17-1235, Which Establishes A Financial Assistance Program For Persons Purchasing Health Insurance Through The State's Health Insurance Exchange

McLachlan Voted Yea On HB17-1235, Which Establishes A Financial Assistance Program For Persons Purchasing Health Insurance Through The State's Health Insurance Exchange (Connect For Health Colorado). ([HB17-1235](#), Bill Passed – House (42 – 22), Colorado House Of Representatives, 4/17/17, McLachlan Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “The bill establishes a financial assistance program for persons purchasing health insurance through the state's health insurance exchange (Connect for Health Colorado) who meet the following conditions: • have income between 400 percent and 500 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL); • have insurance premiums greater than 15 percent of their household income; • live in one of the three insurance rating areas with the highest premiums; and • do not have access to health coverage through a government program or affordable, employer-sponsored health insurance.” ([HB17-1235](#))

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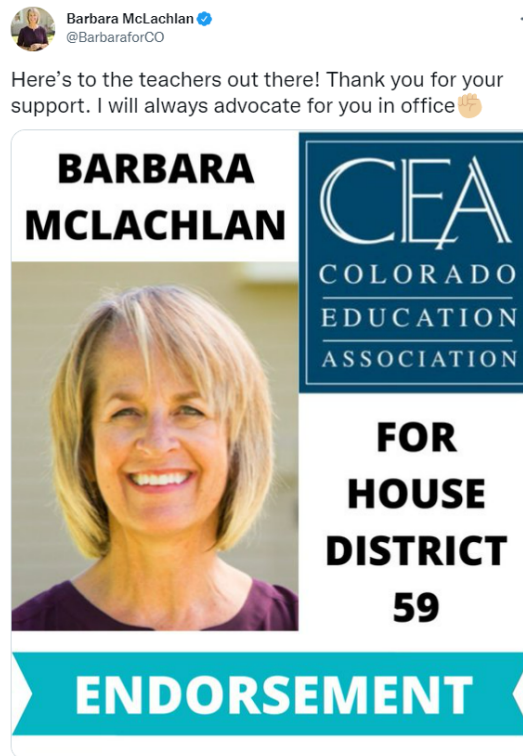
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MCLACHLAN’S TIES TO COLORADO’S TEACHERS’ UNION

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In September 2020, McLachlan Shared A Tweet Thanking The Colorado Education Association For Their Endorsement, “I Will Always Advocate For You In Office”. (McLachlan Profile, [Twitter](#), 9/2/20)



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MCLACHLAN HAS INDICATED SUPPORT FOR “UNIVERSAL PRE-K” AND HAS BACKED FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN

On Social Media, McLachlan Promoted Content Expressing Support For “Universal Pre-K”

In April 2022, McLachlan ‘Liked’ A Tweet Expressing Her Support For “Universal Pre-K”. (McLachlan Profile, [Twitter](#), 4/25/22)



(McLachlan Profile, [Twitter](#), 4/25/22)

In 2019, McLachlan Introduced Legislation To Fund Full-Day Kindergarten

In 2019, McLachlan Introduced Legislation To Fund Full-Day Kindergarten. “Rep. Barbara McLachlan and Rep. Jim Wilson, R-Salida introduced a bipartisan bill to fund full-day kindergarten for Colorado's youngest learners. The budget from the Joint Budget Committee proposes funding full-day kindergarten in a responsible, sustainable manner. "I am excited to introduce this bipartisan bill that will help our state's youngest learners, especially in our rural communities," said Rep. McLachlan, chair of the House Education committee. "As a former teacher I understand the benefits of full-day kindergarten and the importance of investing in our children's future. I couldn't be prouder to sponsor this legislation because of the profound benefits it will reap for the hardworking families of our state for many years to come." "This is great news for kids and parents across Colorado. Full-day kindergarten will help invest in young learners and break down barriers," said Majority Leader Alec Garnett. "Our kids and our state can't wait. Let's get this done and start investing in our most precious resource - the next generation of Coloradans." Many young students lack access to full-day kindergarten but the research shows they will benefit from this learning experience.” (Colorado House Democrats, 3/22/19)

MCLACHLAN HAS OPPOSED EFFORTS TO PROMOTE SCHOOL CHOICE

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Vote Summary			
Hearing Item:	HB19-1123	Baisley	No
Time:	03:59:14 PM	Buckner	Yes
Motion:	Postpone House Bill 19-1123 indefinitely using a reversal of the previous roll call. There was no objection to the use of the reverse roll call, therefore, the bill was postponed indefinitely.	Catlin	No
Moved:	Buentello	Coleman	Excused
Seconded:	Michaelson Jenet	Cutter	Yes
		Exum	Yes
		Geitner	No
		Larson	No
		McCluskie	Yes
		Michaelson Jenet	Yes
		Wilson	No
		Buentello	Yes
		McLachlan	Yes
			YES: 7 NO: 5 ENC: 1 AB: 0
			Final Vote
			ACTION: PASS

([Colorado Legislature](#), Accessed 6/15/22)

MCLACHLAN HAS BACKED LIBERAL POSITIONS ON SCHOOL CURRICULUMS

McLachlan Opposed Curriculum Transparency Measures

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In March 2022, McLachlan Was Among The Democrats On The House Education Committee To Kill A Curriculum Transparency Bill Pushed By Republicans. “Colorado Democrats voted down a bill that would have required school districts to make all learning materials readily available to parents and made it easier for parents to raise objections about topics they deemed controversial. Members of the House Education Committee said Thursday that they believe most teachers and school districts already make such information available to parents and disagreements can be handled at the local level without new laws. “For 20 years I had parents come in and ask me what we were reading and I would show them, give them a

book, let them take it home and read it,” said state Rep. Barbara McLachlan, a Durango Democrat and retired English teacher. “Most teachers welcome it. There aren’t enough parents who go in and talk to a teacher.” McLachlan apologized to parents who told lawmakers their concerns had been brushed off and urged them to keep working in their local communities. “I think transparency is valuable, and I think parent involvement is valuable,” McLachlan said. “Parents who are concerned need to go to their district and not the state.” The Republican-backed bill was similar to legislation being run in more than a dozen states. National conservative activists identified curriculum transparency policies as a way to challenge how schools teach topics like race, gender, and American history. Supporters of the Colorado bill said it would also give parents more tools to help with homework and open conversations with educators.”
([Chalkbeat](#), 3/4/22)

McLachlan Supported Controversial Comprehensive Sex Ed Legislation

In 2019, McLachlan Was Among The Supporters Of HB 1032, Which Pushed Comprehensive Sex Education, Which Included Discussion Of Alternative Genders And Sexualities And Methods To Protect Against Pregnancy And STDs

In 2019, McLachlan Was Among The Supporters Of HB 1032, Which Pushed Comprehensive Sex Education, Which Included Discussion Of Alternative Genders And Sexualities And Methods To Protect Against Pregnancy And STDs. “The bill, known as House Bill 1032, builds on existing law that bans abstinence-only sex education from schools and requires so-called comprehensive sex-ed programs to discuss alternative genders, sexualities and various methods to protect against pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. HB 1032 would, among other things, give schools money to run comprehensive sex-education programs, with particular preference given to rural school districts. But on Friday, many rural legislators were adamant the bill would violate local control of schools, promote abortion and undermine parents, many of whom wrote thousands of emails opposing the bill and had traveled hours to testify against it. In a last emotional appeal to lawmakers, bill sponsor Rep. Susan Lontine, D-Denver, compared fighting against comprehensive sex education, which doesn’t favor one sexual or gender identity over another, to racial segregation. “This is really what this is – we are trying to segregate the kids who are different,” said Lontine. The bill, she added, would ensure that didn’t happen. Her comments ended a daylong effort by Republicans to kill HB 1032 in a sprawling debate that painted the bill as unconstitutional and claimed it violated the First Amendment, had not received adequate public testimony and had been assigned to the wrong committee. Some lawmakers yelled in frustration, while others cried as they pleaded for the rights of parents to raise children without interference. Rep. Marc Catlin, R-Montrose, voted against the bill. But Rep. Barbara McLachlan, D-Durango, sat on the House floor with a petition signed by hundreds of Durango High School students who support comprehensive sex education in school. The bill was carried on its second reading by a mostly silent Democratic majority. The bill must go before the full House again before heading to the Senate.” (*The Durango Herald*, 2/15/19)

“HB 1032 Would Add Lessons About Consent Before Sex And Prohibitions Against Sexual Education Programs That Stigmatize Or Shame Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Or Transgender Individuals”

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In April 2021, McLachlan Noted Her Sponsorship Of Legislation To Strengthen Civics Education Via SB 67. “If you watch enough national news, it's easy to think that Democrats and Republicans rarely speak, always argue, refuse to compromise and have nothing in common. Fortunately, in Colorado at least, that is not always true. I am sponsoring a bill with bipartisan support to strengthen civics instruction in our public schools. Though civics is already a required course, the Legislature has never really addressed whether students are learning about the intricacies of civil government, then practicing what they have learned. For the last several years, Sen. Don Coram, a Republican, has been working with Sen. Lois Court, a Democrat, to address this issue. We've seen bills filter through the system, but nothing has stuck. Court left office for medical reasons, so her replacement, Sen. Chris Hansen, a Democrat, joined Coram to put civics in the limelight again. I signed on to sponsor the bill from the House of Representatives along with Rep. Terri Carver, a Republican. Senate Bill 21-067, now amended to be the "Senator Lois Court Civics Act of 2021," is soon headed to the governor's office to become law.” (Barbara McLachlan, Op-Ed, *The Durango Herald*, 4/17/21)

- **McLachlan: “The Bill Also Recommends Teaching The History And Civil Government Of The United States And Colorado, Including The History, Culture And Social Contributions Of Minorities, Such As Native Americans, Latinos,**

African-Americans, Asian-Americans And The LGBTQ Individuals Within These Minority Groups, As Well As The Contributions And Persecution Of Religious Minorities. “This legislation will have schools focus on the instruction and discussion of the fundamentals of American democracy at the federal, state and local levels and will include classroom activities in which students model democratic processes. We also encourage service learning and experiential project-based learning for students through participating in the civic life of their communities. The bill also recommends teaching the history and civil government of the United States and Colorado, including the history, culture and social contributions of minorities, such as Native Americans, Latinos, African-Americans, Asian-Americans and the LGBTQ individuals within these minority groups, as well as the contributions and persecution of religious minorities. This is a teachable moment in our country. Encouraging the next generation to participate in government by watching, critiquing and participating will help them see what goes into civil discourse, making law and addressing the challenges and issues of society.” (Barbara McLachlan, Op-Ed, *The Durango Herald*, 4/17/21)

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McLachlan’s Husband State Rep. Mike McLachlan “Lambasted Recent Attempts By The Jefferson County School Board To Launder Of Stains The American History It Teaches Students, Saying Curriculum Must Be Based On Reality.” “Meanwhile, McLachlan said the state needed to address curriculum. He lambasted recent attempts by the Jefferson County School Board to launder of stains the American history it teaches students, saying curriculum must be based on reality. He said, “They want to do away with the history of the United States and show

that we lived in a placid environment,” but in reality, American democracy has always consisted of debate and dissent. Brown said, “I believe the state is way too heavy-handed in terms of them telling school boards what they need to do with curriculum. Ignacio is different than Durango,” he said, recalling that his son Levi’s third-grade teacher realized Levi loved horses.” (*The Durango Herald*, 10/14/14)

McLachlan Has Been Critical Of Standardized Testing

As A Teacher In 2010, McLachlan Criticized Colorado State Officials’ Emphasis On Standardized Testing. “But I also receive things that aren't so wonderful. My fellow English teachers retire early because the grading load is just too much. The state tells us that it really doesn't matter what we do in our classrooms, as long as our students do well on standardized tests. The letter writers say it's about time teachers start teaching, though they have never been into my school to see that we are indeed teaching. I hear about how we teachers have it so easy, working 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. with summers off. I've worked my summer hours already, I'm afraid. And if I haven't fulfilled quite all the hours I need, I'll be taking classes, going to conferences, reading new literature so I can recommend perfect books to my students, reading journals, spending time with my husband and sleeping past 4:30 a.m.” (Barbara McLachlan, Op-Ed, *The Durango Herald*, 6/6/10)

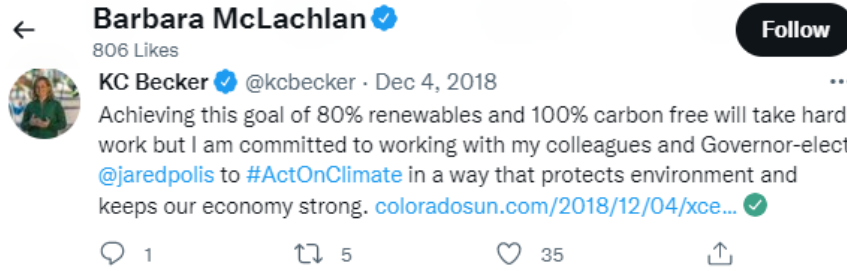
McLachlan’s Late Husband Supported Common Core

McLachlan’s Husband State Rep. Mike McLachlan Is Known To Have Supported Common Core As A Step Forward. ‘While he praised some aspects of Common Core, he said the bad outweighed the good. “It’s a top-down program mandated by federal government, and maybe even by the United Nations,” he said. “I think between Colorado and local districts, we can come up with better standards. That’s what I suggest.” McLachlan disputed the idea that the United Nations is trying to usurp local school boards. “Whenever I heard my opponent say something it part of a UN conspiracy or an imposition by the federal government, it breaks my heart. I’ve been to the United Nations, and (Durango School District) 9-R is not on their map.” McLachlan said, in general, Common Core represented a step forward. “I don’t believe the federal government is behind Common Core. But it’s the result of an entire academic discussion that took place over a long period of time. It’s better than what we had before” and more likely to “produce intelligent students,” he said.” (*The Durango Herald*, 10/14/14)

MCLACHLAN APPEARS TO SUPPORT PUSHING COLORADO TOWARDS “100% CARBON FREE” ENERGY AND HAS VOTED TO IMPLEMENT THOSE POLICIES

On Social Media, McLachlan Has Promoted Content Expressing Support For Colorado Becoming “80% Renewable And 100% Carbon Free”

In December 2018, McLachlan ‘Liked’ A Tweet Expressing Her Support For Colorado Energy Being “80% Renewable And 100% Carbon Free”. (McLachlan Profile, [Twitter](#), 12/4/18)



(McLachlan Profile, [Twitter](#), 12/4/18)

On Social Media, McLachlan Has Promoted Content Indicating Support For Fuel Economy Standards

In April 2018, McLachlan ‘Retweeted’ A Tweet Appearing to Expressed Support For “Fuel Economy Standards”. (McLachlan Profile, [Twitter](#), 4/1/18)



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In 2017, McLachlan Supported Legislation That “Requires Utility Companies To Achieve Another 5 Percent Reduction In Peak Demand By 2028, On Top Of The 5 Percent Reduction They Already Had To Comply With For 2017”

McLachlan Voted Yea On HB17-1227, Which Extends The Electric Demand-Side Management Program. ([HB17-1227](#), Bill Passed – House (42 – 22), Colorado House Of Representatives, 4/4/17, McLachlan Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “This bill extends these demand-side management programs to 2028. The bill also requires the PUC to set new goals for demand-side management programs implemented between 2019 and 2028 of a 5 percent reduction in peak demand and energy sales relative to 2018 levels. The PUC has the discretion to establish interim goals or revise goals.” ([HB17-1227](#))

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nothing more than back-door utility rate increases and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 4, 2017 by a vote of 42-22.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2017)

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MCLACHLAN SUPPORTS MEASURES AND REGULATIONS TO REDUCE CARBON EMISSIONS

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McLachlan “Supports Federal Carbon-Pollution Standards, And A Proposed Executive Order By Gov. John Hickenlooper, A Democrat, Which Would Order Cuts In Carbon Pollution, Despite A Court-Ordered Stay That Has Derailed The Clean Power Plan.” “Brown is skeptical that humans are responsible for the changing climate, while McLachlan stands with most of the world's scientists, who say humans are greatly adding to it. "If we keep saying it's not man-made, that we don't need to do anything about it, we're delaying the process," McLachlan said. "Pretty soon ... it'll be too late." She supports federal carbon-pollution standards, and a proposed executive order by Gov. John Hickenlooper, a Democrat, which would order cuts in carbon pollution, despite a court-ordered stay that has derailed the Clean Power Plan. To accomplish her goals, McLachlan says, "I would like to be known right away as somebody who can work across the aisle because that's the only way we're going to get things done.”” (*The Durango Herald*, 10/11/16)

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In 2022, McLachlan Wished The Legislature Would Have Passed SB 138 Which “Would Have Targeted Reducing The State's Greenhouse Gases And Would Have Specifically Helped The Agricultural Industry Adapt To Climate Change.” “Though 2022 was a productive year for McLachlan, she identified one greenhouse gas bill she was not a sponsor on that she wished the Legislature would have passed. Senate Bill 22-138 would have targeted reducing the state's greenhouse gases and would have specifically helped the agricultural industry adapt to climate change, but amendments from lawmakers held up the legislation and it

died with the end of the legislative session May 11. McLachlan said the 2022 session was particularly difficult as it neared the end with Colorado Republicans filibustering Democrats' agenda ahead of the deadline. However, she said she could not blame her Republican colleagues for taking the steps they did.” (*The Journal*, 5/20/22)

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- **McLachlan: “The Legislation Has State Agencies Evaluate And Prioritize How Taxpayer Dollars Are Spent On Public Infrastructure Projects By Preferring Materials Manufactured With High Environmental Standards.”** “Last week's legislative marathon was one of my busiest yet. As we head toward the end of our session, bills are flying between committees and chambers, and it's all we can do to keep up. But I accomplished a few things. House Bill 21-1303 passed out of the House of Representatives and on to the Senate this week, after moving through the Energy and Environment, Capital Development and Appropriations Committees. The legislation has state agencies evaluate and prioritize how taxpayer dollars are spent on public infrastructure projects by preferring materials manufactured with high environmental standards. We can all participate in reducing industrial carbon emissions to help fulfill statewide greenhouse gas emissions reductions goals. Currently, 15% of greenhouse gasses come from the key components of buildings and roads, including cement, concrete, steel, asphalt, glass and wood. Manufacturing these materials can produce massive volumes of greenhouse gasses. Many manufacturers already recognize their impact on the climate and are producing materials sensitive to the issue. This bill is good for the climate, good for our public health and really good for Colorado's economy, as

many of those manufacturers are already working in the state. LaFarge-Holcium Cement, for example, employing 125 people in rural Florence, produces competitively priced and excellent performing "green" cement." (Barbara McLachlan, Op-Ed, *The Durango Herald*, 5/29/21)

MCLACHLAN HAS ATTEMPTED TO HAVE IT BOTH WAYS ON FOSSIL FUEL REGULATIONS

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However, In 2019, McLachlan Defended Her Vote For SB 181 To Increase Local Government Involvement On Regulating Oil And Gas Developments. "I voted against Proposition 112 in the last election, a sweeping regulation on all oil and gas drilling in Colorado. It would have hurt the industry. But I did vote for Senate Bill 19-181. It has nothing to do with the setbacks of 112, and is not a sweeping statewide regulation. Instead, this bill gives local governments a voice in regulating the issues associated with a heavy industrial activity and ensures our state can focus on health and safety. I have listened to hours of testimony as the bill passed through six committees, two extensive floor debates and two final floor votes. I spoke to hundreds of Coloradans – Republicans, Democrats and Independents – about the bill language, amendments and consequences, and I read hundreds of emails about both sides of the issue. Ultimately, I felt comfortable moving forward to vote for this bill. It's important to know what the bill is not. SB 19-181 is not a moratorium. Local governments cannot stop drilling. Choosing a well placement will be site specific, and location decisions will be made according to safety and health concerns. A well cannot be set next to a school, for example, if a site farther away works just as well. This bill does not stop drilling for gas or oil in Colorado." (Barbara McDonald, Op-Ed, *The Durango Herald*, 4/6/19)

MCLACHLAN BACKS SEVERE RESTRICTIONS OF THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY WHILE SUPPORTING ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS

McLachlan Supported Legislation That “Empowers The Ability Of The Oil & Gas Conservation Commission And Scores Of Localities To Infringe Mineral Property Rights By Amending Previous Law And Imposing Numerous New Regulations Designed To Restrict Oil And Gas Extraction”

McLachlan Voted Yea On SB 181, Which Amends Welfare Protections Regarding The Conduct Of Oil And Gas Operations. ([SB19-181](#), Bill Passed – House (36 – 28), Colorado House Of Representatives, 3/25/19, McLachlan Voted Yea)

ACU: “This Bill Further Empowers The Ability Of The Oil & Gas Conservation Commission And Scores Of Localities To Infringe Mineral Property Rights By Amending Previous Law And Imposing Numerous New Regulations Designed To Restrict Oil And Gas Extraction.” “This bill further empowers the ability of the Oil & Gas Conservation Commission and scores of localities to infringe mineral property rights by amending previous law and imposing numerous new regulations designed to restrict oil and gas extraction. Specifically, the bill provides these governmental entities greater regulatory power over where oil and gas companies may drill through new development restrictions and “setback rules” (i.e., the minimum distance an operation must be from other structures or locations).” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2019)

- **“Specifically, The Bill Provides These Governmental Entities Greater Regulatory Power Over Where Oil And Gas Companies May Drill...”** ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2019)
- **“The Bill Also Changes The Makeup Of The Commission By Removing Representatives Of The Oil And Gas Industry And Replacing Them With Leftist Environmental Activists.”** ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2019)

The American Conservative Union “Opposes These Measures Designed To Infringe Private Property Rights, Reduce Employment In The Industry And Drive Up Consumer Energy And Transportation Costs And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU opposes these measures designed to infringe private property rights, reduce employment in the industry and drive up consumer energy and transportation costs and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 29, 2019 by a vote of 36-28 and the bill was signed into law.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2019)

McLachlan Supported Legislation That “Will Have A Devastating Effect On The State Economy By Imposing Draconian Mandates On Carbon Dioxide Emissions”

McLachlan Voted Yea On HB 1261, The Climate Action Plan To Reduce Pollution. ([HB19-1261](#), Bill Passed – House (39 – 24), Colorado House Of Representatives, 5/1/19, McLachlan Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Concerning the reduction of greenhouse gas pollution, and, in connection therewith, establishing statewide greenhouse gas pollution reduction goals and making an appropriation.” ([HB19-1261](#))

ACU: “This Bill Will Have A Devastating Effect On The State Economy By Imposing Draconian Mandates On Carbon Dioxide Emissions.” “This bill will have a devastating effect on the state economy by imposing draconian mandates on carbon dioxide emissions. Under the bill, greenhouse gas emissions are to be cut to 50% of 2005 levels by 2030 and 90% by 2050. Furthermore, this bill provides the Air Quality Control Commission exorbitant power to establish new regulations to reduce emissions across all sectors of the economy.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2019)

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The American Conservative Union “Opposes Significantly Raising Consumer Costs And Harming The Economy In Order To Advance A Politicized, Leftist Climate Change Agenda And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU opposes significantly raising consumer costs and harming the economy in order to advance a politicized, leftist climate change agenda and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on May 1, 2019 by a vote of 39-24 and the bill was signed into law.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2019)

McLachlan Supported Legislation That “Drives Up Consumer Electricity, Heating And Cooling Costs By Imposing A Series Of Draconian Mandates On Electric Utilities”

McLachlan Voted Yea On SB 236, Which Establishes A Base Cost Of Carbon Dioxide Emissions, Among Other Measures. ([SB19-236](#), Bill Passed – House (40 – 24), Colorado House Of Representatives, 5/3/19, McLachlan Voted Yea)

ACU: “This Bill Drives Up Consumer Electricity, Heating And Cooling Costs By Imposing A Series Of Draconian Mandates On Electric Utilities.” “This bill drives up consumer electricity, heating and cooling costs by imposing a series of draconian mandates on electric utilities. Under the bill, utilities are required to “consider the social cost of carbon” and set a price of \$46 per ton of carbon emitted which forces utilities to heavily increase their usage of “renewable” energy. Additionally, utilities are required to reduce carbon emissions from 2005 levels by 80% by 2030 and provide “clean” power by 2050.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2019)

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- **“Additionally, Utilities Are Required To Reduce Carbon Emissions From 2005 Levels By 80% By 2030 And Provide “Clean” Power By 2050.”** ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2019)
- **“Furthermore, The Bill Places Taxpayer Funds At Risk By Authorizing The Use Of Securitized Bonds To Pay For “Clean” Power Plants To Replace Existing Facilities And Their Workers.”** ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2019)

The American Conservative Union “Believes The True Cost Of This Bill Will Be Felt Most Acutely By Middle- And Low-Income Individuals Who Already Spend A Larger Share Of Their Incomes On Utilities And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU supports all sources of energy, believes government should not support one source of energy over another, believes the true cost of this bill will be felt most acutely by middle- and low-income individuals who already spend a larger share of their incomes on utilities and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on May 3, 2019 by a vote of 40-24 and the bill was signed into law.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2019)

MCLACHLAN HAS SUPPORTED INCREASED MINING REGULATIONS

McLachlan Sponsored Legislation Requiring Hard Rock Mining Companies To Demonstrate They Can Pay To Treat Polluted Water And Give A Timeline For Performing Treatment Before Receiving Permits

McLachlan Sponsored Legislation Requiring Hard Rock Mining Companies To Demonstrate They Can Pay To Treat Polluted Water And Give A Timeline For Performing Treatment Before Receiving Permits. “Hardrock mining companies in Colorado may be required to demonstrate they can pay to treat polluted water and give a timeline for performing treatment before receiving permits, according to a bill approved by state lawmakers on Monday. If passed into law, a timeline for water treatment would provide a public glimpse of the environmental impacts of new hardrock mines, which can require decades of water treatment long after a mine has been shuttered. Currently, companies are not required to give an end date for treatment – they can, in theory, treat water for pollutants indefinitely. Western Slope residents, including La Plata County commissioners, public health officials, anglers and farmers, cheered the measure as a way ensure mine companies foot the bill for disasters like the Gold King Mine spill, which unleashed 3 million gallons of wastewater into the Animas River in 2015. Colorado will not have to pay for water treatment related to the Gold King spill, but ongoing water treatment costs from another Superfund site, the Summitville mine south of Del Norte, will fall to the state in 2023. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment will pay \$2.2 million a year for water treatment for Summitville. Mine company representatives cautiously supported the bill but were concerned the new requirements could affect financing for new mines. Lawmakers assured them the bill is not meant to deter hardrock mining, which remains a part of western Colorado's economy. The bill passed the House Rural Affairs committee on a 7-4 vote, and it now heads to the House floor. Rep. Barbara McLachlan, D-Durango, and Rep. Dylan Roberts, D-Avon, both committee members, carried the bill for the second year. Rep. Marc Catlin, R-Montrose, also a committee member, voted against it.” (*The Durango Herald*, 2/5/19)

On Social Media, McLachlan Has Indicated Support For What Appears To Be Additional Regulations On The Mining Industry

In April 2019, McLachlan Shared A Tweet Expressing Her Support For What Appears To Be Additional Regulations On The Mining Industry In Colorado. (McLachlan Profile, [Twitter](#), 4/4/19)



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MCLACHLAN WAS FINANCIALLY BOOSTED BY ENVIRONMENTALIST BILLIONAIRE TOM STEYER AND HAS BEEN LINKED TO OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS

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MCLACHLAN SUPPORTS THE GROWTH OF THE REGULATORY STATE

McLachlan Supported Legislation That “Creates A New Mechanism For Government To Interfere In The Health Care System By Imposing Various New Mandates...”

McLachlan Voted Yea On HB 1010, Which Creates A New License, Referred To As A ‘Freestanding Emergency Department License.’ ([HB19-1010](#), Bill Passed – House (54 – 9), Colorado House Of Representatives, 2/15/19, McLachlan Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Effective July 1, 2022, the act creates a new license, referred to as a "freestanding emergency department license". The department of public health and environment (department) may issue the license to a health facility that offers emergency care, that may offer primary and urgent care services, and that is either: Owned or operated by, or affiliated with, a hospital or hospital system and located more than 250 yards from the main campus of the hospital; or Independent from and not operated by or affiliated with a hospital or hospital system and not attached to or situated within 250 yards of, or contained within, a hospital.” ([HB19-1010](#))

ACU: “This Bill Creates A New Mechanism For Government To Interfere In The Health Care System By Imposing Various New Mandates On ‘Freestanding’ Emergency Departments And Other Auxiliary Located More Than 250 Yards From Their Main Hospital Campus.” “This bill creates a new mechanism for government to interfere in the health care system by imposing various new mandates on “freestanding” emergency departments and

other auxiliary located more than 250 yards from their main hospital campus. Under the bill, numerous stringent mandates are imposed on these emergency facilities, including operating licenses, regulatory rules for “fees and standards of safety and care,” mandated examinations regardless of medical need, and certain prohibitions against inquiring about an examinee’s insurance coverage.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2019)

The American Conservative Union “Opposes The Proliferation Of Licensing Requirements That Reduce Patients’ Access To Health Services, Raise Consumer Health Care Costs And Are Primarily Designed To Restrict Competition In The Health Care System And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU opposes the proliferation of licensing requirements that reduce patients’ access to health services, raise consumer health care costs and are primarily designed to restrict competition in the health care system and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on February 15, 2019 by a vote of 54-9 and the bill was signed into law.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2019)

McLachlan Supported Legislation That “Restricts Competition And Drives Up Business And Patient Pharmaceutical Costs By Imposing New Barriers For Pharmacy Technicians To Enter The Workforce”

McLachlan Voted Yea On HB 1242, Which Amends Regulation Of Pharmacy Technicians. ([HB19-1242](#), Bill Passed – House (43 – 20), Colorado House Of Representatives, 5/2/19, McLachlan Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “The act requires pharmacy technicians practicing in Colorado on or after March 30, 2020, to obtain a certification from the state board of pharmacy (board). An applicant for certification by the board must provide proof of certification by a board-approved, nationally recognized organization that certifies pharmacy technicians and must either submit to a criminal history record check in the form and manner determined by the board by rule or provide evidence of submitting to a criminal history record check at the time of hire or as a condition of national certification as a pharmacy technician...” ([HB19-1242](#))

ACU: “This Bill Restricts Competition And Drives Up Business And Patient Pharmaceutical Costs By Imposing New Barriers For Pharmacy Technicians To Enter The Workforce.” “This bill restricts competition and drives up business and patient pharmaceutical costs by imposing new barriers for pharmacy technicians to enter the workforce. Under the bill, no individual may receive, prepare, store or transfer prescriptions to patients unless they become certified by the State Board of Pharmacy, satisfy endless continuing education requirements and pay various fees.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2019)

The American Conservative Union “Opposes The Proliferation Of Licensing Regimes Which Are Primarily Designed To Restrict Competition, Opposes This Measure Which Drives Up Costs In The Pharmaceutical Industry And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU opposes the proliferation of licensing regimes which are primarily designed to restrict competition, opposes this measure which drives up costs in the pharmaceutical industry and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on May 2, 2019 by a vote of 43-20 and the bill was signed into law.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2019)

McLachlan Supported Legislation That “Infringes Property Rights And Ultimately Drives Up Housing Costs By Further Lengthening The Eviction Process”

McLachlan Voted Yea On HB 1118, Concerning The Time Allowed For A Tenant To Cure A Lease Violation That Is Not A Substantial Violation. ([HB19-1118](#), Bill Passed – House (38 – 26), Colorado House Of Representatives, 4/22/19, McLachlan Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “The act concerns the time frames in which certain landlords must give notice to tenants prior to commencing eviction proceedings for failure to pay rent or for a first or subsequent violation of any other condition or covenant other than a substantial violation.” ([HB19-1118](#))

ACU: “This Bill Infringes Property Rights And Ultimately Drives Up Housing Costs By Further Lengthening The Eviction Process.” “This bill infringes property rights and ultimately drives up housing costs by further lengthening the eviction process. Under previous law, a tenant was required to pay rent within five days after it is due, after which a landlord could serve a three-day rent demand. If the tenant still had not paid, the landlord was permitted to request a court appearance for eviction proceedings.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2019)

The American Conservative Union “Opposes Infringing Property Rights, Opposes Measures Which Subject Landlords To Additional Risk And Further Drive Up Housing Costs And Reduces Available Rental Housing And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU recognizes that this measure only forces landlords to bear the entire burden of this indirect welfare expansion rather than distributing costs for this additional expanded benefit on society as a whole. ACUF’s Center for 21st Century Property Rights is a leading voice on this issue and works to protect the property rights of both property owners and tenants. ACU opposes infringing property rights, opposes measures which subject landlords to additional risk and further drive up housing costs and reduces available rental housing and opposed this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2019)

McLachlan Supported Legislation That “Makes Changes To The State’s Land Acquisition Process Which Reduces Government Transparency And May To Lead To Abuse Of ‘Eminent Domain’ ... Against The Wishes Of A Landowner”

McLachlan Voted Yea On SB19-017, Which Amends Requirements For CDOT Colorado Department Of Transportation Land Acquisitions. ([SB19-017](#), Bill Passed – House (42 – 22), Colorado House Of Representatives, 3/11/19, McLachlan Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Concerning the exemption of the department of transportation from existing reporting and transportation commission approval requirements when it acquires land needed for specified highway-related purposes by means other than condemnation.” ([SB19-017](#))

ACU: “This Bill Makes Changes To The State’s Land Acquisition Process Which Reduces Government Transparency And May To Lead To Abuse Of ‘Eminent Domain’ ... Against The Wishes Of A Landowner.” “This bill makes changes to the state’s land acquisition process which reduces government transparency and may to lead to abuse of “eminent domain” (i.e., government taking of private property for public use) against the wishes of a landowner. Under

the bill, the chief engineer of the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) is no longer required to receive approval from the Transportation Commission before seeking land for highway related purpose. Instead, the chief engineer is merely required to receive approval from the Commission if negotiations with a landowner fail and the chief engineer seeks to use eminent domain.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2019)

The American Conservative Union “Opposes This Measure Which Reduces Government Transparency And May Lead To Abuse Of Eminent Domain And Opposed This Bill.” “As a result, eminent domain may be used on projects which should have never been authorized in the first place. ACUF’s Center for 21st Century Property Rights is a leading voice on this issue and advances policies that support the founders’ belief that strong property rights are inherent to a free society. ACU recognizes that the Takings Clause of the Fifth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution prohibits “private property ... taken for public use, without just compensation,” opposes this measure which reduces government transparency and may lead to abuse of eminent domain and opposed this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2019)

McLachlan Supported Legislation That “Prevents Any Train Or Locomotive Carrying Freight From Being Operated In The State Unless A Crew Of At Least Two Individuals Operates The Train”

McLachlan Voted Yea On HB 1034, Which Mandates Minimum Two-Person Crew On Freight Trains. ([HB19-1034](#), Bill Passed – House (39 – 23), Colorado House Of Representatives, 2/5/19, McLachlan Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Concerning a requirement that a common carrier engaged in the transportation of property by railroad have at least two crew members aboard a freight train while the freight train is moving.” ([HB19-1034](#))

ACU: “This Bill Prevents Any Train Or Locomotive Carrying Freight From Being Operated In The State Unless A Crew Of At Least Two Individuals Operates The Train.” “This bill prevents any train or locomotive carrying freight from being operated in the state unless a crew of at least two individuals operates the train. ACU opposes these mandates, especially at a time of innovation and technological advancement, which are designed to enrich union bosses and drive up consumer costs by forcing railroad operators to comply with a patchwork of regulations when crossing state lines and opposed this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2019)

The American Conservative Union “Opposes These Mandates, Especially At A Time Of Innovation And Technological Advancement, Which Are Designed To Enrich Union Bosses And Drive Up Consumer Costs...” “ACU opposes these mandates, especially at a time of innovation and technological advancement, which are designed to enrich union bosses and drive up consumer costs by forcing railroad operators to comply with a patchwork of regulations when crossing state lines and opposed this bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2019)

McLachlan Voted In Favor Of A Net Neutrality Bill

McLachlan Voted Yea On SB 78, Which Amends Internet Regulations. ([SB19-078](#), Bill Passed – House (41 – 22), Colorado House Of Representatives, 4/4/19, McLachlan Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Section 1 of the act disqualifies an internet service provider (ISP) from receiving money through a grant from the broadband deployment board (board) or through any state fund established to help finance broadband deployment if the ISP engages in any of the following practices...” ([SB19-078](#))

ACU: “This Bill Attempts To Punish Internet Service Providers (Isps) That Don’t Abide By Obama-Era “Net Neutrality” Rules ... Which Interfere In The Way Providers Deliver Their Services And Structure Their Fees.” “This bill attempts to punish internet service providers (ISPs) that don’t abide by Obama-era “net neutrality” rules (overturned by Ajit Pai and the FCC) which interfere in the way providers deliver their services and structure their fees. Under the bill, governmental entities are required to give preference to ISPs that abide by net neutrality when awarding contracts, and those that don’t observe the stringent regulations are not eligible to receive grants from the state.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2019)

The American Conservative Union “Opposes Net Neutrality Rules And Increased Government Control Of The Internet Which Drives Up Taxpayer Costs By Limiting Government Contracting Options And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU opposes net neutrality rules and increased government control of the internet which drives up taxpayer costs by limiting government contracting options and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 4, 2019 by a vote of 41-22 and the bill was signed into law.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2019)

MCLACHLAN ON IMMIGRATION, PUBLIC SAFETY, AND SOCIAL ISSUES

McLachlan has backed legislation providing benefits to illegal immigrants. McLachlan has even indicated support for broad reforms to law enforcement and policing. In 2022, McLachlan supported the 'Crime Through Safer Streets' legislation, which is viewed as inadequate and unnecessary by Republicans. McLachlan goes further by with her support for a fentanyl bill that critics suggest "fails miserably". McLachlan criticized efforts to punish homeless people for sleeping in public and supports the repeal of the death penalty.

McLachlan supports unfettered access to abortion and Planned Parenthood. In 2022, McLachlan voted to pass the "Reproductive Health Equity Act" – which declares "every pregnant individual has a fundamental right to continue the pregnancy and give birth or to have and abortion". Also, McLachlan supports efforts to undermine the Second Amendment. McLachlan said she "supports the background checks, but that she splits with her husband on limiting high-capacity ammunition magazines". In 2018, McLachlan voted to pass legislation that created an opportunity for the seizure of firearms without due process and on the basis of unchallenged accusations.

McLachlan authored a tweet pledging to "stand against white supremacy" and claiming that "silence is complicity". In 2017, McLachlan supported a policy in the state legislature that seeks to ensure race is further entrenched in the conversation regarding legislation. In 2021, McLachlan sponsored legislation to ban schools from using Native American mascots and impose a \$25,000 monthly fine for continued use of such mascots.

MCLACHLAN HAS BACKED LEGISLATION PROVIDING BENEFITS TO ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

McLachlan Supports Drivers Licenses, Financial Aid, And Additional Protections For Illegal Immigrants

McLachlan Supports Drivers Licenses For Illegal Immigrants

McLachlan Voted Yea On SB 139, Which Requires The Department Of Revenue To Issue Identification Documents, Such As Driver's Licenses To Persons Not Lawfully Present.

([SB19-139](#), Bill Passed – House (42 – 22), Colorado House Of Representatives, 4/11/19, McLachlan Voted Yea)

- NOTE: "Concerning the issuance by the department of revenue of identification documents to people who are not lawfully present in Colorado on a permanent basis, and, in connection therewith, making an appropriation." ([SB19-139](#))

ACU: "This Bill Advances An Open Borders Agenda And Increases Taxpayer Burdens By Expanding The Issuance Of Driver's Licenses To Individuals Residing In The Country Illegally." "This bill advances an open borders agenda and increases taxpayer burdens by expanding the issuance of driver's licenses to individuals residing in the country illegally. Under the bill, \$1.7 million in tax dollars is spent to expand from three to 10 the number of DMV

offices that specialize in licenses for individuals with no proof of lawful residence in the country. ACU supports efforts to help the federal government perform its constitutional role in enforcing the nation's immigration laws, believes taxpayer benefits and privileges should be primarily for citizens, opposes expending taxpayer resources to encourage individuals to subvert the law and opposed this bill." ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2019)

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The American Conservative Union “Supports Efforts To Help The Federal Government Perform Its Constitutional Role In Enforcing The Nation’s Immigration Laws, Believes Taxpayer Benefits And Privileges Should Be Primarily For Citizens, Opposes Expending Taxpayer Resources To Encourage Individuals To Subvert The Law And Opposed This Bill.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2019)

McLachlan Supports Financial Aid For Illegal Immigrants

McLachlan Voted Yea On HB 1196, Which Provides Financial Aid For Students With In-State Tuition For Students Without Lawful Immigration Status. ([HB19-1196](#), Bill Passed – House (41 – 24), Colorado House Of Representatives, 3/25/19, McLachlan Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Financial assistance programs - student eligibility - Colorado high school graduates. A student who does not have lawful immigration status who attended high school in Colorado for at least 3 years before graduating from a Colorado high school or before successfully completing a high school equivalency examination, is admitted to a qualifying institution of higher education within 12 months after high school graduation, and has submitted an affidavit stating that the student has applied for lawful presence or will apply as soon as he or she is eligible, is eligible for existing student financial assistance programs offered by the department of higher education to in-state students. Prior to becoming eligible, the student is subject to the same verification requirements for eligibility to participate in the college opportunity fund program.” ([HB19-1196](#))

ACU: “This Bill Further Increases Taxpayer Burdens And Advances An Open Borders And Welfare State Agenda By Allowing Individuals Who Entered The Country Illegally To Receive Financial Aid For College.” “This bill further increases taxpayer burdens and advances an open borders and welfare state agenda by allowing individuals who entered the country illegally to receive financial aid for college. Specifically, the bill eliminates the requirement that student aid recipients provide proof of lawful residence in the country. ACU opposes reducing the ability of U.S. citizens to receive taxpayer-funded benefits by awarding resources to those who entered the country illegally and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 25, 2019 by a vote of 41-24 and the bill was signed into law.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2019)

- **“Specifically, The Bill Eliminates The Requirement That Student Aid Recipients Provide Proof Of Lawful Residence In The Country.”** ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2019)

The American Conservative Union **“Opposes Reducing The Ability Of U.S. Citizens To Receive Taxpayer-Funded Benefits By Awarding Resources To Those Who Entered The Country Illegally And Opposed This Bill.”** “ACU opposes reducing the ability of U.S. citizens to receive taxpayer-funded benefits by awarding resources to those who entered the country illegally and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on March 25, 2019 by a vote of 41-24 and the bill was signed into law.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2019)

McLachlan Supports Tenant Citizenship Status

McLachlan Voted Yea On SB 224, The ‘Immigrant Tenant Protection Act’ (Act) Is Created, Which Prohibits A Landlord From Engaging In Certain Housing Practices Or Related Activities Based On The Immigration Or Citizenship Status Of A Tenant. ([SB20-224](#), Bill Passed – House (41 – 23), Colorado House Of Representatives, 6/12/20, McLachlan Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “The "Immigrant Tenant Protection Act" (Act) is created, which prohibits a landlord from engaging in certain housing practices or related activities based on the immigration or citizenship status of a tenant. A tenant who is aggrieved by a landlord's violation of the Act may bring a civil action and seek certain remedies.” ([SB20-224](#))

MCLACHLAN HAS INDICATED SUPPORT FOR BROAD REFORMS RELATED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AND POLICING

On Social Media, McLachlan Has Promoted Content Calling To “Stand Against Police Brutality”

In August 2020, McLachlan ‘Liked’ A Tweet Utilizing The Controversial Shooting Of Jacob Blake To Push For Criminal Justice Reform, Apparently In Order To Take A “Stand Against Police Brutality Of Black Americans”. (McLachlan Profile, [Twitter](#), 8/24/20)



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MCLACHLAN HAS SUPPORTED PUBLIC SAFETY LEGISLATION VIEWED AS INADEQUATE AND UNNECESSARY BY REPUBLICANS

In 2022, McLachlan Supported The ‘Crime Prevention Through Safer Streets’ Legislation

In 2022, McLachlan Voted Yea On SB 22-001, “Crime Prevention Through Safer Streets.” ([SB 22-001](#), Passed (40 - 22), Colorado State Assembly, 4/29/22, McLachlan Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Ensuring That Money From The Grant Award Is Not Used For: Hiring Law Enforcement Or Code Enforcement Personnel Or Peace Officers;” ([SB 22-001](#))
- NOTE: “There is created in the department the crime prevention through safer streets advisory committee, referred to in this section as the "committee". The committee consists of the following eleven persons, who are appointed by the executive director: two members of law enforcement; two elected local officials, one from an urban community and one from a rural community; an expert in situational crime prevention; three persons from organizations representing community interests; an expert with a background in urban or transportation planning; an architect with experience in crime prevention through environmental design; and an expert in equity, diversity, and inclusivity in the law enforcement or public safety field.” ([SB 22-001](#))

Republicans Assailed The Safe Streets Bill On Several Fronts” For Creating Redundancies

“Republican Sen. Barbara Kirkmeyer Assailed The Safe Streets Bill On Several Fronts, Saying That Local Governments Already Have The Ability To Reduce Blight Through Zoning And That Local Police Agencies Already Use Localized Crime Data That The Bill Would Require The Department Of Public Safety To Compile Prior To Dispersing The Grants.” (*The Associated Press*, 3/3/22)

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In March 2022, Republican Sen. Barbara Kirkmeyer Appeared To Claim SB 001 Wouldn’t Address Any New Problems Because “These Are Things That Local Governments... Already Have In Place”. “However, in Thursday's committee hearing, the bill received pushback from Republican committee members like Sen. Barbara Kirkmeyer, R-Weld, who questioned whether this state expenditure was really necessary. Throughout the hearing, Kirkmeyer asked the witnesses testifying for the bill whether there were any examples of a local government that isn’t using their land-use code for their design elements within their zoning code. “These are things that local governments should be doing already,” Kirkmeyer said. “They already have this in place. I’m having a hard time understanding why we think putting \$10 million into something is actually going to prevent crime in the state when we are going to spend a lot of time in an advisory committee and spend time putting together an analysis.” Kirkmeyer went on to say that safety and crime prevention should be the priorities of local governments to

address, particularly when it comes to street safety.” (Meghan Lopez, “Safer Streets Bill Draws Support From Police, Opposition From Republicans,” [The Denver Channel](#), 3/3/22)

Criminal Reform Advocates Suggested That The Legislation Used Language That Is “Too Vague Or Too Broad And Could Result In The Return Of So-Called Broken Window Policing”

According To The Denver Channel, SB 001 Has Been Criticized For Using Language That Is “Too Vague Or Too Broad And Could Result In The Return Of So-Called Broken Window Policing.” “Others opposed the bill's language, saying it was too vague or too broad and could result in the return of so-called broken window policing. “There’s a lot of ways that this could go badly as well. This is not just a simple strategy,” said Christie Doner, executive director of the Colorado Criminal Justice Reform Coalition. Denise Maes, a public policy analyst for Servicios Sigue, is also opposed to the bill in its current form. Maes was one of the many who stood behind Polis during last month’s crime prevention press conference, but says she has concerns with the bill’s current language.” (Meghan Lopez, “Safer Streets Bill Draws Support From Police, Opposition From Republicans,” [The Denver Channel](#), 3/3/22)

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MCLACHLAN SUPPORTED A FENTANYL BILL THAT CRITICS SUGGESTED “FAILS MISERABLY”

In 2022, McLachlan Voted Pass Legislation Described As A “Controversial Fentanyl Bill”

KKTV 11 News Headline: “Colorado Governor Signs Controversial Fentanyl Bill Into Law”

In 2022, McLachlan Voted Yea On HB 22-1326, “Fentanyl Accountability And Prevention.” ([HB 22-1326](#), Passed (43 - 22), Colorado State Assembly, 4/25/22, McLachlan Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “Concerning measures to address synthetic opiates, and, in connection therewith, changing the criminal penalties associated with synthetic opiates; using a substance abuse assessment to direct appropriate treatment at sentencing; providing opiate antagonists in the community; providing synthetic opiate detection tests in the community; creating immunity for furnishing synthetic opiate detection tests; providing treatment for persons in the criminal justice system; developing a fentanyl prevention and education campaign; providing funding for substance use and harm reduction; evaluating the substance use and

harm reduction needs across the state; requiring a post-enactment review of the implementation of this act; and making an appropriation.” ([HB 22-1326](#))

KKTV 11 News Headline: “Colorado Governor Signs Controversial Fentanyl Bill Into Law.” ([KKTV 11 News](#), 5/25/22)

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According To Michael Allen, A 4th Judicial District Attorney, The Law “Fails Miserably” In Four Areas. “The law doesn’t come without controversy. 4th Judicial District Attorney Michael Allen believes the law “fails miserably” in four areas. Allen explains that for the first time in history, a drug dealer who kills someone with fentanyl will be immune from prosecution if the dealer calls the police and cooperates with the investigation. Allen states that drug dealers who kill someone with less than four grams of fentanyl and are convicted in court will be probation eligible. Allen adds that the law provides protection to low-level drug dealers and users who claim they did not know they were in possession of fentanyl. Allen believes possessing one to four grams of fentanyl will now be harder to prosecute than any other illicit drug.” (Tony Keith, “Colorado Governor Signs Controversial Fentanyl Bill Into Law,” [KKTV 11 News](#), 5/25/22)

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MCLACHLAN CRITICIZED ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS PUNISHING HOMELESS PEOPLE WHO SLEPT IN PUBLIC

In 2018, McLachlan Contended That Homeless People Should Not Be Punished For Sleeping Outside

In December 2018, McLachlan Contended That Homeless People Should Not Be Punished For Sleeping Outside. “State Rep. Barbara McLachlan said in an email that people experiencing homelessness should not be punished for sleeping outside when they have nowhere else to go. “Durango should be a welcoming and inclusive place. For many hardworking Coloradans, one accident or high medical bill could lead to their lives falling apart,” McLachlan wrote. “We have to work together to continue to build a community that creates more opportunity for all. Our state as a whole must work collaboratively to generate long-term solutions to homelessness.” Mayor Pro-Tem Melissa Youssef said the report highlights the importance of working together to address a complicated issue like homelessness. There’s been a lot of good dialogue about wanting to help the community of people without homes, but that needs to be taken a step further to find real solutions to homelessness, she said.” (*The Durango Herald*, 12/16/18)

MCLACHLAN SUPPORTS REPEAL OF THE DEATH PENALTY

McLachlan Backed Legislative Repeal Of The Death Penalty

McLachlan Voted Yea On SB 100, Which Repeals The Death Penalty In Colorado. ([SB20-100](#), Bill Passed – House (38 – 27), Colorado House Of Representatives, 2/26/20, McLachlan Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “The act repeals the death penalty in Colorado for offenses charged on or after July 1, 2020. The act states that any death sentence in effect on July 1, 2020, is valid.” ([SB20-100](#))

In March 2020, McLachlan Noted Her Vote In Favor Of Death Penalty Repeal

In March 2020, McLachlan Noted Her Vote In Favor Of Death Penalty Repeal. “We have had heinous crimes in Colorado, where the convicted men should be put to death for what they did to others: Ted Bundy. The Aurora Theater. The STEM school shooting. The Watts family. Nathan Dunlap (the third person on death row) at Chuck E. Cheese.Repeal: Dunlap’s lawyer, who has represented other death row inmates, said the typical inmate grew up with extreme trauma in childhood, is a black or brown man, lives in poverty or is mentally ill.Do not repeal: It is a moral question, a matter of justice.Repeal: It is a moral question, a matter of justice. There is no more important debate. I voted in favor of repeal. How would you vote?” (Barbara McLachlan, Op-Ed, *The Durango Herald*, 3/6/20)

MCLACHLAN SUPPORTED EUTHANASIA MEASURES AND PERSONALLY HELPED A FRIEND DIE

“McLachlan Has Noted Her Support For Right-To-Die Legislation, And Believes People Should Have Choice When They Reach That Time In Their Lives”

“Barbara McLachlan, A Democrat, Set To Run For District 59, Said She Would Support Right-To-Die Legislation, And Believes People Should Have Choice When They Reach That Time In Their Lives. "I Truly Believe In It," She Said.” “Different forms of right-to-die legislation have passed in several states, and are under consideration in many others. In Colorado, a bill was introduced in 2015 and did not pass out of committee. However, new legislation is expected to be reintroduced again this year. Betsy Norton, a member of End of Life Choices, estimated about 80 percent of Coloradoans are in favor of the bill. "The issue is becoming something that people are focusing on more," Norton said. "We just haven't got that through to our legislators." Barbara McLachlan, a Democrat, set to run for District 59, said she would support right-to-die legislation, and believes people should have choice when they reach that time in their lives. "I truly believe in it," she said. "There are a lot of people who are asking to die. They are in such great pain. They're alive but not living." Juanita Ainsley, also an End of Life Choices member, said in Oregon, where right-to-die is legal, about 1,300 people were granted the medication last year, but only an estimated 800 patients actually used it.” (*The Durango Herald*, 11/3/15)

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In February 2015, McLachlan Noted Her Support For Allowing Former Durango English Teacher Tom Byrne To Choose How He Wanted To Die Despite The Colorado House Voting Down A Death With Dignity Bill. “For the last 21/2 years, with a death sentence hanging over him, Tom Byrne has attempted to squeeze every inch, every minute, every breath out of the life he’s been given. But when it nears the end, which looms in the not-so-distant future, he wants the freedom to choose how his life closes out. The law, however, makes that final moment difficult for him to control. And that bothers him. “I don’t want to be bed-ridden,” Byrne said in an interview at his Durango home. “I don’t want to be at the mercy of paid caregivers who come in to take care of me because I can’t care for myself. The idea of giving that (independence) up is appalling to me. But that’s what I have to look forward to.” There seems to be no chance it will help him, but Byrne is championing legislation that would allow doctors to prescribe life-ending medication to the terminally ill who are fully capable of understanding their decision and able to carry it out on their own. He and others were disappointed when, earlier this month, a Colorado House committee voted down the “death with dignity” bill, almost certainly ending its chances this session. Byrne taught English at Durango High School from 1992 to 2010. You might also know him as a rafting guide or a musician. Or as that sometimes cynical curmudgeon with a gold heart who worked diligently to teach hundreds of local youths the importance of reading and writing, both for its intrinsic and real-world values. “He shouldn’t have to die being pitied,” said Barbara McLachlan, who taught

English and journalism at DHS over nearly the same years as Byrne. “He should be able to die on his own terms.” (*The Durango Herald*, 2/22/15)

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In May 2015, McLachlan Was Among The Friends Of Tom Byrne To Assist Him And Manage His Pain Medications After He Decided To End His Life By Voluntarily Stopping Eating And Drinking. “For humans, lethal injection – euthanasia – remains illegal in Colorado and most states. So, he decided on a method now commonly referred to as VSED, or voluntarily stopping eating and drinking. After that, he said, “my demeanor improved significantly.” “It’s a painful choice, yeah,” the 58-year-old said during a visit to his home April 22, just a few days after he’d begun his fast. “It’s not something most people are going to think of as a means of putting themselves out of misery.” This method, however, gave him some control. It basically allowed him to say goodbye on his own terms, instead of waiting for an end that could take months. “I really do believe he did it the right way,” says Terry Double, a fellow musician and good friend of Byrne’s. “He knew it was going to be a miserable, long, slow death. His life was over. He had lived it to the fullest. And he had made up his mind.” Several of his close friends, including neighbor Anita Blanchard and former DHS teaching cohort Barbara McLachlan, spent many hours keeping vigil and keeping his pain medications flowing the last several days of his life. If he were a pet, we would have euthanized him out of compassion, they agreed.” (*The Durango Herald*, 5/10/15)

MCLACHLAN SUPPORTS UNFETTERED ACCESS TO ABORTION AND PLANNED PARENTHOOD

In 2022, McLachlan Voted To Pass The “Reproductive Health Equity Act” – Which Declares “Every Pregnant Individual Has A Fundamental Right To Continue The Pregnancy And Give Birth Or To Have An Abortion”

In 2022, McLachlan Voted Yea On HB 22-1279, “Reproductive Health Equity Act” - Which Declares “Every Pregnant Individual Has A Fundamental Right To Continue The Pregnancy And Give Birth Or To Have An Abortion.” ([HB 22-1279](#), Passed (40 - 24), Colorado State Assembly, 3/14/22, McLachlan Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “The bill declares that every individual has a fundamental right to use or refuse contraception; every pregnant individual has a fundamental right to continue the pregnancy and give birth or to have an abortion; and a fertilized egg, embryo, or fetus does not have independent or derivative rights under the laws of the state.” ([HB 22-1279](#))

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In September 2021, McLachlan Was Among The Legislators To Sign On To An Amicus Brief In Support Of Abortion Rights In The Dobbs Case Before The U.S. Supreme Court. ‘Today, thirty-nine Colorado legislators signed on to an amicus brief in support of legal abortion

in *Dobbs v. Women's Health Organization*, the Supreme Court case likely to decide the future of reproductive freedom in the United States. The brief, signed by 897 state legislators, represents the strongest showing ever recorded of state legislators supporting legal abortion nationwide. The lawsuit challenges a Mississippi law that banned abortion services after 15 weeks of pregnancy well before the 24-week precedent established by *Roe v. Wade*. The Texas and Mississippi laws are just two of nearly 600 anti-abortion bills introduced in 2021, the most state legislative attacks on abortion rights since the *Roe* decision. "I'm proud to join nearly 900 lawmakers in states across the country who are taking action at the Supreme Court to stop state abortion bans," said Majority Leader Daneya Espartero (D-Pueblo). "Attacks on health care, like the new laws in Texas and Mississippi and those that have been proposed here in Colorado by Republicans are dangerous and deprive people of their constitutional rights. For years I've fought for reproductive rights as a state lawmaker, and we will ensure that Colorado remains a safe place for patients around the country to access an abortion." This year Colorado Democrats continued to defend the right to reproductive care by defeating legislation that would criminalize abortion and create a state abortion registry. Additionally, legislators expanded access to legal abortion care by lifting restrictions facing survivors of sexual violence who are Medicaid patients." (Colorado Senate Democrats, 9/21/21)

- **NOTE:** *McLachlan was listed among the signatories of the letter.*

In 2017, McLachlan Supported Legislation That Requires Health Insurers To Cover Contraceptives

McLachlan Voted To Pass Legislation Which Requires Health Insurers To Provide Contraception Coverage To Reimburse Participating Providers Or In-Network Dispensing Entities

McLachlan Voted Yea On HB17-1186, Which Requires Health Insurers To Provide Contraception Coverage To Reimburse Participating Providers Or In-Network Dispensing Entities. ([HB17-1186](#), Bill Passed – House (50 – 14), Colorado House Of Representatives, 3/21/17, McLachlan Voted Yea)

- **NOTE:** “The bill requires health insurance plans that are mandated to cover contraceptives to provide reimbursement to an in-network provider or dispensing entity for: • a 3-month supply of a prescription contraceptive the first time it is dispensed to a covered person; and • a 12-month supply any time the same prescription is subsequently redispensed, or until the plan coverage end, whichever is shorter. The plan must also pay for a vaginal contraceptive ring that is intended to last for three months.” ([HB17-1186](#))

ACU: “This Bill Requires Health Insurance Plans That Cover Contraceptives To Provide A 3 Month Supply For The First Prescription And A 12 Month Supply For Each Additional Prescription.” “This bill requires health insurance plans that cover contraceptives to provide a 3 month supply for the first prescription and a 12 month supply for each additional prescription. In addition, they must provide a vaginal contraceptive ring that will last three months. ACU opposes government mandates that interfere with the market to enrich contraceptive manufacturers and drive up the cost of health insurance for everyone, and opposed

this bill. The House passed the bill on March 21, 2017 by a vote of 50-14.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2017)

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In May 2022, McLachlan Participated In A Rally In Support Of Abortion Rights. “More than 100 people gathered at Buckley Park on Saturday afternoon for a rally and a women's march in support of abortion rights. The march was organized by 11th grader Leo Stritikus, 17, and several of his classmates. Protesters rallied in Buckley Park before they marched down Main Avenue and then on East Second Avenue past the courthouse. Many carried signs with phrases such as "Mind your own uterus," "Public cervix announcement: Hands off" and "Women's rights are human rights." Stritikus, his classmates and several other speakers, including Rep. Barbara McLachlan, advocated for women's control over their own bodies and for solidarity with transgender women and the LGBTQ community. "Even though I don't have a uterus, abortion rights affect everyone," Stritikus said. "It's so crucial that (in) our country, the land of the free, that people have the freedom to control their own bodies." The rally and march were in response to a draft U.S. Supreme Court opinion that was leaked to the public in early May. The opinion rejected the notion that abortion was constitutionally protected and suggested that states should choose for themselves whether to protect abortion or to criminalize or limit it through law.” (*The Durango Herald*, 5/14/22)

On Social Media, McLachlan Has Promoted Images Of Herself Speaking At A ‘Women’s March’

In October 2020, McLachlan Posted A Photo To Facebook Picturing Her Speaking At The Local Women’s March. (McLachlan Profile, [Facebook](#), 10/18/20)



(McLachlan Profile, [Facebook](#), 10/18/20)

On Social Media, McLachlan Has Promoted Pro-Abortion Slogans And Rhetoric

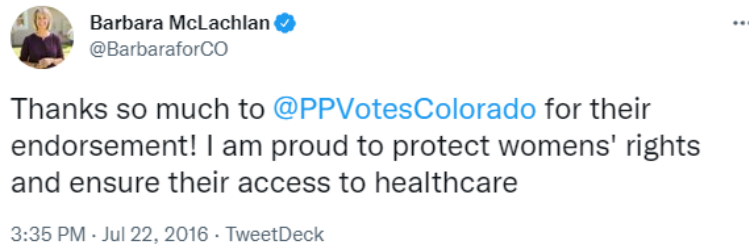
In July 2022, McLachlan ‘Liked’ A Tweet Utilizing The Hashtag “BansOffOurBodies,” To Express Her Support For Abortion. (McLachlan Profile, [Twitter](#), 7/18/22)



(McLachlan Profile, [Twitter](#), 7/18/22)

In 2016, McLachlan Authored A Tweet Celebrating Her Endorsement From Planned Parenthood

In July 2016, McLachlan Shared A Tweet Thanking Planned Parenthood For Their Endorsement, “I Am Proud To Protect Womens’ Rights And Ensure Their Access To Healthcare”. (McLachlan Profile, [Twitter](#), 7/22/16)



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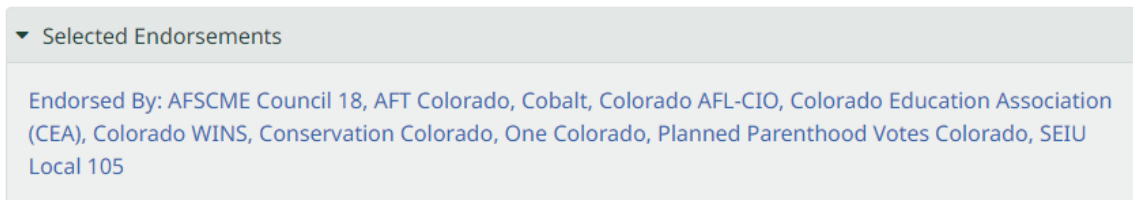
McLachlan Has Earned The Support For Additional Pro-Abortion Advocacy Groups

In 2018, McLachlan Was Endorsed By The Pro-Choice Democratic Group EMILY’s List. “EMILY’s List is proud to endorse these 14 women leaders who have the backbones and experience to fight for Colorado’s women and working families. Throughout their careers theyve used their voices to advocate for affordable health care, better access to quality education for every child, and stronger protections for women and families. Now voters have a chance to both flip the state Senate and ensure Colorado has the first majority-women and truly representative state legislature in the country. EMILY’s List is honored to stand behind these incredible pro-

choice Democratic women. EMILYs List endorsed the following slate of candidates: Representative Janet Buckner (HD-40) Yadira Caraveo (HD-31) Rebecca Cranston (SD-15) Lisa Cutter (HD-25) Representative Jessie Danielson (SD-20) Senator Kerry Donovan (SD-05) Representative Daneya Esgar (HD-46) Representative Dafna Michaelson Jenet (HD-30) Representative Tracy Kraft-Tharp (HD-29) Representative Barbara McLachlan (HD-59).” (EMILY’s List, 7/26/18)

- **NOTE:** *McLachlan also was endorsed by Emily’s List in March 2020.*

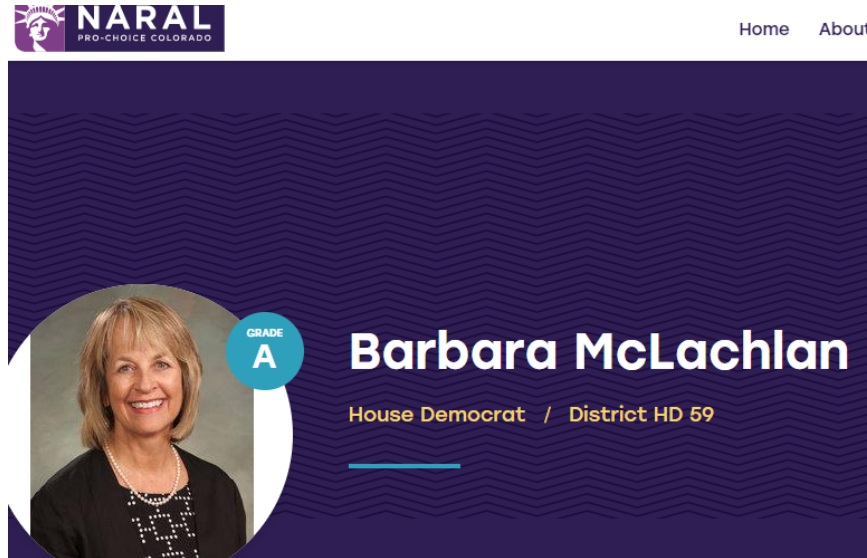
In 2020, The Progressive Voters Guide Noted That McLachlan Was Endorsed By Planned Parenthood. ([2020 Progressive Voters Guide](#), Accessed 7/21/22)



([2020 Progressive Voters Guide](#), Accessed 7/21/22)

- **In 2019, McLachlan Participated In The 2019 Women’s March Co-Sponsored By Planned Parenthood.** “Indivisible Durango, Planned Parenthood and the Unitarian Universalist Church will sponsor the annual Women's March on Jan. 19. The theme is "Women's Wave: Building Power." People should gather at 10:30 a.m. at the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad depot, 479 Main Ave. The march to Buckley Park, 1200 Main Ave., will begin at 11 a.m. A rally at the park will be held from 11:30 a.m. to noon. Speakers at the rally will include: Katie Young, Planned Parenthood community organizer; Ret. Navy Capt. Gail Harris; April Yazza, Ms. Hozhoni 2018-19; state Rep. Barbara McLachlan, D-Durango; and Katie Kandarian-Morris, minister at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Durango. The emcee will be Allie Wolfe, activist, comedian and Fort Lewis College student. The event is free and open to the public, including men. Marchers are encouraged to take their own sign with messages related to the theme.” (*The Durango Herald*, 1/11/19)
- **NOTE:** *McLachlan is known to have also participated in the 2020 Durango Women’s March also co-sponsored by Planned Parenthood.*

McLachlan Has Received An “A” Rating From NARAL Pro-Choice Colorado. ([NARAL](#), Accessed 7/21/22)



([NARAL](#), Accessed 7/21/22)

MCLACHLAN SUPPORTS EFFORTS TO UNDERMINE THE SECOND AMENDMENT

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“McLachlan Said She Supports The Background Checks, But That She Splits With Her Husband On Limiting High-Capacity Ammunition Magazines.” “Brown hit Barbara McLachlan on gun control, reminding her that her husband supported a package of gun-control laws in 2013 that required universal background checks and limited high-capacity ammunition magazines to 15 rounds. McLachlan said she supports the background checks, but that she splits with her husband on limiting high-capacity ammunition magazines. "My gut instinct tells me that it's an unenforceable law, and so I'm not necessarily in favor of it," McLachlan said.” (*Durango Herald*, 9/10/16)

- **“This Year, She Has Come Out In Opposition To The Magazine Ban, Explaining That It Is Difficult To Enforce. But The Background-Check Law She Believes Is Keeping Criminals From Getting Their Hands On Firearms.”** “Gun control is perhaps the most glaring example. Mike McLachlan supported a package of Democratic-sponsored bills in 2013 that enacted universal background checks and limited ammunition magazines to 15 rounds. Political observers widely agree that the latter part of the package, the ammunition ban, may have cost Mike McLachlan the 2014 election. Barbara McLachlan doesn't doubt it, adding, "The whole family got heartburn from that." This year, she has come out in opposition to the magazine ban, explaining that it is difficult to enforce. But the background-check law she believes is keeping criminals from getting their hands on firearms.” (*The Durango Herald*, 10/11/16)

McLachlan's Late Husband Backed Controversial Ammunition Limits That May Have Cost Him Reelection In 2014

McLachlan's Husband State Rep. Mike McLachlan Voted For Major Gun Control Legislation In 2013; McLachlan And Her Husband Also Donated To La Plata County Sheriff Democratic Candidate Sean Smith, Who Vowed To Enforce The Gun Control Law – A Position Opposed By Incumbent Sheriff Duke Schirard. “Smith cites his years of experience as La Plata County sheriff’s deputy and two years he spent as a law-enforcement coordinator with the U.S. Department of Justice in Oklahoma, overseeing a 40-county region, as proof that he is a capable, confident manager. In the past, Schirard has declared his intention to not enforce Colorado’s new gun laws, which include requiring background checks for all gun sales and limiting the capacity of ammunition magazines to no more than 15 rounds, because, in his opinion, they violate the Constitution. Schirard has accused Smith of being soft on the Second Amendment, saying state Rep. Mike McLachlan, who voted for 2013’s gun control legislation, and his wife, Barbara McLachlan, are among Smith’s most generous campaign donors. Smith says he is a firm supporter of the Second Amendment and concealed-carry permits. He has said he, too, thinks large parts of the gun-control legislation will be difficult to enforce. But he has attacked Schirard’s stance on the gun-control laws, saying it is the sheriff’s job to enforce all laws. If elected, Smith said he wouldn’t consider himself the final arbiter of a law’s constitutionality. He said it is legislators’ job to pass legislation, and the Constitution provides a remedy for people who object to laws legislators pass: judicial review.” (*The Durango Herald*, 10/4/14)

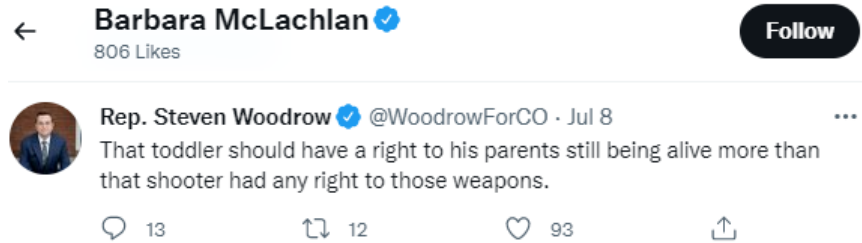
- **NOTE:** *Smith ultimately defeated Schirard in November 2014.*

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“McLachlan Called Herself A "Believer In Second Amendment Rights," But Criticized The Gun Community, Including The NRA, For Its Failure To Respond To Recent School Shootings.” “State Rep. Barbara McLachlan also spoke to constituents at the annual Legislative Lowdown sponsored by the League of Women Voters. McLachlan called herself a "believer in Second Amendment rights," but criticized the gun community, including the NRA, for its failure to respond to recent school shootings. "I think ... they should be rising to the occasion," she said. "Students should be able to go to school without the fear of being shot. How do we address the people who are making them (responsible gun owners) look bad?" McLachlan advocated for better-informed students, faculty and staff at schools, who are trained to recognize the signs of suicidal tendencies and other emotional conflicts in students. "I want to look at this from a school point of view," she said. "How do we help these kids? Suspending them is not the answer. We leave everything up to the counselors at school, and they have a million other jobs.” (*The Journal*, 3/24/18)

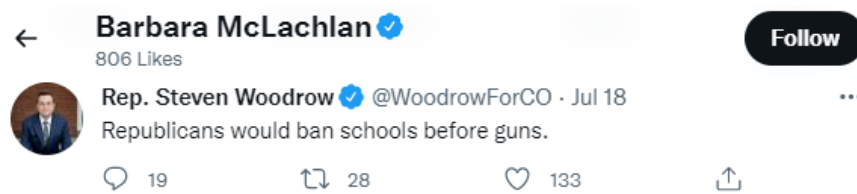
On Social Media, McLachlan Has Promoted Content Indicated Support For Greater Restrictions On Guns And Lamenting Republican Commitment To The Second Amendment

In July 2022, McLachlan ‘Liked’ A Tweet That Appeared To Leverage A Shooting To Promote Greater Gun Control Restrictions. (McLachlan Profile, [Twitter](#), 7/8/22)



(McLachlan Profile, [Twitter](#), 7/8/22)

In July 2022, McLachlan ‘Liked’ A Tweet Stating That “Republicans Would Ban Schools Before Guns.” (McLachlan Profile, [Twitter](#), 7/18/22)



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In 2018, McLachlan Voted To Pass Legislation That Created An Opportunity For The Seizure Of Firearms Without Due Process And On The Basis Of Unchallenged Accusations

McLachlan Voted Yea On HB 1436, “Extreme Risk Protection Orders.” ([HB 1436](#), Passed (37 - 23), Colorado General Assembly, 5/4/18, McLachlan Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “The bill creates the ability for a family or household member or a law enforcement officer to petition the court for a temporary extreme risk protection order (ERPO). The petitioner must establish by a preponderance of the evidence that a person poses a significant risk to self or others by having a firearm in her or her custody or control or by possessing, purchasing, or receiving a firearm. The petitioner must submit an affidavit signed under oath and penalty of perjury that sets forth facts to support the issuance of a temporary ERPO and a reasonable basis for believing they exist. The court must hold a temporary ERPO hearing in person or by telephone on the day the petition is filed or on the court day immediately following the day the petition is filed.” ([HB 1436](#))

ACU: HB 1436 “Allows Nearly Anyone To Submit An Ex Parte (I.E., One-Sided) Petition To A Court For The Issuance Of An ‘Extreme Risk Prevention Order,’ Which Requires The Temporary Seizure Of All Firearms Held By The Accused”

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In 2019, McLachlan Supported Similar Legislation

McLachlan Has Supported Legislation That Creates The Ability For A Family Or Household Member Or A Law Enforcement Officer To Petition The Court For A Temporary Extreme Risk Protection Order

In 2019, McLachlan Voted For HB 1177 To Implement Colorado’s Red Flag Gun Bill. “Colorado's controversial "red flag" gun bill, which would give law enforcement the right to seize firearms from gun owners who they believe pose a threat, passed the House on Monday against the objections of gun-rights activists. It now heads to the Senate. House Bill 1177 has been supported by some Front Range sheriffs and was crafted by a lawmaker whose son died in a mass shooting. The bill would allow family or law enforcement to flag someone as a threat and seek a court order to have that person's firearms seized. If approved, a hearing would determine whether to extend the weapons seizure for as many as 364 days. The bill was approved on a vote of 38-25. Rep. Marc Catlin, R-Montrose, voted against it; Rep. Barbara McLachlan, D-Durango, approved it.” (*The Durango Herald*, 3/4/19)

McLachlan Voted Yea On HB 1177, Which Creates The Ability For A Family Or Household Member Or A Law Enforcement Officer To Petition The Court For A Temporary Extreme Risk Protection Order. ([HB19-1177](#), Bill Passed – House (38 – 25), Colorado House Of Representatives, 4/1/19, McLachlan Voted Yea)

ACU: “This Bill Eliminates Due Process And Violates Second Amendment Rights By Expanding The Use Of ‘Extreme Risk Protection Orders.’” “This bill eliminates due process and violates Second Amendment rights by expanding the use of “extreme risk protection orders.” Under the bill, numerous individuals may submit an “ex-parte” (i.e., one-sided petition) for the

issuance of an extreme risk protection order which requires the temporary seizure of all firearms held by the accused if they are considered to be a danger to themselves or others simply due to their possession of a firearm.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2019)

The American Conservative Union “Opposes The Seizure Of Any Property, Including Firearms, Without Due Process And On The Basis Of Unchallenged Accusations, And Opposed This Bill.” “ACU supports the founders' belief in the Second Amendment, opposes the seizure of any property, including firearms, without due process and on the basis of unchallenged accusations, and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on April 1, 2019 by a vote of 38-25 and the bill was signed into law.” ([American Conservative Union Legislative Ratings](#), 2019)

McLachlan Has Noted Her Opposition To Arming Teachers

In 2017, McLachlan Noted Her Opposition To Arming Teachers. “Rep. Barbara McLachlan, D-Durango, as a former teacher for Durango School District 9-R, had some thoughts on the issue. "It's a scary thing to have teachers with guns in school," McLachlan said. "I'm sure there's a lot of reasons they will argue why they should, but I don't believe that one." McLachlan said issues with arming teachers could include firearms being misplaced or being taken by students in the higher grade levels. "You kind of think about schools as little kids with a big teacher, in the high school it's little teachers with big kids," she said "I could easily be overcome by students wanting my gun." The Republican lawmakers said the health exchange repeal bill is aimed at reducing state costs.” (*The Durango Herald*, 1/11/17)

MCLACHLAN HAS ENGAGED IN THE PROMOTION OF RACIAL POLITICS AND PUSHES THE EXISTENCE OF WHITE SUPREMACY

McLachlan Championed Legislation Fining Schools \$25,000 For Continued Use Of Native American Mascots

In 2021, McLachlan Sponsored Legislation To Ban Schools From Using Native American Mascots And Impose A \$25,000 Monthly Fine For Continued Use Of Such Mascots After June 2022. “Those same types of conversations are now taking place at the amateur level across Colorado school districts after lawmakers proposed a bill to ban use of American Indian mascots by public schools, charter schools and universities. Senate Bill 21-116 states the use of such imagery as mascots creates an unsafe learning environment for Native American students, impacting those students' mental health and promoting bullying. If passed, SB 21-116 would require all schools with Native American mascots, including some Montrose schools, to change the mascots, otherwise a monthly \$25,000 fine would be imposed for schools that continued to display them after June 1, 2022. Fines would be payable to the state education fund. Locally, the Montrose High School Indians and the Centennial Middle School Braves would likely be affected by such legislation. MCSD Public Information Officer Matt Jenkins said MHS's student government met with CJ Bradford, the director of the Ute Indian Museum in Montrose. "Montrose County School District (MCSD) and Montrose High School (MHS) have always maintained a very collaborative and respectful relationship with our local Native American leaders. In January and February 2021, student leaders from Montrose High School's student government met with CJ Bradford, a (Lakota Sioux tribe member) and director of our local Ute

Indian Museum in Montrose. Ms. Bradford advised students to continue working with the Ute-Mountain Ute, Northern Ute, and Southern Ute tribes." Jenkins added how MHS hopes to foster stronger relationships with the tribes and honor their heritage and teachings through use of the high school mascot. Student council is currently reaching out to the tribes to seek their perspectives. Historically, members of the Ute tribes settled across western Colorado with a prominent presence around Montrose. Senator Jessie Danielson, and Reps. Adrienne Benavidez and Barbara McLachlan are sponsoring the bill.” (*Montrose Daily Press*, 2/27/21)

- McLachlan’s Legislation Passed The Legislature In June 2021.** “State House lawmakers on Thursday passed a bill that would prohibit K-12 schools and colleges from using Native American mascots – and fine them for violations. The bill is close to becoming law. Sen. Jessie Danielson, D-Wheat Ridge, sponsored Senate Bill 116 with Democratic Reps. Adrienne Benavidez of Denver and Barbara McLachlan of Durango. It would ban any "name, symbol or image that depicts or refers to an American Indian tribe, individual, custom or tradition that is used as a mascot, nickname, logo, letterhead or team name for the school." Public K-12 schools would have until Oct. 1 of this year to comply with the bill's requirements, while institutions of higher education would have until June 1, 2022, to change their mascots. After those respective deadlines, a school could be fined \$25,000 for each month it continues to violate the ban. The money would go to the State Education Fund. "I ask you for my ancestors, for my Indigenous brothers and sisters, to support this bill," Rep. Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez, a Denver Democrat who identifies as Chicana, urged colleagues on the House floor.” (*The Durango Herald*, 6/4/21)

In 2020, McLachlan Authored A Tweet Pledging To “Stand Against White Supremacy” And Claiming That “Silence Is Complicity”

In September 2020, McLachlan Shared A Tweet Appearing To State That If You Are Silent About “White Supremacy” Then You Are Complicit In It, “I #Pledge To Stand Against White Supremacy... #SilenceIsComplicity”. (McLachlan Profile, [Twitter](#), 9/30/20)



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In June 2022, McLachlan Promoted A Seemingly Nefarious Tweet Calling On People To Gather “A List Of Colorado Businesses Owned By People With Ties To White Supremacist Groups”

In June 2022, McLachlan ‘Liked’ A Tweet Calling On People To Gather A List Of Local Businesses For A Seemingly Nefarious Reason Aimed At Harming Those Businesses.

(McLachlan Profile, [Twitter](#), 6/12/22)



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MCLACHLAN SUPPORTED A POLICY IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE THAT SEEKS TO ENSURE RACE IS FURTHER ENTRENCHED IN THE CONVERSATION REGARDING LEGISLATION

McLachlan Supported Legislation That “Requires Legislative Staff To Report On Whether Proposed Legislation Has A ‘Disparate Impact’ On Certain Demographic Groups Or Minorities”

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In 2017, McLachlan Voted Yea On HB 1191, “Demographic Notes For Certain Legislative Bills.” ([HB 1191](#), Passed (37 - 28), Colorado General Assembly, 5/1/17, McLachlan Voted Yea)

- NOTE: “The bill requires the staff of the legislative council to prepare demographic notes on legislative bills in each regular session of the general assembly. The speaker of the house of representatives, the minority leader of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, and the minority leader of the senate are authorized to request 5

demographic notes each, or more at the discretion of the director of research of the legislative council.” ([HB 1191](#))

ACU: HB 1191 “Requires Legislative Staff To Report On Whether Proposed Legislation Has A ‘Disparate Impact’ On Certain Demographic Groups Or Minorities.” “This bill requires legislative staff to report on whether proposed legislation has a “disparate impact” on certain demographic groups or minorities. The fiscal note provided with the bill states that an additional staff person will have to be hired at a cost of over \$100,000 a year.” ([American Conservative Union](#), 2017)

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The American Conservative Union “Opposes This Wasteful Spending To Make A Political Point And Opposed This Bill”

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In 2022, On Social Media, McLachlan Shared A Post Expressing Her Support For A Comedy Show Titled “Dyketopia”

In June 2022, McLachlan Shared A Post On Facebook Expressing Her Support For A Comedy Show Titled “Dyketopia”. (McLachlan Profile, [Facebook](#), 6/27/22)

Barbara Hall McLachlan
June 27 at 9:51 PM · 🌐

Let's support Kate and Lee!!



Vote to help us win a \$10,000 grant to throw
Camp Dyketopia: A Queer Comedy + Arts Festival!

eventbrite

Kate McLachlan
June 27 at 9:23 PM · 🌐

Friends and loved ones! [Lee Robinson](#) and I are finalists for this really cool grant through Eventbrite! We hope to use the prize money to create Camp Dyketopia, a queer comedy art and music extravaganza!!!

If you get a chance, we would love your support! Voting is so so SO easy and takes one click!!! Thank you 😊

https://www.eventbrite.com/l/reconvene-accelerator/?utm_campaign=a_NFT_LA+2022&utm_source=x&utm_medium=&utm_content=&utm_term=&gclid=CjwKCAjwquWVBhBrEiwAt1Kmwg_wDAExQjDY5gsvxKckwEwrHXAVtVuXNcLgZQS24qllsYwiiQGmwRoC_coQAvD_BwE#s_voting

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(McLachlan Profile, [Facebook](#), 6/27/22)

MCLACHLAN'S FAR-LEFT TIES

In 2020, McLachlan was listed as among the candidates to sign on to the Working People's platform. The Working People's platform calls for things such as: union and organizing protections; higher minimum wages; protecting the Affordable Care Act; higher taxes on the wealthy and corporations; opposing anti-immigration policies that separate families.

On social media, McLachlan has indicated support for policies that seek to consolidate liberal power, such as D.C. statehood and packing the Supreme Court.

McLachlan's reelection efforts received \$500,000 from an organization funded by the Soros-backed Sixteen Thirty Fund. McLachlan has also been backed by other dark money groups such as Education Reform Now.

McLachlan has exchanged support with prominent progressive politicians, ranging from Joe Biden and Barack Obama to members of 'The Squad' (Ayanna Pressley, Ocasio-Cortez, Ilhan Omar).

MCLACHLAN HAS ENDORSED THE LIBERAL WORKING PEOPLE'S PLATFORM

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Endorsements

These candidates and elected officials have signed on to the Working People's Platform and pledged to amplify the voices of working families, stand up for our right to join a union, and work to create more equitable opportunities for all.

The following people have endorsed the [Working People's Platform](#)

Click [here](#) for a list of all candidates and elected officials who have endorsed the Working People's Platform.

[John Hickenlooper](#), US Senate Candidate

[Diana DeGette](#), US Representative, 1st District

[Joe Neguse](#), US Representative, 2nd District

[Diane Mitsch Bush](#), Candidate for US Representative, 3rd District

[Jason Crow](#), US Representative, 6th District

[Ed Perlmutter](#), US Representative, 7th District

[Colorado Elected Officials](#)
[Colorado State Senators](#)

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([Working People's Platform](#), Archived 10/15/20)

- HD 53 Jeni Arndt
- HD 56 Giugi Carminati
- HD 59 Barbara McLachlan
- HD 61 Julie McCluskie*
- HD 63 Gen Schneider

Denver Elected Officials

Organizational Endorsements

*Endorsed the [Working People's Platform](#) in 2018 election cycle.

([Working People's Platform](#), Archived 10/15/20)

The Working People's Platform Calls For Protections Of Unions And Organizing Rights

The Working People's Platform Calls For Protections Of Unions And Organizing Rights. “America’s economy and democracy are out of balance, with too much power in the hands of corporations, billionaires, and self-serving politicians who have rigged the system against working families. Even in the midst of a pandemic, companies – including hospitals and nursing homes – have tried to silence employees from speaking out about life-threatening working conditions. The rights of working people are fundamental to a healthy society. The opportunity to join a union — no matter where we work — is the best way to raise wages, ensure safe working conditions, create family-sustaining jobs, and begin to fix the rigged economy. When we have good union jobs, our economy and democracy are stronger and our communities thrive. We demand policies that allow all working people the freedom to form a union without employer interference. We will stand with and fight for all working people when they organize a union or other form of worker organization, including healthcare and airport workers and public employees.” ([Working People's Platform](#), Accessed 7/21/22)

The Working People's Platform Calls For Higher Minimum Wages

The Working People's Platform Calls For Higher Minimum Wages. “Economic security is a basic human right. Big corporations use their power to hold down wages and benefits. Instead, corporations should honor workers as people and serve the public interest. We believe in a worker-led economy that values work and lifts people up. Working families are the engines of the economy and will drive the recovery. We’ll fight for higher minimum wages and for other policies to raise wages.” ([Working People's Platform](#), Accessed 7/21/22)

The Working People's Platform Calls For Protecting The Affordable Care Act

The Working People's Platform Calls For Protecting The Affordable Care Act. “Now more than ever we know that we are all at risk when any of us lack access to affordable healthcare and paid sick leave to be able to prevent illness, and care for ourselves and our families when we do get sick. We’ll fight to protect the Affordable Care Act, make quality healthcare more affordable and accessible, and pass paid sick and family leave.” ([Working People's Platform](#), Accessed 7/21/22)

The Working People’s Platform Calls For Higher Taxes On The Wealthy And Corporations

The Working People’s Platform Calls For Higher Taxes On The Wealthy And Corporations. “To build an economy that works for everyone, we need to increase public investments in education and other vital services and infrastructure. But right now, Wall Street and big corporations are swelling their profits by rigging the tax system. We’ll fight for policies that require the wealthy and corporations to pay their fair share in taxes.” ([Working People’s Platform](#), Accessed 7/21/22)

The Working People’s Platform Calls For “Opposing Anti-Immigrant Policies That Separate Families”

The Working People’s Platform Calls For “Opposing Anti-Immigrant Policies That Separate Families.” “We value, uplift and protect the humanity and human dignity of every person, no exceptions. But for too long, we’ve let a powerful few divide us to keep wages down and pad their own profits. We need to unite across our differences to end racism and build strong, thriving communities where we take care of each other and everyone contributes to their full potential. We’ll fight for policies that address longstanding economic barriers faced by people of color. We’ll support hardworking immigrants who are contributing to our economy, and oppose anti-immigrant policies that separate families.” ([Working People’s Platform](#), Accessed 7/21/22)

ON SOCIAL MEDIA, MCLACHLAN HAS INDICATED SUPPORT FOR POLICIES THAT SEEK TO CONSOLIDATE LIBERAL POWER

On Social Media, McLachlan Has Promoted Content Indicating Support For D.C. And Puerto Rico Statehood

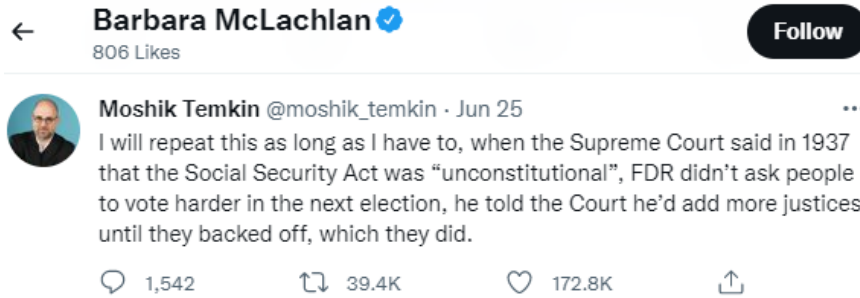
In January 2021, McLachlan ‘Liked’ A Tweet Expressing Her Support For “DC And Puerto Rico Statehood”. (McLachlan Profile, [Twitter](#), 1/6/21)



(McLachlan Profile, [Twitter](#), 1/6/21)

On Social Media, McLachlan Has Promoted Content Indicating Support For Packing The Supreme Court

In June 2022, McLachlan ‘Liked’ A Tweet That Appears To Express Support For Packing The Court In Response To The Overturning Of Roe V. Wade. (McLachlan Profile, [Twitter](#), 6/25/22)



(McLachlan Profile, [Twitter](#), 6/25/22)

On Social Media, McLachlan Has Promoted Content Indicating Support Ending Citizens United

In November 2020, McLachlan ‘Liked’ A Tweet Expressing Her Support For Greater Campaign Finance Regulation. (McLachlan Profile, [Twitter](#), 11/9/20)



(McLachlan Profile, [Twitter](#), 11/9/20)

MCLACHLAN’S REELECTION EFFORTS RECEIVED SUPPORT FROM ORGANIZATION FUNDED BY THE SOROS-BACKED SIXTEEN THIRTY FUND

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In 2018, McLachlan’s Re-Election Efforts Were Boosted By The Group Our Colorado Values, Which Received A \$500,000 Cash Infusion From The Liberal Dark Money Group Known As The Sixteen Thirty Fund. “Of the 10 largest donors to 527 and IE committees in Colorado, The Sixteen Thirty Fund[2] is the largest nonprofit donor at \$3.9 million. It's a 501(c)(4) social welfare organization that helps its clients create 501(c)(4) organizations. In fact, the fund helps 'donors to direct capital toward social welfare projects that include advocacy, lobbying, and some political and electoral activities,' according to its website. Eric Kessler, a former staffer for the Clinton administration, is president of the fund, according to the fund's 2016 990 tax filing. Kessler was also a national field director for the League of Conservation Voters, the third-largest donor to Colorado 527s and IECs at \$4.1 million dollars. The Sixteen Thirty Fund is reportedly one of the biggest dark money players in the 2018 national elections,

according to Politico[3]. The Sixteen Thirty Fund does not list any donor information, according to its website, FEC filings, IRS filings, Open Secrets and ProPublica the primary websites that might include that information. The Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit did not respond to interview requests by phone or email. The Sixteen Thirty Fund, donated to three committees: \$500,000 to Our Colorado Values, \$920,000 to Good Jobs Colorado and \$2.5 million to Coloradans for Fairness, according to the secretary of state database. Our Colorado Values, an IEC, supports Democratic candidates for the legislature. The IEC spent over half of its money, about \$916,000, mailing information to voters. Since Sept. 27 alone, it spent about \$689,000 on digital, TV, radio and mail outreach supporting Democratic House candidates, including Kyle Mullica and Barbara McLachlan, and opposing Republican House candidates, including Susan Kochevar and Toren Mushovic.” (Colorado Independent, 10/19/18)

The Sixteen Thirty Fund Is A “Liberal Dark-Money Behemoth” That Has Plowed Hundred Of Millions Of Dollars Into Progressive Political Causes

Politico Article On Sixteen Thirty Fund Headline: “Liberal Dark-Money Behemoth Raised Nearly \$140M Last Year.” (“Liberal Dark-Money Behemoth Raised Nearly \$140M Last Year,” [Politico](#), 11/20/20)

The Sixteen Thirty Fund Has Become “One Of The Biggest Financial Forces In American Politics.” “The “social welfare organization” — which, unlike a super PAC, is not required to disclose the identities of its donors — has multiplied in size during the Trump administration, becoming one of the biggest financial forces in American politics. Sixteen Thirty Fund's rise signaled the left's embrace of nonprofit groups it long derided as “dark money,” when the right dominated the space during the Obama years. Political nonprofits like the Sixteen Thirty Fund often experience drops in activity in odd-numbered years, between national elections, before picking up fundraising during midterm or presidential election years. Sixteen Thirty Fund won't have to file tax returns detailing its total activity this year until late 2021, but its high-flying 2019 fundraising may foreshadow huge 2020 spending from the group.” (“Liberal Dark-Money Behemoth Raised Nearly \$140M Last Year,” [Politico](#), 11/20/20)

The Finances Of The Sixteen Thirty Fund And Its Affiliated Organizations “Are Even More Opaque Than Those Of A Typical Secret-Money Group.” “And because the groups are organized under the umbrella of the Sixteen Thirty Fund and not as standalone nonprofits, their fundraising and spending are even more opaque than those of a typical secret-money group. The “fiscally sponsored” groups, instead of filing individual tax returns that detail their finances, will have all of their activity aggregated in the Sixteen Thirty Fund's tax filings, which will make it difficult to discern exactly how much money was raised for and spent by the different projects. The Sixteen Thirty Fund has been an active, if behind-the-scenes, player in the early political battles of the Trump administration. It has raised significant sums from unions, according to Department of Labor records, and it has distributed millions of dollars to the League of Conservation Voters and other progressive groups in recent years, according to its tax filings. But it has also helped launch dozens of offshoots in the past two years alone. Those offshoots include Demand Justice, the prominent nonprofit fighting to block Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh, which is a Sixteen Thirty Fund project, according to D.C. business records. So too are Save My Care, Not One Penny and Tax March, which have conducted nationwide advocacy

campaigns against Republican efforts to repeal Obamacare and change the tax code.” (“Liberal Secret-Money Network Hammers House GOP,” [Politico](#), 7/29/18)

The Sixteen Thirty Fund Has Raised Hundreds Of Millions Of Dollars From Anonymous Sources And Plowed The Funds Into A Constellation Of Progressive And Partisan Groups

From 2018 – 2019, The Sixteen Thirty Fund Raised An Aggregate \$280 Million From Anonymous Donors And Has Dedicated Funds To Partisan Attacks And Left-Leaning Causes. “One of the left’s biggest financial hubs raised \$137 million from anonymous donors in 2019 — a massive sum that funded an eight-figure ad campaign attacking Republican senators, bolstered key pieces of Democratic and environmentalist infrastructure and supported expensive ballot measure campaigns. The nine-figure influx to the Sixteen Thirty Fund last year, detailed in a new tax filing, almost equaled the group’s fundraising during the 2018 midterm elections, when the nonprofit raised \$143 million and pumped it into more than 100 left-leaning causes ahead of that election.” (“Liberal Dark-Money Behemoth Raised Nearly \$140M Last Year,” [Politico](#), 11/20/20)

- **“18 Donors Gave More Than \$127 Million — More Than 90 Percent Of The Sixteen Thirty Fund’s Total Inflow” In 2019.** “More than half of the Sixteen Thirty Fund’s money came from just three anonymous sources in 2019: One donor gave more than \$33 million, while another chipped in \$29.3 million and a third made a \$12.1 million contribution. An additional four contributors gave between \$5 million and \$10 million in 2019, and 11 more gave at least \$1 million. Altogether, those 18 donors gave more than \$127 million — more than 90 percent of the Sixteen Thirty Fund’s total inflow last year.” (“Liberal Dark-Money Behemoth Raised Nearly \$140M Last Year,” [Politico](#), 11/20/20)
- **The Sixteen Thirty Fund’s Publicly Available 2019 Financials Show That It Dedicated Millions Of Dollars To Non-Profits That Mounted Attacks Against Vulnerable GOP Senators.** “Sixteen Thirty Fund made \$65 million in grants to more than 100 different liberal organizations in 2019, according to its tax return. More than one-quarter of that money (\$16.5 million) went to ostensibly local nonprofit groups that sprung up last year and spent big money attacking Republican senators up for reelection in key battleground states in 2020. Sixteen Thirty Fund gave about \$4 million apiece to Maine Momentum, Rocky Mountain Values and Advancing AZ in 2019, as well as \$2.9 million to Iowa Forward and \$1.75 million to Piedmont Rising — groups that spent millions attacking Sens. Susan Collins (R-Maine), Cory Gardner (R-Colo.), Martha McSally (R-Ariz.), Joni Ernst (R-Iowa) and Thom Tillis (R-N.C.) in 2019 as they prepared for the 2020 elections. In Arizona, Colorado and Iowa, the Sixteen Thirty Fund-funded nonprofits were the biggest advertisers in those Senate races in 2019, according to AdImpact, an ad-tracking firm. The five groups spent a total of \$17.3 million on TV, radio, Google and Facebook advertising in 2019 and 2020, according to AdImpact and digital ad databases, suggesting Sixteen Thirty Fund was the central source of most of the groups’ funding, despite their local names and footprints. The ads largely accused the GOP senators of taking money from special interests and hammered their voting records on health care and taxes. Gardner and McSally lost races this November, while Collins, Ernst and Tillis won reelection.” (“Liberal Dark-Money Behemoth Raised Nearly \$140M Last Year,” [Politico](#), 11/20/20)

- The Sixteen Thirty Fund’s Publicly Available 2019 Financials Show That It Funded A Constellation Of Progressive Coordinating Groups Across Several States.** “Other grants from Sixteen Thirty Fund in 2019 included more than \$10 million to arms of the League of Conservation Voters and millions more to other environmental groups. A million dollars went to the Movement Cooperative, which helps groups on the left share data and promotes “deep canvassing” efforts. And Sixteen Thirty Fund sent over \$7 million to America Votes, which describes itself as “the coordination hub of the progressive community.” “We saw the impact of these investments in historic vote-by-mail, early vote, and voter turnout numbers in 2020 and look forward to ongoing efforts to keep participation rates high,” said Sahil Mehrotra, national press secretary for America Votes, in a statement. Sixteen Thirty Fund also gave a \$9.3 million contribution in 2019 to North Fund, another D.C.-based nonprofit that was a big player in state ballot measure campaigns and other projects in 2020, including promoting D.C. statehood. North Fund sent more than \$5 million to a campaign to legalize marijuana in Montana in 2020, according to state campaign finance records, and it pumped more than \$4 million into efforts to expand Medicaid and change ethics and redistricting laws in Missouri. In Colorado, North Fund gave more than \$7 million to ballot measure fights, principally fighting abortion restrictions and backing paid medical and family leave.” (“Liberal Dark-Money Behemoth Raised Nearly \$140M Last Year,” [Politico](#), 11/20/20)
- Additionally, The Sixteen Thirty Fund’s Publicly Available 2019 Financials And Other Records Indicate That It Has Established Several Sub-Projects To Focus On Issues “Including Election Security, Health Care, Taxes And More.”** “In addition to making the grants, Sixteen Thirty Fund spent another \$33.7 million directly in 2019, including millions on lobbying, legal services and advertising for “fiscally sponsored” groups — nonprofit organizations that operate as trade names under the umbrella of the Sixteen Thirty Fund, which provides administrative and legal services to the organizations. Prominent groups set up as arms of Sixteen Thirty Fund include Demand Justice, the courts-focused Democratic group that has opposed Trump’s judicial nominees, and Health Care Voter, which pressured Republicans on coronavirus response and other health issues in 2020. Sixteen Thirty Fund has 38 active registered trade names, according to D.C. corporate records, focused on issues including election security, health care, taxes and more. The practice of fiscal sponsorship allows new groups to spin up very quickly, since Sixteen Thirty Fund can take care of administrative tasks like legal, compliance and accounting work for the groups operating under its aegis.” (“Liberal Dark-Money Behemoth Raised Nearly \$140M Last Year,” [Politico](#), 11/20/20)

In 2020, The Sixteen Thirty Fund Is Known To Have Contributed At Least “\$40 Million To Democratic-Aligned Super PACs And Other Federal Groups.” “Already, public disclosures show that Sixteen Thirty Fund contributed more than \$40 million to Democratic-aligned super PACs and other federal groups in 2020, a ten-fold increase over its super PAC contributions in 2018, as well as additional millions to state-level political groups and ballot measure organizations. “In 2019 and 2020 many donors felt compelled to give as never before to support our democracy and advance progressive goals, including some who previously supported Republicans or were not engaged in politics,” Sixteen Thirty Fund Executive Director Amy Kurtz said in a statement.” (“Liberal Dark-Money Behemoth Raised Nearly \$140M Last Year,” [Politico](#), 11/20/20)

In 2020, The Sixteen Thirty Fund Is Known To Have Contributed Millions Of Dollars To Super PACs Backing Joe Biden. “Sixteen Thirty Fund, an expansive liberal “dark money” network that emerged as a key player in the 2018 midterms, is injecting millions of untraceable dollars into super PACs backing presumptive Democratic nominee Joe Biden. The influential nonprofit donated a total of \$5.7 million to two pro-Biden groups, Unite the Country and American Bridge 21st Century, on June 30, according to Federal Election Commission filings. Together those super PACs have spent \$35 million backing Biden and attacking President Donald Trump on the airwaves. American Bridge recently launched a \$25 million ad campaign in Wisconsin, Michigan and Pennsylvania — the key states to Trump’s 2016 upset — bashing Trump over his response to the devastating coronavirus pandemic. Sixteen Thirty Fund made the donation through a recently formed joint fundraising committee called Victory 2020. These committees typically distribute large donations from wealthy individual donors to a number of campaigns and party committees. It’s rare to see a joint fundraising committee raise cash for super PACs — and fund them with dark money.” (“Influential ‘Dark Money’ Network Steers Millions To Pro-Biden Super Pacs,” [Center For Responsive Politics](#), 7/16/20)

The Sixteen Thirty Fund’s Demand Justice Project Is Currently Pushing To Pack The Supreme Court By Adding Four More Justices

Demand Justice Was Launched By The Sixteen Thirty Fund As A Liberal Counterweight To The Conservative Judicial Crisis Network And Was Prominently Involved In Opposing The Nominations Of Brett Kavanaugh And Amy Coney Barrett. “Launched by dark money behemoth Sixteen Thirty Fund in 2018 as the left’s counterweight to Judicial Crisis Network in Supreme Court confirmation fights, Demand Justice quickly established itself as the left’s top dark money spender in the Kavanaugh confirmation fight and announced it would invest \$10 million into the fight over Ginsburg’s seat. But Demand Justice may not be Judicial Crisis Network’s only competition. The day after Ginsburg’s death was announced, a group called Fix Our Senate released its first ad about the Supreme Court vacancy. The ad uses Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell’s words against him, urging voters to press their Senators to treat any Supreme Court nominee like Merrick Garland. But Fix Our Senate isn’t exactly new. In fact, incorporation records reviewed by OpenSecrets reveal that it is a project of Sixteen Thirty Fund, information Fix Our Senate does not publicly divulge on its website or in its digital ads. Operating as a 501(c)(4) nonprofit, Sixteen Thirty Fund is a dark money group that steers money from secret donors to projects it fiscally sponsors, effectively letting them operate without a papertrail. Sixteen Thirty Fund projects include the left’s top spender in the Kavanaugh confirmation fight, Demand Justice.” (“‘Dark Money’ Groups Gear Up For Supreme Court Battle As 2020 Election Nears,” [Center For Responsive Politics](#), 9/21/20)

Demand Justice Urges Support For Adding Four Additional Seats To The Supreme Court. “Our courts are in crisis. With a 6-3 Republican supermajority, the Supreme Court is too biased in favor of special interests and Republican politicians. Our democracy is at risk from decisions that suppress the right to vote. Adding four seats is the solution — and we need your help to get it done. Congress can change the number of justices on the Court at any time with a simple piece of legislation, and it has done so many times throughout American history. Now, top Democrats

have introduced a bill to add seats and restore balance. We need your help to get enough votes to make this bill a law.” ([Demand Justice](#), Accessed 4/18/21)

Demand Justice Is Among The Progressive Organizations Joining Democratic Lawmakers In Rolling Out Their 2021 Court Packing Proposal. “The anger has taken hold within the Democratic Party, and the new push indicates that it has not dissipated in an era when the party controls the White House and both chambers of Congress. The lawmakers, who intend to announce the introduction of the bill outside the Supreme Court building, will be joined by progressive activists Aaron Belkin, who leads Take Back the Court; Chris Kang, a co-founder and chief counsel of Demand Justice; and Meagan Hatcher-Mays of Indivisible, according to an advisory notice. All three groups advocate adding justices. “This bill marks a new era where Democrats finally stop conceding the Supreme Court to Republicans,” said Brian Fallon, a former Senate Democratic leadership aide and a co-founder of Demand Justice, who described the court as “broken and in need of reform.” “Our task now is to build a grassroots movement that puts pressure on every Democrat in Congress to support this legislation because it is the only way to restore balance to the court and protect our democracy,” he said. But numerous top Democrats aren’t embracing the proposal.” (“Democrats To Introduce Bill To Expand Supreme Court From 9 To 13 Justices,” [NBC News](#), 4/14/21)

Hypocritically, Despite Claiming It Would Support New Laws To Mandate Additional Donor Disclosures, The Sixteen Thirty Fund Noted It Would Continue To Raise And Spend Money Without Donor Disclosure In The Meantime

In 2020, Despite Claiming It Would Support New Laws To Mandate Additional Donor Disclosures, The Sixteen Thirty Fund Noted It Would Continue To Raise And Spend Money Without Donor Disclosure In The Meantime. “In her statement, Kurtz said Sixteen Thirty Fund supported new laws that would mandate disclosure of donors to groups involved in politics, but it intends to continue raising and spending money without donor disclosure in the meantime. “We have lobbied in favor of reform to the current campaign finance system (through H.R. 1), but we remain equally committed to following the current laws to level the playing field for progressives in this election and in the future,” Kurtz said.” (“Liberal Dark-Money Behemoth Raised Nearly \$140M Last Year,” [Politico](#), 11/20/20)

The Sixteen Thirty Fund’s Rise In 2018 “Is A Sign That Democrats And Allies Have Embraced The Methods Of Groups They Decried As ‘Dark Money’ Earlier This Decade, When They Were Under Attack From The Money Machines Built By Conservatives Including The Kochs.” “The Sixteen Thirty Fund’s rise last year is a sign that Democrats and allies have embraced the methods of groups they decried as “dark money” earlier this decade, when they were under attack from the money machines built by conservatives including the Kochs. “In terms of the size of dark money networks, there are only a few that have gone into the \$100 million-plus range,” said Robert Maguire, the research director for the watchdog group Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington and an expert in political nonprofits. “These kinds of totals aren’t unheard of,” Maguire added. “I do think they’re unheard of on the liberal side. I think that’s what’s so striking about this.” (“Documents Reveal Massive 'Dark-Money' Group Boosted Democrats In 2018,” [Politico](#), 11/19/19)

The Sixteen Thirty Fund Is Tied To Progressive Billionaires Such As Hansjorg Wyss, Michael Bloomberg, And George Soros

The Hub Project, A Subsidiary Entity Of The Sixteen Thirty Fund, Is A Project Funded By Swiss Billionaire Hansjorg Wyss

The Sixteen Thirty Fund Houses The Organization Known As The Hub Project With The New Venture Fund. “The Hub Project is not a stand-alone organization for tax purposes, but is housed within two Arabella-managed nonprofits, New Venture Fund and the Sixteen Thirty Fund, which pay Hub Project employees. Between 2007 and last year, the Wyss Foundation donated roughly \$56.5 million to New Venture Fund, according to tax returns and voluntary disclosures. Among New Venture Fund’s beneficiaries was an ambitious nonprofit group, Acronym. Acronym partly owns Courier Newsroom, a network of news media outlets that was criticized by a nonpartisan disinformation watchdog for slanting coverage to favor Democrats.” (“Top Bidder For Tribune Newspapers Is An Influential Liberal Donor,” [The New York Times](#), 4/31/21)

- **The Hub Project Controlled The Flow Of Money Into States For The Sixteen Thirty Fund’s Efforts To Attack Republicans On Their Healthcare Positions.** “Sixteen Thirty Fund played a role in the battle for the House of Representatives in 2018, a crucial contest for Democrats trying to seize back power after Trump’s rise. The election featured dozens of Democratic candidates who decried the influence of money in politics on the campaign trail. The nonprofit operated under four dozen different trade names in 2018, many of which have benign-sounding local titles like Arizonans United for Health Care and Floridians for a Fair Shake. POLITICO revealed in 2018 that a number of these linked groups were collectively spending millions of dollars to pressure Republican members of Congress on their stances on health care, taxes and the economy through TV ads and grass-roots organizing. A related organization called the Hub Project controlled the flow of money for this effort from Sixteen Thirty Fund into states and districts, according to reporting by The New York Times. This year, the group is “continuing to work on campaigns that Americans care about,” Hub Project spokesman Dan Crawford said, including campaigns focused on health care, taxes and the economy.” (“Documents Reveal Massive ‘Dark-Money’ Group Boosted Democrats In 2018,” [Politico](#), 11/19/19)
- **“The Hub Project’s Activities Include Organizing Paid Advertising Campaigns That Criticized Republican Congressional Candidates In 2018, As Well As A Series Of Marches In 2017 That Called On Then-President Donald J. Trump To Release His Tax Returns.”** “The Hub Project’s activities include organizing paid advertising campaigns that criticized Republican congressional candidates in 2018, as well as a series of marches in 2017 that called on then-President Donald J. Trump to release his tax returns. As The Hub Project’s website notes, it also developed a podcast last year, “Made to Fail,” hosted by the former Obama administration official and current CNN legal analyst Elliot Williams, that was critical of conservative policies.” (“Top Bidder For Tribune Newspapers Is An Influential Liberal Donor,” [The New York Times](#), 4/31/21)

The Hub Project “Was Started In 2015 By One Of Mr. Wyss’s Charitable Organizations, The Wyss Foundation, Partly To Shape Media Coverage To Help Democratic Causes.”

“Long before he emerged as a potential champion of journalism with his bid for Tribune Publishing, the Swiss billionaire Hansjörg Wyss quietly created a sophisticated political

operation to advance progressive policy initiatives and the Democrats who support them. The organization, called The Hub Project, was started in 2015 by one of Mr. Wyss's charitable organizations, the Wyss Foundation, partly to shape media coverage to help Democratic causes. It now has 60 employees, according to its website, including political organizers, researchers and communications specialists. Mr. Wyss and his charitable foundation are not mentioned on The Hub Project's website, and his role in its creation has not been previously reported. Information about his involvement came from interviews with five people with knowledge of The Hub Project, an internal memo from another liberal group that was obtained by The New York Times, and the appearance of The Hub Project's business plan in a tranche of data made public by WikiLeaks. According to U.S. officials, the data was stolen by Russian intelligence from the emails of John Podesta, who has been an adviser to Mr. Wyss and was a top aide to the former presidents Bill Clinton and Barack Obama." ("Top Bidder For Tribune Newspapers Is An Influential Liberal Donor," [The New York Times](#), 4/31/21)

"Separate Tax Returns Reveal That A Nonprofit Group Linked To The Wyss Foundation, The Berger Action Fund — Which Has Overlapping Board Members With The Wyss Foundation — Donated More Than \$10.8 Million In 2016 Or 2017 To The Sixteen Thirty Fund." "Separate tax returns reveal that a nonprofit group linked to the Wyss Foundation, the Berger Action Fund — which has overlapping board members with the Wyss Foundation — donated more than \$10.8 million in 2016 or 2017 to the Sixteen Thirty Fund. Sixteen Thirty Fund's beneficiaries included super PACs that promoted President Biden and attacked Mr. Trump, among them the scandal-plagued Lincoln Project and Unite the Country. Mr. Bainum donated \$2 million to Unite the Country last year. Officials from Arabella Advisors, The Hub Project, the Sixteen Thirty Fund and New Venture Fund did not respond to requests for comment. The Wyss Foundation, Berger Action Fund and The Hub Project did not respond to detailed questions about their finances." ("Top Bidder For Tribune Newspapers Is An Influential Liberal Donor," [The New York Times](#), 4/31/21)

Michael Bloomberg Contributed \$250,000 To Change Now, A Super PAX Linked To The Sixteen Thirty Fund In 2018

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The Sixteen Thirty Fund Has Ties To Liberal Megadonor George Soros Via The Democracy Alliance Organization

In 2018, The Democratic Donor Group Democracy Alliance, Which Counts George Soros As A Member, Recommended Investing Several Million Dollars Into The Sixteen Thirty Fund. "And the Democratic donor group Democracy Alliance, which has dozens of members including billionaire George Soros, recommended last spring that donors invest several million dollars into Sixteen Thirty Fund, according to documents obtained at the time by POLITICO." ("Documents Reveal Massive 'Dark-Money' Group Boosted Democrats In 2018," [Politico](#), 11/19/19)

- Swiss Billionaire Hansjorg Wyss Is Also A Member Of The Democracy Alliance.**
 “Mr. Wyss, who has pledged to donate half his money to charity, has given hundreds of millions to environmental and conservation causes. Through his foundations, he has gradually increased his donations to groups that promote abortion rights, minimum wage increases and other progressive causes. He became a member of the Democracy Alliance, a club of liberal donors, as well as the board of the Center for American Progress, a Washington think tank that got its start with support from Democracy Alliance donors. The think tank and its sister political group have received more than \$6.1 million from foundations linked to Mr. Wyss, according to tax filings. Mr. Podesta, the founder of the Center for American Progress, has also advised the Wyss Foundation and Mr. Wyss on his political and public policy endeavors, according to people with knowledge of the arrangement. The Hub Project’s executive director, Arkadi Gerney, is a former official at the Center for American Progress.” (“Top Bidder For Tribune Newspapers Is An Influential Liberal Donor,” [The New York Times](#), 4/31/21)

In June 2017, Democracy Alliance Is Known To Have Reviewed A Memo Calling For Donations For The Sixteen Thirty Funds’ Safety Net Defense Action Fund Project. (Sixteen Thirty Fund, “The Safety Net Defense Action Fund Project,” [Democracy Alliance](#), June 2017)



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THE SAFETY NET DEFENSE ACTION FUND PROJECT

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The Safety Net Defense Action Fund (SNDAP), a project through Arabella Advisors, is designed to protect the core anti-poverty programs that make up the U.S. social safety net by engaging impacted communities and a diverse range of constituencies, partner organizations, and influential stakeholders. With a two-year, \$2 million budget through the 501(c)(4) Sixteen Thirty Fund, we will conduct the direct and grassroots lobbying necessary to advance our goal. In partnership with our sister 501(c)(3) project through the New Venture Fund, we aim to preserve the fundamental entitlement structure of programs including Medicaid and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP or food stamps), defend access to affordable health care, and build opposition to massive budget cuts in core low-income programs.

(Sixteen Thirty Fund, “The Safety Net Defense Action Fund Project,” [Democracy Alliance](#), June 2017)

In 2016, The Sixteen Thirty Fund Paid The Democracy Alliance \$400,000 For Consulting Services. (Form 990, [Sixteen Thirty Fund](#), FY 2016)

Section B. Independent Contractors		
1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.		
(A)	(B)	(C)
Name and business address	Description of services	Compensation
ARABELLA ADVISORS 1201 CONNECTICUT AVENUE STE 300 WASHINGTON, DC 20036 BLOCK BY BLOCK INC	MANAGEMENT SERVICES	789,891
888 16TH STREET NW STE 650 WASHINGTON, DC 20006 PRECISION STRATEGIES	CONSULTING SERVICES	527,950
901 NEW YORK AVE NW 530 WASHINGTON, DC 20001 DEMOCRACY ALLIANCE	CONSULTING SERVICES	435,141
1575 EYE ST NW STE 425 WASHINGTON, DC 20005 SKDKNICKERBOCKER	CONSULTING SERVICES	400,000
1150 18TH ST STE 800 WASHINGTON, DC 20036	CONSULTING SERVICES	268,944

(Form 990, [Sixteen Thirty Fund](#), FY 2016)

The Sixteen Thirty Fund And Its Affiliated Entities Have Second-Degree Ties To Liberal Academic And Former Labor Secretary Robert Reich

Reich Is A Co-Founder And Board Member Of The Economic Policy Institute (EPI)

According To His 2019 CV, Reich Indicates That He Is A Member Of The Board Of Directors And Co-Founder Of The Non-Profit Economic Policy Institute (EPI). (Robert Reich, Curriculum Vitae, [UC Berkeley](#), Accessed 4/18/21)

Other current activities:

Chairman, Common Cause, Washington, D.C.

Advisory Board, General Accountability Office, Washington, D.C.

Contributing editor and co-founder, [The American Prospect](#) (monthly journal of public policy and public affairs).

Board of Directors and co-founder, Economic Policy Institute, Washington, D.C. (non-profit economic research institute).

(Robert Reich, Curriculum Vitae, [UC Berkeley](#), Accessed 4/18/21)

EPI Lists Reich As Currently Serving As A Board Member Emeritus. ([EPI](#), Accessed 4/18/21)

Board Emeritus

Barry Bluestone, Northeastern University

Alexis Herman, New Ventures, Inc.

Ray Marshall, University of Texas, LBJ School of Public Affairs

Robert B. Reich, University of California, Berkeley

([EPI](#), Accessed 4/18/21)

EPI Is Funded By The New Venture Fund – An Organization Affiliated With The Sixteen Thirty Fund And Co-Managed By Arabella Advisors

According To EPI’s Donor Acknowledgement List, EPI Received \$50,000 - \$99,999 From The New Venture Fund. (“EPI 2020 Donor Acknowledgment List,” [EPI](#), Accessed 4/18/21)

\$50,000–\$99,999

Anonymous

CREDO

New Venture Fund

The Nick and Leslie Hanauer Foundation

Rockefeller Family Fund

United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners

United Food and Commercial Workers International Union

The Why Not Initiative

(“EPI 2020 Donor Acknowledgment List,” [EPI](#), Accessed 4/18/21)

The New Venture Fund And The Sixteen Thirty Fund Are Among Four Affiliated Non-Profit Entities Run By Arabella Advisors – Which Coordinates Activities For Progressive Donors. “Arabella manages four nonprofit entities—three 501(c)(3) public charities and one 501(c)(4) social welfare organization—that serve as incubators and accelerators for a range of philanthropic initiatives. Each was founded to meet the increasingly diverse needs of donors and changemakers. While Arabella supports all four organizations with best-in-class systems and technology to rapidly conduct due diligence and disburse funds, each is managed by staff who cater to particular needs. The four entities are: -The New Venture Fund is one of the premier fiscal sponsors in the world, executing some of philanthropy’s most complex domestic and international projects and partnering with the majority of the nation’s leading foundations. -The Windward Fund seeks to raise public awareness about the importance of conservation, climate and environmental issues, sustainable food systems, and the protection of land, wildlife, and other natural resources. It provides a platform for donors committed to building a stronger conservation movement to learn from each other, forge relationships with peers and experts, and collaborate efficiently to make the most of their resources. -The Sixteen Thirty Fund is a 501(c)(4) social welfare organization that partners with a range of donors to lobby for public policy change, lead effective public education and issue advocacy campaigns, and, in some instances, undertake targeted and strategic political activities to achieve their social and environmental goals. -The Hopewell Fund helps donors, social entrepreneurs, and other changemakers quickly launch new initiatives. Hopewell offers a nimble, quick-to-market platform for incubating and testing innovative ideas.” (“Fiscal Sponsorship,” [Arabella Advisors](#), Accessed 4/18/21)

EPI’s President Chairs The Organization Americans For Tax Fairness, A Project Of The New Venture Fund, And Is Affiliated With Americans For Tax Fairness Action Fund – A Project Of The Sixteen Thirty Fund

Americans For Tax Fairness, An Organization Calling For Higher Taxes On The Wealthy And Corporations, Is A Project Of The New Venture Fund. “Americans for Tax Fairness (ATF) is a diverse campaign of more than 420 national, state and local endorsing organizations united in support of a fair tax system that works for all Americans. It has come together based on the belief that the country needs comprehensive, progressive tax reform that results in greater revenue to meet our growing needs. This requires big corporations and the wealthy to pay their fair share in taxes, not to live by their own set of rules. ATF is a project of the New Venture Fund – a section 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.” ([Americans For Tax Fairness](#), Accessed 4/18/21)

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([Americans For Tax Fairness](#), Accessed 4/18/21)

Americans For Tax Fairness Is Co-Chaired By EPI President Lawrence Mishel. ([Americans For Tax Fairness](#), Accessed 4/18/21)

Co-Chairs



Lawrence Mishel, President, Economic Policy Institute Lawrence Mishel is a nationally recognized economist and president of the Economic Policy Institute, the nation's premier research organization focused on U.S. living standards and labor markets. Mishel joined EPI in 1987 as research director and became president in 2002. Mishel has written extensively on wage and job quality trends in the United States. He co-authored all 12 editions of *The State of Working America*, a book that former U.S. Labor Secretary Robert Reich called "the most-trusted source for a comprehensive understanding of how working Americans and their families are faring in today's economy." He co-edited a research volume on emerging labor market institutions for the National Bureau of Economic Research. His 1988 research on manufacturing data led the U.S. Commerce Department to revise the way it measures U.S. manufacturing output. This new measure helped accurately document the long decline in U.S. manufacturing, a trend that is now widely understood. Prior to joining EPI, Mishel held a fellowship at the U.S. Department of Labor, served as a faculty member at Cornell University's School of Industrial and Labor Relations, and served as an economist for several unions, including the United Auto Workers, United Steelworkers, AFSCME, and the Industrial Union Department of the AFL-CIO. Mishel holds a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

([Americans For Tax Fairness](#), Accessed 4/18/21)

Americans For Tax Fairness’s Affiliated Organization, Americans For Tax Fairness Action Fund, Is A Project Of The Sixteen Thirty Fund. ([Americans For Tax Fairness](#), Accessed 4/18/21)

Americans for Tax Fairness Action Fund (ATFAF) is related to but should not be confused with Americans for Tax Fairness. ATFAF is a fiscally sponsored project of the Sixteen Thirty Fund, a section 501(c)(4) non-profit organization.

([Americans For Tax Fairness](#), Accessed 4/18/21)

MCLACHLAN HAS BEEN BACKED BY OTHER DARK MONEY GROUPS

In 2018, McLachlan’s Reelection Efforts Were Boosted By A Group Funded By The New-York Based Dark Money Group Education Reform Now. ‘Education Reform Now (ERN) Advocacy is a New York City-based 501(c)(4), according to its website. This nonprofit class includes social welfare organizations and civic leagues. It donated about \$2.4 million to four committees: Good Jobs Colorado, Our Colorado Values, Coloradans Creating Opportunities, and Raising Colorado. ERN Advocacy's website says that it focuses on education issues and that it is a nonpartisan, nonprofit advocacy organization; however, the majority of its contributions ended up in committees that support Democratic candidates. It gave \$975,000 to one nonpartisan committee, Raising Colorado, which is an education-advocacy independent expenditure committee. In the last three weeks, this committee spent about \$61,000 supporting Democratic House candidates Kyle Mullica, Matt Gray and Barbara McLachlan and opposing Republican House candidates like Beth Martinez Humenik and Romualdo Sanchez.’ (Colorado Independent, 10/19/18)

MCLACHLAN HAS EXCHANGED SUPPORT WITH PROMINENT PROGRESSIVE POLITICIANS

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“Supporters could also get their pictures taken with life-sized cutouts of Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden and his running mate, Kamala Harris, a U.S. senator from California. The bus was headed to Grand Junction after the 1½-hour stop in Durango, with a planned stop in Silverton. Democrats rally the vote at Buckley Park State Rep. Barbara McLachlan, said, "It's all part of our get-out-the-vote effort. We really support Biden-Harris, now more than ever." Chase Jonsen and Tara Manack, a couple visiting Durango from Portland, Oregon, stopped to pick up some T-shirts and stickers, and said they hoped to see new occupants in the White House after the Nov. 3 election. "We just stumbled upon this," Manack said, clutching her new Biden-Harris long-sleeve T-shirt.” (*The Durango Herald*, 10/22/20)

On Social Media, McLachlan Indicated Support For The Biden-Harris Campaign

In October 2020, McLachlan ‘Liked’ A Tweet Expressing Her Support For Kamala Harris. (McLachlan Profile, [Twitter](#), 10/19/20)



(McLachlan Profile, [Twitter](#), 10/19/20)

In 2020, McLachlan’s State Legislative Campaign Was Endorsed By Joe Biden And Kamala Harris

In October 2020, McLachlan Shared A Tweet Stating Joe Biden And Kamala Harris Have Endorsed Her Campaign. (McLachlan Profile, [Twitter](#), 10/13/20)



What an exciting email to receive



8:08 PM · Oct 13, 2020 · Twitter for iPhone

(McLachlan Profile, [Twitter](#), 10/13/20)

In 2019, McLachlan Indicated Support For Elizabeth Warren’s Campaign For President

In May 2019, McLachlan ‘Liked’ A Tweet Appearing To Show Her Early Support For Elizabeth Warren’s Campaign For President. (McLachlan Profile, [Twitter](#), 5/15/19)



(McLachlan Profile, [Twitter](#), 5/15/19)

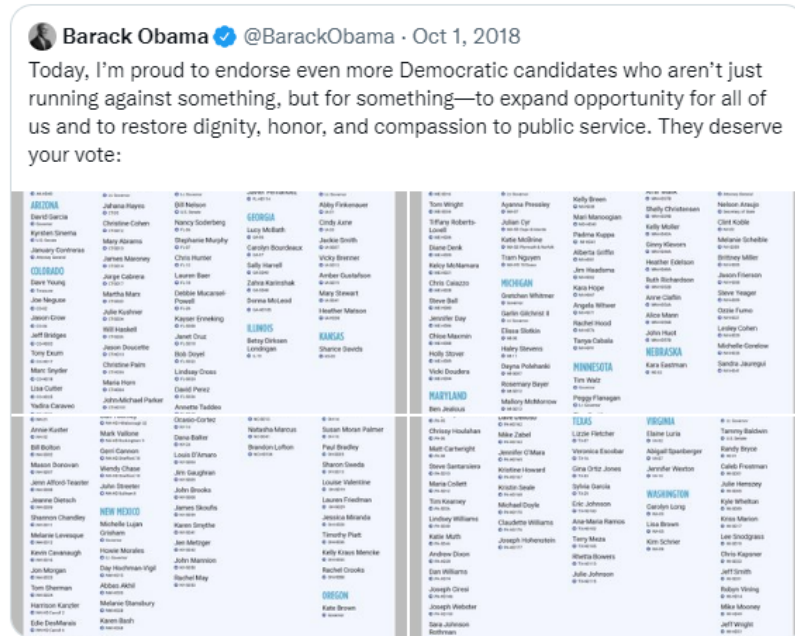
In 2018, McLachlan’s State Legislative Campaign Was Endorsed By Barack Obama

In October 2018, McLachlan ‘Retweeted’ A Tweet Recognizing Obama’s Endorsement Of Her Campaign. (McLachlan Profile, [Twitter](#), 10/1/18)

Barbara McLachlan Retweeted



Includes @Sully_720 @JasonCrowCO6 @Kyle_Mullica @BarbaraforCO #copolitics



3:23 PM · Oct 1, 2018 · Twitter Web Client

(McLachlan Profile, [Twitter](#), 10/1/18)

On Social Media, McLachlan Has Promoted Content Indicating Support For Members Of ‘The Squad’ (Ayanna Pressley, Ocasio-Cortez, Ilhan Omar)

In September 2020, McLachlan ‘Liked’ A Tweet Expressing Her Support For Ayanna Pressley. (McLachlan Profile, [Twitter](#), 9/2/20)



(McLachlan Profile, [Twitter](#), 9/2/20)

In October 2020, McLachlan ‘Liked’ A Tweet From AOC Expressing Support For Ilhan Omar. (McLachlan Profile, [Twitter](#), 10/27/20)



(McLachlan Profile, [Twitter](#), 10/27/20)

On Social Media, McLachlan Has Promoted Content Indicating Support For Hillary Clinton

In September 2020, McLachlan ‘Retweeted’ Hillary Clinton’s Tweet Thanking Ruth Bader Ginsburg For Paving “The Way For So Many Women, Including Me”. (McLachlan Profile, [Twitter](#), 9/18/20)



(McLachlan Profile, [Twitter](#), 9/18/20)

On Social Media, McLachlan Has Promoted Content Indicating Support For Jena Griswold

In September 2020, McLachlan ‘Retweeted’ A Tweet Expressing Her Support For Colorado Secretary Of State, Jena Griswold. (McLachlan Profile, [Twitter](#), 9/30/20)



(McLachlan Profile, [Twitter](#), 9/30/20)

ON SOCIAL MEDIA, MCLACHLAN HAS PROMOTED BLATANTLY PARTISAN CONTENT UNBECOMING OF A PUBLIC OFFICIAL

On Social Media, McLachlan Has Promoted Content Suggesting Vice President Mike Pence Should “SHUT THE F UP”***

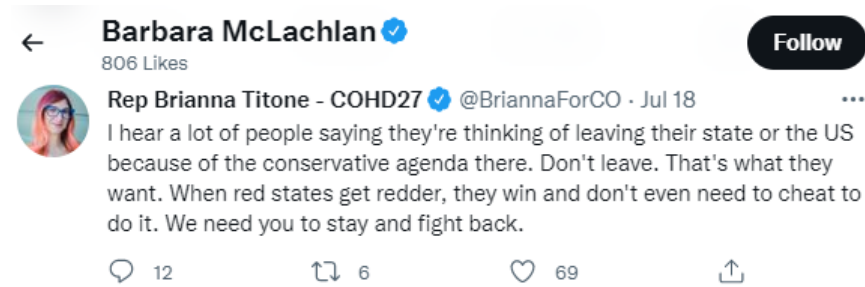
In October 2020, McLachlan ‘Liked’ A Tweet Calling On People To “Quit Saying, ‘Thank You, Vice President Mike Pence’” And Instead “Say, SHUT THE FUCK UP.” (McLachlan Profile, [Twitter](#), 10/7/20)



(McLachlan Profile, [Twitter](#), 10/7/20)

On Social Media, McLachlan Has Promoted Content That Republicans “Cheat” And Seek To “Rig Elections”

In July 2022, McLachlan ‘Liked’ A Tweet That Appears To Claim That Republican “Cheat” To Win Elections. (McLachlan Profile, [Twitter](#), 7/18/22)



(McLachlan Profile, [Twitter](#), 7/18/22)

In May 2022, McLachlan ‘Liked’ A Tweet Claiming Republicans Are “Constantly Trying To Rig Elections”. (McLachlan Profile, [Twitter](#), 5/18/22)



(McLachlan Profile, [Twitter](#), 5/18/22)

APPENDIX A: ISSUES OF NOTE (BY SUBJECT AREA)

Below is a non-comprehensive reference section pertaining to Barbara McLachlan's issues and policy positions of note. Any actionable material from this section has been incorporated into the prior narrative sections.

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC ISSUES

TABOR

Overall – Opposition

McLachlan Supports An Amendment To Eliminate TABOR Noting “I Support All Efforts To Take Away An Amendment To Our Constitution That Not One State Has Ever Copied Because It Is So Bad” And Further Claims “TABOR Is One Of The Worst Things To Happen To Colorado, Particularly Because The Issues Described In The Question.”

([Centennial State Prosperity](#), 2020)

5 The Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR) prohibits Colorado from raising taxes without voters' consent. TABOR also prohibits Colorado from establishing a rainy day fund to weather tough economic times. Colorado's spending on essential services like education and transportation has lagged behind the state's economic and population growth. Colorado ranks 47th in the nation in per pupil spending. The state also currently lacks funds to enforce labor and other laws in any meaningful way. Do you support or oppose efforts to revise or get rid of TABOR and why?

Support

Comment: TABOR is one of the worst things to happen to Colorado, particularly because the issues described in the question. Unfortunately, it is an amendment, which requires a vote; it is separated into about eight different parts, which all must be voted on; and when one is taken out, others are triggered. It's a mess. I support all efforts to take away an amendment to our constitution that not one state has ever copied because it is so bad.

([Centennial State Prosperity](#), 2020)

McLachlan Noted Her Support For Reforming TABOR By Decoupling State Taxes From Federal Taxes. ([Centennial State Prosperity](#), 2020)

Revenue/Taxes

4 The coronavirus pandemic has upended state budgets across the country, including Colorado's. Do you support or oppose efforts to decouple state taxes from federal taxes and change how Colorado taxes corporations to responsibly raise revenue and why?

Support

Comment: I support this, but know that my across-the-aisle friends who love TABOR will find a way to fight this, hard. If we can all work together on this, I believe we can make it happen.

([Centennial State Prosperity](#), 2020)

In 2017, McLachlan Voiced Criticism Of TABOR. “McLachlan also addressed the state's funding challenges: Colorado's revenues are lower now than in 2008, and problematic amendments to the Constitution including the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights and the Gallagher Amendment complicate budgeting. "School districts are strapped for cash, road and bridges are

dangerously unmaintained, and child care remains unaffordable and college tuition increases every year," she said. TABOR enacted the strictest limits on raising revenue and spending for any state in the nation, she said. While the Gallagher Amendment requires the state to lower the assessment rate – the property value of homes subject to taxation – whenever statewide total residential property values increase faster than business property values. This year, the Gallagher Amendment cut the La Plata County budget and hurt funding for local fire departments. Members of the crowd asked McLachlan about efforts to repeal TABOR, which would require approval from Colorado voters, and she was unaware of any citizen-led initiatives. Republican-led efforts to repeal TABOR in the Legislature have also failed she said.” (*The Durango Herald*, 10/7/17)

Proposition CC

In 2019, McLachlan Noted She Supported Proposition CC, Which Asked Voters To Allow The State To Keep All Tax Revenue It Collected After June 2019 That TABOR Would Otherwise Send Back As A Refund – Thus Eliminating TABOR Refunds In Perpetuity By 2021. “Statewide ballot question Proposition CC could send millions of dollars in additional funding to K-12 schools, higher education and transportation, but it is unknown how much money could reach La Plata County school districts, Fort Lewis College or regional highways. Proposition CC asks voters to allow the state to keep all the tax revenue it collects after June 2019 that the state's Taxpayer's Bill of Rights would otherwise send back to residents as refunds. TABOR limits the amount of revenue the state can collect to inflation plus population growth. When the state's collection of taxes exceeds the TABOR limit, the state returns the surplus to residents. Individuals can receive money back from the state or pay less in taxes. School districts, fire districts and other groups that collect taxes have taken the same step, often called de-Brucing, which refers to TABOR author Douglas Bruce. Proposition CC would not de-Bruce all special taxing districts in the state; rather, it would apply only to the state government. The state ballot question would eliminate TABOR refunds in perpetuity beginning in the 2021 tax season. If the measure passes, state projections show \$264 million collected in the 2019-20 fiscal year could be divided evenly among K-12, higher education and transportation. Residents would forgo an average of \$27 in tax refunds when paying taxes in 2021 if the measure passes, said Elliot Goldbaum, spokesman for the Colorado Fiscal Institute. Proposition CC could provide additional revenue to the state when times are good, but it would not provide enough funding to meet all the state's transportation or education needs, Goldbaum said. "It's a step in the right direction in terms of solving some of those issues; it's not going to be the magic bullet," he said. The money would likely have to be used for one-time investments, such as school computers and not ongoing costs such as salaries, because it will not be constant, he said. The Legislature would also have the power to change how the money is spent because Proposition CC is not a constitutional amendment, he said. State Rep. Barbara McLachlan, D-Durango, said she backs the measure because it provides additional funding to schools and transportation, which are both in "dire" need of support and it does not increase tax rates. "The money is there, let's spend it wisely on Colorado," McLachlan said. "I think it's good governance." State Sen. Don Coram, R-Montrose, said he opposes the measure because TABOR's revenue cap keeps the Legislature honest.” (*The Durango Herald*, 9/25/19)

Gallagher Amendment

Overall – Opposition

In 2020, McLachlan Pushed For Repeal Of The Gallagher Amendment, Which Kept Property Taxes In Check. “When the Gallagher Amendment was first adopted, local property taxes funded 60% of education, and the state general fund provided the remaining 40% of the funding for K-12 schools. However, with decreasing property tax revenue, roles have reversed, and the state has been required to fill a growing gap in funding for schools. The state now provides 60% of funding for schools, with local property taxes providing 40% of the funding for K-12 schools. With state spending cuts to education after COVID-19, increased property taxes could be help keep schools funded. But in rural areas like Southwest Colorado, homeowners have benefited tremendously from the tax relief, despite increasing development in places like Durango. Those homeowners now pay among the lowest effective property tax rates in the country, but it has steadily increased the tax burden on businesses that were hit hard by the lack of tourists visiting Colorado's national parks and ski resorts this spring. Desperate to prevent further damage to education funding, lawmakers in Colorado, including state Rep. Barbara McLachlan, D-Durango, and Sen. Jack Tate, R-Centennial, are pushing for repeal of the amendment. "Our property taxes will go so low, there will be no state funding to fall back on," McLachlan said. So McLachlan and other lawmakers voted to include a ballot measure in the November election that will ask voters if they want to repeal the Gallagher Amendment.” (*The Journal*, 7/21/20)

Taxes And Fees

Income And Corporate Taxes

“McLachlan Supports Amendment 73, A \$1.6 Billion Tax Hike To Provide Funding For Education That Would Hit Individuals Making More Than \$150,000 A Year With Gradually Increasing Income Tax Rates.” (*The Durango Herald*, 9/18/18)

- **“The Amendment Also Would Raise The State's Corporate Tax From 4.63 Percent To 6 Percent And It Would Lower Property Tax Rates For School Districts Across The State.”** (*The Durango Herald*, 9/18/18)

Sales Tax

In May 2017, McLachlan Was Among The Legislators Critical Of The Senate For Killing HB 1242 To Raise The State Sales Tax To Fund Infrastructure Improvements. “While the final days of the legislative session brought elected officials together in support of a measure to buoy rural Colorado, lawmakers from the southwest corner of the state had been working to do just that all session."We all kinda decided at the same moment we shouldn't be Republican versus Democrat, but urban versus rural," Rep. Barbara McLachlan, D-Durango, said of herself, Rep. Marc Catlin, R-Montrose, and Sen. Don Coram, R-Montrose. That isn't to say they saw eye to eye on everything, but when it came to bills that would directly benefit their districts, they closed ranks and defended each other from well-intentioned urban lawmakers who might not realize the realities of rural life. "That's one of the biggest surprises that I've had, is the division

between urban and rural is really wider than the division between Republican and Democrat a lot of times," Catlin said. The Republicans from Montrose listed bills on water rights among the achievements of which they were most proud. Senate Bill 36, which addresses what information can be presented during an appeal of a water rights ruling, was Coram's top achievement. For Catlin, it was SB 117, which recognizes hemp as a legitimate product for the purpose of determining water rights usage. McLachlan cited House Bill 1003, her signature bill of the session, which requires the departments of Education and Higher Education to conduct a study on the teacher shortage and craft a strategic plan to correct issues of decreased enrollment and teacher retention. The three lawmakers agreed that the biggest disappointment was the death of HB 1242, the big transportation funding measure, which would have raised hundreds of millions dollars annually for transportation infrastructure through a half-a-cent sales tax increase." (*The Journal*, 5/15/17)

In 2018, "McLachlan Supports Proposition 110 Because It Is Tied To A 0.62 Percent Sales Tax Increase And Wouldn't Divert Funds From The State's General Fund." "Two propositions, Proposition 109 and Proposition 110, are on the ballot to dedicate money to transportation projects. Proposition 109 would authorize the state to issue \$3.5 billion in bonds. Proposition 110 would authorize the state to issue \$6 billion in bonds. McLachlan supports Proposition 110 because it is tied to a 0.62 percent sales tax increase and wouldn't divert funds from the state's general fund. Proposition 109 has no funding source and would draw resources away from other pressing needs such as education, she said." (*The Durango Herald*, 9/18/18)

Hospital Provider Fee

In 2017, McLachlan Noted She Opposed Efforts To Cut The Hospital Provider Fee. 'Here in Colorado, the hospital provider fee has been a key pillar to keeping our hospitals open and ensuring the health and safety of our residents. Hospitals pay the hospital provider fee based on their occupied beds and outpatient charges. The fee attracts matching funds from the federal government – doubling in the process. The money goes right back to the hospitals, helping them cover the costs of uninsured patients and uncompensated care. The need for this extra federal money goes back, in part, to the 1980s, when an unfunded mandate was handed down to hospitals that required them to provide emergency care to everyone, even if they were uninsured. This policy has saved countless lives; it also placed an enormous burden on hospitals. In addition to this emergency care, hospitals and health care providers in our state annually provide many services that are uncompensated or undercompensated. Between these reimbursement issues and the mandate on emergency care, many rural hospitals simply can't make ends meet without the support from this fee. The hospital provider fee, despite being a lifeline for the health of Colorado and our Southwest communities, finds itself in the center of a budgetary policy debate. There are two propositions on the table to ease our current budgetary mess. The first is to cut the fee revenue in order to help balance the state budget, preventing hundreds of millions of dollars in TABOR refunds at the same time as we're having to cut funding from schools.'" (Barbara McLachlan, Op-Ed, *The Durango Herald*, 3/19/17)

- **McLachlan Voted To Enterprise The Hospital Provider Fee In 2017 Via SB 267 In Order To Avoid Having To Cut It Due To TABOR Limits.** "Rep. Barbara McLachlan, D-Durango, was also among those who voted for the measure. In addition to reclassifying

the hospital fee, SB 267 has a laundry list of other provisions, including lowering the TABOR revenue limit by \$200 million to offset the more than \$800 million in additional tax money the state can retain after removal of the fee, raising medicaid copays on medication and out-patient treatments, a tax break for small businesses and \$30 million for rural schools, which is funded by increasing the special sales tax on retail marijuana to the maximum of 15 percent. cThe burden on the retail pot industry is slightly lessened by exempting it from the normal sales tax of 2.9 percent The bill also approves issuing "certificates of participation" to the tune of \$2 billion for transportation and other construction projects, 25 percent of which must be used in rural areas of the state. The certificates have been likened to taking out second mortgages on state buildings, and were the subject of considerable consternation during the closing days of the 2017 legislative session.” (*The Durango Herald*, 5/30/17)

Stimulus

In 2021, McLachlan Noted Her Support For The \$800 Million Colorado Comeback Stimulus Program And Touted Its Multi-Million Dollar Programs To Promote Economic Equity. “However, one bill that is particularly important for my constituents to know about is the state budget, the so-called Long Bill, which is due to be signed by the governor very soon. This year's budget invests in equity to ensure that as we work to build back a stronger Colorado, we create an inclusive economy that leaves no one behind. The budget prioritizes equity by funding the Colorado Comeback Plan. It invests \$800 million into our historic state stimulus package, which is designed to help Colorado rebuild and recover in the wake of COVID-19. Communities of color, including the Native American tribes I proudly represent in Southwest Colorado, have been disproportionately impacted by the economic and health effects of the pandemic. And it's our job to ensure all of Colorado comes back stronger. Among many other proposals, our budget invests \$30 million into a loan fund to provide assistance to entrepreneurs who have traditionally lacked access to capital in order to help them start, restructure or scale up their business. It also puts \$100 million toward additional funding for higher education, with over half to be used for recruitment and retention of underrepresented and underserved minority students. Fort Lewis College and Western Colorado University are serving their minority student populations well. Legislating equity doesn't mean prioritizing one community over another, it means creating policies that help all of Colorado while taking into account the historical and systemic realities we live in. Despite the headline-grabbing incidents of discrimination on the House floor, we're busy working to make Colorado a better, more prosperous and more equal place for everyone to live.” (Barbara McLachlan, Op-Ed, *The Durango Herald*, 5/15/21)

Labor

Minimum Wage

In 2016, McLachlan Noted Her Support For Amendment 70, Which Increased The State Minimum Wage To \$12 An Hour By 2020. “The minimum wage will begin to rise, it will be tougher to amend the state constitution, and primary elections will change with the new year.

Along with state amendments and propositions approved by voters in November and signed into law this week by Gov. John Hickenlooper, there is a handful of other new laws that take effect

Jan. 1, 2017. Amendment 70, which raises the Colorado minimum wage incrementally over the next several years, will boost wages in January from \$8.31 to \$9.30. The amendment, approved by voters by more than a 10 percent margin, will increase the minimum wage by 90 cents annually on the first of each year until it reaches \$12 on Jan. 1, 2020. Barbara McLachlan, Democratic representative-elect for House District 59, said while the increases will be a hardship for small businesses initially, the change has the potential to improve the standard of living for individuals in rural Colorado who work for minimum wage. "Eventually, these people will be able to work two jobs instead of three jobs and be able to have more time and money to spend in the community," McLachlan said. This was not a sentiment echoed by her counterpart from across the aisle, Don Coram, Republican representative for District 58. He believes the minimum wage was intended to be a starting point and not an end goal. "I'm concerned about the young people that have never had employment that are starting out," Coram said. "That minimum wage has been where business could afford to hire them and train them, but if they are going to pay more money now, I fear that those young people won't get that start to get that first job." McLachlan countered that more and more individuals are being asked to live off of minimum wages. "I support it (Amendment 70) because we cannot expect everybody to live on this wage that was not designed to be a livable wage." (The Durango Herald, 12/30/16)

McLachlan Notes Her Potential Support For A Higher Minimum Wage For Restaurant Workers To Ensure They Achieved A Living Wage. ([Centennial State Prosperity](#), 2020)

On The Issues

Colorado Workers and Economy

1 This year, Colorado raised the state minimum wage to \$12/per hour. However, no more than \$3.02/per hour in tip income may be used to offset the minimum wage of tipped employees. Do you support or oppose action changing how tip income is treated for minimum wage purposes and why?

Support

Comment: I would be happy if, whatever plan is chosen, all restaurant workers are paid a fair wage, a livable wage. If that comes through tips, or tip sharing, a higher minimum wage, or something new and creative, I'll be satisfied. Oftentimes, when we only talk about tips in the restaurant industry, we forget about the hard work done in the kitchen.

([Centennial State Prosperity](#), 2020)

Unemployment Benefits

McLachlan Supported Expanding Unemployment Benefits For Gig Economy Workers. ([Centennial State Prosperity](#), 2020)

2 A 2018 NPR/Marist poll revealed 20 percent of all American workers are contract workers hired to work on a specific project or for a fixed period of time. Do you support or oppose action that would provide gig economy workers access in Colorado to unemployment benefits, workers compensation, etc., and why?

Support

Comment: Twenty percent is huge. And with that in mind, yes, we should make sure these valuable employees have access to benefits. That sector will continue to grow, and we should address their needs.

([Centennial State Prosperity](#), 2020)

Union Connections

“McLachlan Is Benefiting From The Usual Democratic Allies, Including Conservation Colorado, Which Represents The Environmental World, And The Colorado Education Association, The State's Union Of Teachers.” “McLachlan has had less help in the consulting department, though she did hire a campaign manager, P.J. Higgins, who worked on her husband's campaign. McLachlan is benefiting from the usual Democratic allies, including Conservation Colorado, which represents the environmental world, and the Colorado Education Association, the state's union of teachers.” (*The Durango Herald*, 8/11/16)

In 2020, The Progressive Voters Guide Noted That McLachlan Was Endorsed By Several Unions Including The AFSCME, AFT Colorado, AFL-CIO, Colorado Education Association, And The SEIU. ([2020 Progressive Voters Guide](#), Accessed 7/21/22)

Selected Endorsements

Endorsed By: AFSCME Council 18, AFT Colorado, Cobalt, Colorado AFL-CIO, Colorado Education Association (CEA), Colorado WINS, Conservation Colorado, One Colorado, Planned Parenthood Votes Colorado, SEIU Local 105

([2020 Progressive Voters Guide](#), Accessed 7/21/22)

- **In 2020, McLachlan Was Endorsed By The AFSCME Council 18 – Colorado.** (2020 Endorsement, [AFSCME](#), Accessed 7/21/22)

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HD 52 - Cathy Kipp

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HD 61 - Julie McCluskie

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(2020 Endorsement, [AFSCME](#), Accessed 7/21/22)

- **In 2020, The AFSCME Was Known To Oppose A 22-Week Abortion Ban And Measures To Raise Taxes, Including A Cigarette Tobacco And Nicotine Products Tax.** (2020 Endorsement, [AFSCME](#), Accessed 7/21/22)

Statewide Ballot Measures
Citizen Qualification of Electors (#76) – No
Local Voter Approval of Gaming Limits in Black Hawk, Central City, and Cripple Creek (#77) – Yes
Colorado National Popular Vote Interstate Compact Referendum (#113) – Yes
Colorado 22-Week Abortion Ban Initiative (#115) – No
Policy Changes Pertaining to State Income Taxes (#116) – Yes
Voter Approval Requirement for Creation of Certain Fee-Based Enterprises (#117) – No
Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program (#118) – Yes
Repeal Property Tax Assessment Rates (Amendment B) – Yes
Cigarette Tobacco and Nicotine Products Tax (Prop. EE) – Yes

(2020 Endorsement, [AFSCME](#), Accessed 7/21/22)

- **In 2020, McLachlan Was Endorsed By The Colorado AFL-CIO.** (2020 Endorsements, [AFL-CIO](#), Archived 11/13/20)

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

Emissions

Overall

McLachlan “Supports Federal Carbon-Pollution Standards, And A Proposed Executive Order By Gov. John Hickenlooper, A Democrat, Which Would Order Cuts In Carbon Pollution, Despite A Court-Ordered Stay That Has Derailed The Clean Power Plan.”

“Brown is skeptical that humans are responsible for the changing climate, while McLachlan stands with most of the world's scientists, who say humans are greatly adding to it. "If we keep saying it's not man-made, that we don't need to do anything about it, we're delaying the process," McLachlan said. "Pretty soon ... it'll be too late." She supports federal carbon-pollution standards, and a proposed executive order by Gov. John Hickenlooper, a Democrat, which would order cuts in carbon pollution, despite a court-ordered stay that has derailed the Clean Power Plan. To accomplish her goals, McLachlan says, "I would like to be known right away as somebody who can work across the aisle because that's the only way we're going to get things done.”” (*The Durango Herald*, 10/11/16)

In 2022, McLachlan Wished The Legislature Would Have Passed SB 138 Which “Would Have Targeted Reducing The State's Greenhouse Gases And Would Have Specifically

Helped The Agricultural Industry Adapt To Climate Change. “Though 2022 was a productive year for McLachlan, she identified one greenhouse gas bill she was not a sponsor on that she wished the Legislature would have passed. Senate Bill 22-138 would have targeted reducing the state's greenhouse gases and would have specifically helped the agricultural industry adapt to climate change, but amendments from lawmakers held up the legislation and it died with the end of the legislative session May 11. McLachlan said the 2022 session was particularly difficult as it neared the end with Colorado Republicans filibustering Democrats' agenda ahead of the deadline. However, she said she could not blame her Republican colleagues for taking the steps they did.” (*The Journal*, 5/20/22)

Embodied Carbon

In 2021, McLachlan Sponsored HB 1303 Which Aimed “Give The Office Of The State Architect A Task Of Prioritizing Material Purchases By Setting A 'Maximum Acceptable Global Warming Potential For Each Category Of Eligible Material.’” “The Colorado Capitol in Denver is pictured on June 11, 2020. (Andy Bosselman for Newswire) You've heard of climate change. Have you heard of embodied carbon? If not, you aren't alone. When it comes to green initiatives, we often turn to topics such as renewable energy or electric vehicles. Yet embodied carbon — the comprehensive carbon footprint of a material — contributes notably to greenhouse gas emissions. Embodied carbon is notoriously challenging to address for many reasons, but particularly as it spans everything from manufacturing, transportation, installation and the disposal of a material. Even the governor's Greenhouse Gas Pollution Reduction Roadmap[1] sidestepped it almost entirely, despite acknowledging its role. Enter Colorado's House Bill 21-1303[2], a scantily reported bill sponsored by Reps. Tracey Bennett and Barbara McLachlan, and Sen. Chris Hansen. HB-1303— which has already passed in the House and was introduced in the Senate this past Monday — seeks to leverage the state's immense purchasing power to help shape material markets toward those that favor lower carbon footprints. Specifically, it will give the Office of the State Architect[3] a task of prioritizing material purchases by setting a 'maximum acceptable global warming potential for each category of eligible material.' One of the prime sponsors, Bennett, uses cement as an example.” (Colorado Newswire, 5/27/21)

- **McLachlan: “The Legislation Has State Agencies Evaluate And Prioritize How Taxpayer Dollars Are Spent On Public Infrastructure Projects By Preferring Materials Manufactured With High Environmental Standards.”** “Last week's legislative marathon was one of my busiest yet. As we head toward the end of our session, bills are flying between committees and chambers, and it's all we can do to keep up. But I accomplished a few things. House Bill 21-1303 passed out of the House of Representatives and on to the Senate this week, after moving through the Energy and Environment, Capital Development and Appropriations Committees. The legislation has state agencies evaluate and prioritize how taxpayer dollars are spent on public infrastructure projects by preferring materials manufactured with high environmental standards. We can all participate in reducing industrial carbon emissions to help fulfill statewide greenhouse gas emissions reductions goals. Currently, 15% of greenhouse gasses come from the key components of buildings and roads, including cement, concrete, steel, asphalt, glass and wood. Manufacturing these materials can produce

massive volumes of greenhouse gasses. Many manufacturers already recognize their impact on the climate and are producing materials sensitive to the issue. This bill is good for the climate, good for our public health and really good for Colorado's economy, as many of those manufacturers are already working in the state. LaFarge-Holcim Cement, for example, employing 125 people in rural Florence, produces competitively priced and excellent performing "green" cement." (Barbara McLachlan, Op-Ed, *The Durango Herald*, 5/29/21)

Fossil Fuels

Regulations

In 2018, McLachlan Noted Her Support For Fracking And Her Opposition To Proposition 112 To Increase Oil And Gas Development Setbacks. "McLachlan, a retired Durango teacher, touts her working relationship with state Sen. Don Coram, R-Montrose, and state Rep. Marc Catlin, R-Montrose, in representing Southwest Colorado against proposals that would hurt the district – largely political issues popular on the Front Range. She noted the anti-fracking sentiment among many Front Range Democrats as an issue where she draws the line. "Fracking is hated on the Front Range, but in my district, it means jobs," she said. She has come out against Proposition 112, which would increase the setback for new oil and gas development to 2,500 feet from homes, occupied buildings and vulnerable areas such as playgrounds, sports fields, parks and amphitheaters. The current setbacks are 1,000 feet for high-occupancy buildings such as schools and hospitals, 500 feet for homes and 350 feet from outdoor areas such as playgrounds. "If it doesn't help my district, if it doesn't help rural Colorado, I don't vote for it" McLachlan said." (*The Durango Herald*, 9/18/18)

However, In 2019, McLachlan Defended Her Vote For SB 181 To Increase Local Government Involvement On Regulating Oil And Gas Developments. "I voted against Proposition 112 in the last election, a sweeping regulation on all oil and gas drilling in Colorado. It would have hurt the industry. But I did vote for Senate Bill 19-181. It has nothing to do with the setbacks of 112, and is not a sweeping statewide regulation. Instead, this bill gives local governments a voice in regulating the issues associated with a heavy industrial activity and ensures our state can focus on health and safety. I have listened to hours of testimony as the bill passed through six committees, two extensive floor debates and two final floor votes. I spoke to hundreds of Coloradans – Republicans, Democrats and Independents – about the bill language, amendments and consequences, and I read hundreds of emails about both sides of the issue. Ultimately, I felt comfortable moving forward to vote for this bill. It's important to know what the bill is not. SB 19-181 is not a moratorium. Local governments cannot stop drilling. Choosing a well placement will be site specific, and location decisions will be made according to safety and health concerns. A well cannot be set next to a school, for example, if a site farther away works just as well. This bill does not stop drilling for gas or oil in Colorado." (Barbara McDonald, Op-Ed, *The Durango Herald*, 4/6/19)

Mining

Regulations

McLachlan Sponsored Legislation Requiring Hard Rock Mining Companies To Demonstrate They Can Pay To Treat Polluted Water And Give A Timeline For Performing Treatment Before Receiving Permits. “Hardrock mining companies in Colorado may be required to demonstrate they can pay to treat polluted water and give a timeline for performing treatment before receiving permits, according to a bill approved by state lawmakers on Monday. If passed into law, a timeline for water treatment would provide a public glimpse of the environmental impacts of new hardrock mines, which can require decades of water treatment long after a mine has been shuttered. Currently, companies are not required to give an end date for treatment – they can, in theory, treat water for pollutants indefinitely. Western Slope residents, including La Plata County commissioners, public health officials, anglers and farmers, cheered the measure as a way ensure mine companies foot the bill for disasters like the Gold King Mine spill, which unleashed 3 million gallons of wastewater into the Animas River in 2015. Colorado will not have to pay for water treatment related to the Gold King spill, but ongoing water treatment costs from another Superfund site, the Summitville mine south of Del Norte, will fall to the state in 2023. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment will pay \$2.2 million a year for water treatment for Summitville. Mine company representatives cautiously supported the bill but were concerned the new requirements could affect financing for new mines. Lawmakers assured them the bill is not meant to deter hardrock mining, which remains a part of western Colorado's economy. The bill passed the House Rural Affairs committee on a 7-4 vote, and it now heads to the House floor. Rep. Barbara McLachlan, D-Durango, and Rep. Dylan Roberts, D-Avon, both committee members, carried the bill for the second year. Rep. Marc Catlin, R-Montrose, also a committee member, voted against it.” (*The Durango Herald*, 2/5/19)

Climate Change

In May 2016, McLachlan Criticized Her Republican Opponent’s Skepticism About Human-Caused Climate Change. ‘Brown defended the film, stating: "These scientists (in the film) are saying that carbon dioxide is a good thing, that it's actually fertilizing plants, and I think we just need to look at the science. This documentary says that, actually, we're short on carbon dioxide compared to other times in world history." While carbon dioxide is vital to life, most scientists point out that it's the increase of carbon dioxide concentration in the atmosphere that's the problem. Colorado environmental groups had harsh words for Brown, calling his comments "baffling." "It's an incredibly out-of-touch statement from a legislator whose district continues to have major challenges with air pollution," said Jessica Goad, spokeswoman for Conservation Colorado. "Politicians like Rep. Brown, who flat-out deny that climate change is occurring, risk their own credibility, especially in the eyes of voters." The issue could play out during Brown's re-election bid this year against retired Durango teacher Barbara McLachlan, who responded: "When did science become a belief system?"” (*The Durango Herald*, 5/4/16)

Environmentalist Connections

Tom Steyer

In 2018, Tom Steyer’s Next Gen America Helped McLachlan Raise Money; Steyer Also Contributed \$400 To McLachlan’s Campaign. “NextGen America is collaborating with the League of Conservation Voters a prominent environmental advocacy organization to raise money for three state representatives seeking re election (Jeff Bridges, Tony Exum and Barbara McLachlan) and two state Senate candidates (Faith Winter and Tammy Story). The groups have marked Exum's seat in Colorado Springs and the two Denver area state Senate seats being sought by Winter and Story as national "priority" races. Steyer donated \$400 to each, the maximum under state law, and he hopes to bundle much more from donors across the nation through the "Give Green" campaign. He credited a similar effort in 2016 with raising more than \$70,000 for Colorado legislative candidates, but it's not a direct big dollar investment. The collaboration also is raising money for Joe Neguse, a Boulder Democrat running for Congress in a contested party primary.” (*The Denver Post*, 5/28/18)

Other Environmentalists

In 2018, McLachlan Received \$1,000 From The Colorado Conservation Action Fund. “The candidates for Colorado House District 59 and Senate District 6 filed another round of financial disclosures Monday. Democrat and incumbent Barbara McLachlan reported that from May 17 to May 30 she raised \$2,150, all of which was from private donors with the exception of \$1,000 from Colorado Conservation Action Fund and \$100 from Colorado Physical Therapy PAC. In that same time frame, McLachlan spent \$20 on a processing fee. McLachlan has spent around \$8,100 on her campaign since the beginning of the year. She has \$27,271 on hand.” (*The Durango Herald*, 6/8/18)

“McLachlan Is Benefiting From The Usual Democratic Allies, Including Conservation Colorado, Which Represents The Environmental World, And The Colorado Education Association, The State's Union Of Teachers.” “McLachlan has had less help in the consulting department, though she did hire a campaign manager, P.J. Higgins, who worked on her husband's campaign. McLachlan is benefiting from the usual Democratic allies, including Conservation Colorado, which represents the environmental world, and the Colorado Education Association, the state's union of teachers.” (*The Durango Herald*, 8/11/16)

HEALTHCARE

Public Option

McLachlan Supports Efforts To Create A Public Option For Health Insurance In Colorado. ([Centennial State Prosperity](#), 2020)

Quality and Affordable Healthcare

6 This year, lawmakers introduced legislation to create a public health insurance option for our state. Do you support or oppose creating a public option in Colorado and why?

Support

Comment: I do. This option offered competition to insurance providers, and since we have only one provider on the Western Slope, this is good news. It also lets people who like their private insurance to keep it. Rep. Roberts, the bill's sponsor, said he is polishing the bill for this upcoming session to address current concerns.

([Centennial State Prosperity](#), 2020)

In May 2021, McLachlan Touted Her Support For Colorado’s Quasi-Public Option Program Known As The Colorado Option. “Just this week, the House passed a bill to create a new health insurance option for Coloradans, known as the Colorado Option, which will help us afford quality health care by lowering insurance premiums by 18%. The standardized plan must address historical health inequities and will also lower out-of-pocket costs for consumers. We on the Western Slope have some of the highest health-care premiums in the country. There is substantial evidence that people of color and people living in poverty in Colorado often suffer worse health outcomes because they don't have access to an affordable insurance option. The Colorado Option improves health equity by increasing access to affordable insurance products for these underserved communities so no one has to go without the care they need. The sponsors, Rep. Dylan Roberts, D-Eagle County, and Rep. Iman Jodeh, D-Aurora, took great care to ensure this bill is good for everyone, from rural families to communities up and down the Front Range, and Coloradans of all ages, races and backgrounds. I am proud to support it.” (Barbara McLachlan, Op-Ed, *The Durango Herald*, 5/15/21)

Vaccinations

In June 2020, McLachlan Criticized Opposition To Legislation To Track Whether Children In The State Are Vaccinated Or Not Vaccinated – A Measure Created To Boost Vaccination Rates. “The Colorado House of Representatives passed a bill this week that will allow the Department of Public Health and Environment to track whether children in the state are vaccinated or not vaccinated, and if the parents chose not to vaccinate their children for a medical or nonmedical reason. The bill does not mandate vaccinations, but it was created to boost Colorado's low immunization rates. A spokeswoman for Gov. Jared Polis said the governor supports the new version of the vaccination bill, which failed to pass in the Legislature last year. “The governor believes it honors the rights of parents while supporting the administration's efforts to boost immunization rates,” the spokeswoman said. The bill passed in the House on Tuesday and passed in the Senate in February before the COVID-19 pandemic interrupted the legislative session. Colorado Sen. Don Coram, R-Montrose, said in a phone interview he did not support the bill because it is “a little overreaching.” He said he believes it is up to parents to vaccinate their children, not the state. “If you do not vaccinate, and your child comes up with something, is it the responsibility of the state or the taxpayer to bail you out of your decision?” Coram asked. That question was hotly contested in the Legislature, with people in the gallery yelling to lawmakers in the House on Tuesday: “We will vote you out!” Colorado Sun reporter Jennifer Brown tweeted. “Both sides are dug in so hard, no one is going to compromise on this,”

Coram said. #vaccine bill passes. Shout from the gallery: We will vote you out!" — Jennifer Brown✳️ (@JenBrownColo) June 9, 2020 But Colorado Rep. Barbara McLachlan, D-Durango, said those in opposition of the bill are "not reading it correctly." The bill does not require vaccinations, but it asks parents to indicate whether their child is vaccinated and whether the reason is medical or nonmedical, such as a religious exemption. Currently, parents just hand in a piece of paper to the school administration, explaining they do not want their children vaccinated, McLachlan said. "The death rate for measles is higher than it is for COVID," McLachlan said. If there is a breakout of measles, the bill makes it easier for the school district to identify children who are not vaccinated and contact their parents to say those children should not go into school, McLachlan said. "It's about the kids, but (opponents of the bill) are making it bigger than that," McLachlan said." (*The Durango Herald*, 6/10/20)

EDUCATION

Curriculum

Common Core

McLachlan’s Husband State Rep. Mike McLachlan Is Known To Have Supported Common Core As A Step Forward. ‘While he praised some aspects of Common Core, he said the bad outweighed the good. “It’s a top-down program mandated by federal government, and maybe even by the United Nations,” he said. “I think between Colorado and local districts, we can come up with better standards. That’s what I suggest.” McLachlan disputed the idea that the United Nations is trying to usurp local school boards. “Whenever I heard my opponent say something it part of a UN conspiracy or an imposition by the federal government, it breaks my heart. I’ve been to the United Nations, and (Durango School District) 9-R is not on their map.” McLachlan said, in general, Common Core represented a step forward. “I don’t believe the federal government is behind Common Core. But it’s the result of an entire academic discussion that took place over a long period of time. It’s better than what we had before” and more likely to “produce intelligent students,” he said.” (*The Durango Herald*, 10/14/14)

Transparency

In March 2022, McLachlan Was Among The Democrats On The House Education Committee To Kill A Curriculum Transparency Bill Pushed By Republicans. “Colorado Democrats voted down a bill that would have required school districts to make all learning materials readily available to parents and made it easier for parents to raise objections about topics they deemed controversial. Members of the House Education Committee said Thursday that they believe most teachers and school districts already make such information available to parents and disagreements can be handled at the local level without new laws. “For 20 years I had parents come in and ask me what we were reading and I would show them, give them a book, let them take it home and read it,” said state Rep. Barbara McLachlan, a Durango Democrat and retired English teacher. “Most teachers welcome it. There aren’t enough parents who go in and talk to a teacher.” McLachlan apologized to parents who told lawmakers their concerns had been brushed off and urged them to keep working in their local communities. “I think transparency is valuable, and I think parent involvement is valuable,” McLachlan said.

“Parents who are concerned need to go to their district and not the state.” The Republican-backed bill was similar to legislation being run in more than a dozen states. National conservative activists identified curriculum transparency policies as a way to challenge how schools teach topics like race, gender, and American history. Supporters of the Colorado bill said it would also give parents more tools to help with homework and open conversations with educators.”

([Chalkbeat](#), 3/4/22)

History/ Civics

McLachlan’s Husband State Rep. Mike McLachlan “Lambasted Recent Attempts By The Jefferson County School Board To Launder Of Stains The American History It Teaches Students, Saying Curriculum Must Be Based On Reality.” “Meanwhile, McLachlan said the state needed to address curriculum. He lambasted recent attempts by the Jefferson County School Board to launder of stains the American history it teaches students, saying curriculum must be based on reality. He said, “They want to do away with the history of the United States and show that we lived in a placid environment,” but in reality, American democracy has always consisted of debate and dissent. Brown said, “I believe the state is way too heavy-handed in terms of them telling school boards what they need to do with curriculum. Ignacio is different than Durango,” he said, recalling that his son Levi’s third-grade teacher realized Levi loved horses.” (*The Durango Herald*, 10/14/14)

In April 2021, McLachlan Noted Her Sponsorship Of Legislation To Strengthen Civics Education Via SB 67. “If you watch enough national news, it's easy to think that Democrats and Republicans rarely speak, always argue, refuse to compromise and have nothing in common. Fortunately, in Colorado at least, that is not always true. I am sponsoring a bill with bipartisan support to strengthen civics instruction in our public schools. Though civics is already a required course, the Legislature has never really addressed whether students are learning about the intricacies of civil government, then practicing what they have learned. For the last several years, Sen. Don Coram, a Republican, has been working with Sen. Lois Court, a Democrat, to address this issue. We've seen bills filter through the system, but nothing has stuck. Court left office for medical reasons, so her replacement, Sen. Chris Hansen, a Democrat, joined Coram to put civics in the limelight again. I signed on to sponsor the bill from the House of Representatives along with Rep. Terri Carver, a Republican. Senate Bill 21-067, now amended to be the "Senator Lois Court Civics Act of 2021," is soon headed to the governor's office to become law.” (Barbara McLachlan, Op-Ed, *The Durango Herald*, 4/17/21)

- **McLachlan: “The Bill Also Recommends Teaching The History And Civil Government Of The United States And Colorado, Including The History, Culture And Social Contributions Of Minorities, Such As Native Americans, Latinos, African-Americans, Asian-Americans And The LGBTQ Individuals Within These Minority Groups, As Well As The Contributions And Persecution Of Religious Minorities.”** “This legislation will have schools focus on the instruction and discussion of the fundamentals of American democracy at the federal, state and local levels and will include classroom activities in which students model democratic processes. We also encourage service learning and experiential project-based learning for students through participating in the civic life of their communities. The bill also recommends teaching the

history and civil government of the United States and Colorado, including the history, culture and social contributions of minorities, such as Native Americans, Latinos, African-Americans, Asian-Americans and the LGBTQ individuals within these minority groups, as well as the contributions and persecution of religious minorities. This is a teachable moment in our country. Encouraging the next generation to participate in government by watching, critiquing and participating will help them see what goes into civil discourse, making law and addressing the challenges and issues of society.” (Barbara McLachlan, Op-Ed, *The Durango Herald*, 4/17/21)

Media Literacy

In 2021, McLachlan Sponsored Legislation To Promote Media Literacy In Schools To Help Students Allegedly Distinguish Between Misinformation And Disinformation. “The internet has expanded kids' access to information. Now, two state lawmakers want to help them identify misinformation and disinformation. From Facebook and Twitter to blogs and apps, the information landscape is vast, and State Rep. Barbara McLachlan says facts can vary widely. "Whenever somebody starts off a sentence with 'I read somewhere that this happened,' you think, 'Wait a minute.' I think we all need to be a little distrustful about where people are getting their information," McLachlan said. A school teacher-turned-state lawmaker, McLachlan says kids who consume news almost exclusively online are especially vulnerable. A study by Stanford University found 82 percent of middle school students can't tell the difference between an online ad and a news story. McLachlan and State Rep. Lisa Cutter are carrying a bill to improve media literacy among kids. "We don't want to teach kids what to think," says Cutter. "We're not taking a stand that one side is right and another is wrong, or one outlet is good and one outlet is bad. We just want to give them the tools so they can figure it out and understand what makes a credible source, and then they can form their own opinions about that information." The bill creates an online bank of media literacy resources in the Colorado Department of Education to help teachers incorporate media literacy in everyday curriculum.” (CNN, 2/9/21)

Testing

As A Teacher In 2010, McLachlan Criticized Colorado State Officials' Emphasis On Standardized Testing. “But I also receive things that aren't so wonderful. My fellow English teachers retire early because the grading load is just too much. The state tells us that it really doesn't matter what we do in our classrooms, as long as our students do well on standardized tests. The letter writers say it's about time teachers start teaching, though they have never been into my school to see that we are indeed teaching. I hear about how we teachers have it so easy, working 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. with summers off. I've worked my summer hours already, I'm afraid. And if I haven't fulfilled quite all the hours I need, I'll be taking classes, going to conferences, reading new literature so I can recommend perfect books to my students, reading journals, spending time with my husband and sleeping past 4:30 a.m.” (Barbara McLachlan, Op-Ed, *The Durango Herald*, 6/6/10)

Kindergarten

In 2019, McLachlan Introduced Legislation To Fund Full-Day Kindergarten. “Rep. Barbara McLachlan and Rep. Jim Wilson, R-Salida introduced a bipartisan bill to fund full-day

kindergarten for Colorado's youngest learners. The budget from the Joint Budget Committee proposes funding full-day kindergarten in a responsible, sustainable manner. "I am excited to introduce this bipartisan bill that will help our state's youngest learners, especially in our rural communities," said Rep. McLachlan, chair of the House Education committee. "As a former teacher I understand the benefits of full-day kindergarten and the importance of investing in our children's future. I couldn't be prouder to sponsor this legislation because of the profound benefits it will reap for the hardworking families of our state for many years to come." "This is great news for kids and parents across Colorado. Full-day kindergarten will help invest in young learners and break down barriers," said Majority Leader Alec Garnett. "Our kids and our state can't wait. Let's get this done and start investing in our most precious resource - the next generation of Coloradans." Many young students lack access to full-day kindergarten but the research shows they will benefit from this learning experience." (Colorado House Democrats, 3/22/19)

SOCIAL ISSUES

Abortion And Reproductive Issues

Overall

In September 2021, McLachlan Was Among The Legislators To Sign On To An Amicus Brief In Support Of Abortion Rights In The Dobbs Case Before The U.S. Supreme Court. "Today, thirty-nine Colorado legislators signed on to an amicus brief in support of legal abortion in *Dobbs v. Women's Health Organization*, the Supreme Court case likely to decide the future of reproductive freedom in the United States. The brief, signed by 897 state legislators, represents the strongest showing ever recorded of state legislators supporting legal abortion nationwide. The lawsuit challenges a Mississippi law that banned abortion services after 15 weeks of pregnancy well before the 24-week precedent established by *Roe v. Wade*. The Texas and Mississippi laws are just two of nearly 600 anti-abortion bills introduced in 2021, the most state legislative attacks on abortion rights since the *Roe* decision. "I'm proud to join nearly 900 lawmakers in states across the country who are taking action at the Supreme Court to stop state abortion bans," said Majority Leader Daneya Esgar (D-Pueblo). "Attacks on health care, like the new laws in Texas and Mississippi and those that have been proposed here in Colorado by Republicans are dangerous and deprive people of their constitutional rights. For years I've fought for reproductive rights as a state lawmaker, and we will ensure that Colorado remains a safe place for patients around the country to access an abortion." This year Colorado Democrats continued to defend the right to reproductive care by defeating legislation that would criminalize abortion and create a state abortion registry. Additionally, legislators expanded access to legal abortion care by lifting restrictions facing survivors of sexual violence who are Medicaid patients." (Colorado Senate Democrats, 9/21/21)

- **NOTE:** *McLachlan was listed among the signatories of the letter.*

In May 2022, McLachlan Participated In A Rally In Support Of Abortion Rights. "More than 100 people gathered at Buckley Park on Saturday afternoon for a rally and a women's march in support of abortion rights. The march was organized by 11th grader Leo Stritikus, 17, and several of his classmates. Protesters rallied in Buckley Park before they marched down Main

Avenue and then on East Second Avenue past the courthouse. Many carried signs with phrases such as "Mind your own uterus," "Public cervix announcement: Hands off" and "Women's rights are human rights." Stritikus, his classmates and several other speakers, including Rep. Barbara McLachlan, advocated for women's control over their own bodies and for solidarity with transgender women and the LGBTQ community. "Even though I don't have a uterus, abortion rights affect everyone," Stritikus said. "It's so crucial that (in) our country, the land of the free, that people have the freedom to control their own bodies." The rally and march were in response to a draft U.S. Supreme Court opinion that was leaked to the public in early May. The opinion rejected the notion that abortion was constitutionally protected and suggested that states should choose for themselves whether to protect abortion or to criminalize or limit it through law." (*The Durango Herald*, 5/14/22)

Sex Education

In 2019, McLachlan Was Among The Supporters Of HB 1032, Which Pushed Comprehensive Sex Education, Which Included Discussion Of Alternative Genders And Sexualities And Methods To Protect Against Pregnancy And STDs. "The bill, known as House Bill 1032, builds on existing law that bans abstinence-only sex education from schools and requires so-called comprehensive sex-ed programs to discuss alternative genders, sexualities and various methods to protect against pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. HB 1032 would, among other things, give schools money to run comprehensive sex-education programs, with particular preference given to rural school districts. But on Friday, many rural legislators were adamant the bill would violate local control of schools, promote abortion and undermine parents, many of whom wrote thousands of emails opposing the bill and had traveled hours to testify against it. In a last emotional appeal to lawmakers, bill sponsor Rep. Susan Lontine, D-Denver, compared fighting against comprehensive sex education, which doesn't favor one sexual or gender identity over another, to racial segregation. "This is really what this is – we are trying to segregate the kids who are different," said Lontine. The bill, she added, would ensure that didn't happen. Her comments ended a daylong effort by Republicans to kill HB 1032 in a sprawling debate that painted the bill as unconstitutional and claimed it violated the First Amendment, had not received adequate public testimony and had been assigned to the wrong committee. Some lawmakers yelled in frustration, while others cried as they pleaded for the rights of parents to raise children without interference. Rep. Marc Catlin, R-Montrose, voted against the bill. But Rep. Barbara McLachlan, D-Durango, sat on the House floor with a petition signed by hundreds of Durango High School students who support comprehensive sex education in school. The bill was carried on its second reading by a mostly silent Democratic majority. The bill must go before the full House again before heading to the Senate." (*The Durango Herald*, 2/15/19)

- **“HB 1032 Would Add Lessons About Consent Before Sex And Prohibitions Against Sexual Education Programs That Stigmatize Or Shame Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Or Transgender Individuals.”** (*The Durango Herald*, 2/15/19)
- **“The Bill Would Also Ensure That Schools Could Not Work Around Current Law And Bring In Nonprofits To Teach Abstinence-Only Sex Education.”** (*The Durango Herald*, 2/15/19)

- **“The Bill Would Also Allocate \$1 Million To Fund Comprehensive Sex Education Programs – Enough For 18 Grants Of \$50,000 To Schools That Want To Fund The Program.”** “The bill would also allocate \$1 million to fund comprehensive sex education programs – enough for 18 grants of \$50,000 to schools that want to fund the program. Participating in sex education or offering the program remains optional under HB 1032.” *(The Durango Herald, 2/15/19)*

Abortion Groups

In 2018, McLachlan Was Endorsed By The Pro-Choice Democratic Group EMILY’s List.

“EMILYs List is proud to endorse these 14 women leaders who have the backbones and experience to fight for Colorado’s women and working families. Throughout their careers theyve used their voices to advocate for affordable health care, better access to quality education for every child, and stronger protections for women and families. Now voters have a chance to both flip the state Senate and ensure Colorado has the first majority-women and truly representative state legislature in the country. EMILYs List is honored to stand behind these incredible pro-choice Democratic women. EMILYs List endorsed the following slate of candidates:

Representative Janet Buckner (HD-40) Yadira Caraveo (HD-31) Rebecca Cranston (SD-15) Lisa Cutter (HD-25) Representative Jessie Danielson (SD-20) Senator Kerry Donovan (SD-05) Representative Daneya Esgar (HD-46) Representative Dafna Michaelson Jenet (HD-30) Representative Tracy Kraft-Tharp (HD-29) Representative Barbara McLachlan (HD-59).” *(EMILY’s List, 7/26/18)*

- **NOTE:** *McLachlan also was endorsed by Emily’s List in March 2020.*

In 2020, The Progressive Voters Guide Noted That McLachlan Was Endorsed By Planned Parenthood. [\(2020 Progressive Voters Guide, Accessed 7/21/22\)](#)

▼ Selected Endorsements

Endorsed By: AFSCME Council 18, AFT Colorado, Cobalt, Colorado AFL-CIO, Colorado Education Association (CEA), Colorado WINS, Conservation Colorado, One Colorado, Planned Parenthood Votes Colorado, SEIU Local 105

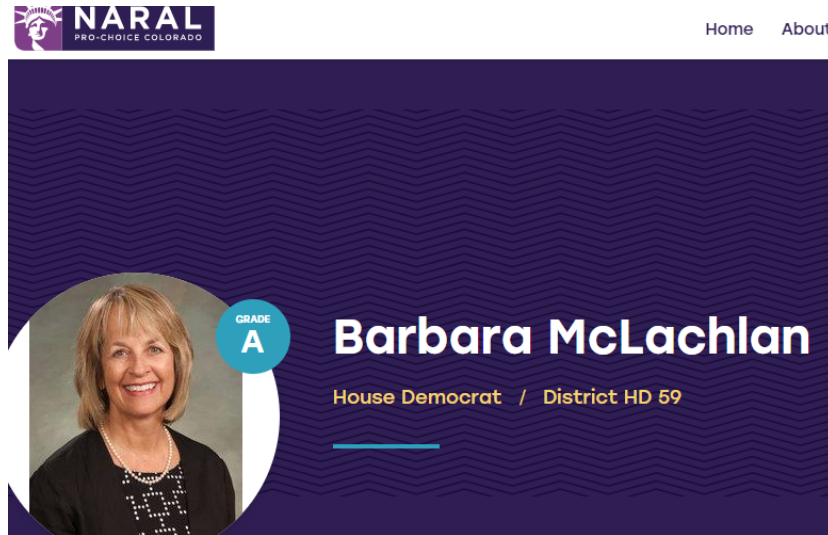
[\(2020 Progressive Voters Guide, Accessed 7/21/22\)](#)

- **In 2019, McLachlan Participated In The 2019 Women’s March Co-Sponsored By Planned Parenthood.** “Indivisible Durango, Planned Parenthood and the Unitarian Universalist Church will sponsor the annual Women's March on Jan. 19. The theme is "Women's Wave: Building Power." People should gather at 10:30 a.m. at the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad depot, 479 Main Ave. The march to Buckley Park, 1200 Main Ave., will begin at 11 a.m. A rally at the park will be held from 11:30 a.m. to noon. Speakers at the rally will include: Katie Young, Planned Parenthood community organizer; Ret. Navy Capt. Gail Harris; April Yazza, Ms. Hozhoni 2018-19; state Rep. Barbara McLachlan, D-Durango; and Katie Kandarian-Morris, minister at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Durango. The emcee will be Allie Wolfe, activist, comedian and Fort Lewis College student. The event is free and open to the public, including men.

Marchers are encouraged to take their own sign with messages related to the theme.” (*The Durango Herald*, 1/11/19)

- **NOTE:** *McLachlan is known to have also participated in the 2020 Durango Women’s March also co-sponsored by Planned Parenthood.*

McLachlan Has Received An “A” Rating From NARAL Pro-Choice Colorado. ([NARAL](#), Accessed 7/21/22)



([NARAL](#), Accessed 7/21/22)

Criminal Justice Reform

Death Penalty

In March 2020, McLachlan Noted Her Vote In Favor Of Death Penalty Repeal. “We have had heinous crimes in Colorado, where the convicted men should be put to death for what they did to others: Ted Bundy. The Aurora Theater. The STEM school shooting. The Watts family. Nathan Dunlap (the third person on death row) at Chuck E. Cheese.Repeal: Dunlap's lawyer, who has represented other death row inmates, said the typical inmate grew up with extreme trauma in childhood, is a black or brown man, lives in poverty or is mentally ill.Do not repeal: It is a moral question, a matter of justice.Repeal: It is a moral question, a matter of justice. There is no more important debate. I voted in favor of repeal. How would you vote?” (Barbara McLachlan, Op-Ed, *The Durango Herald*, 3/6/20)

COVID

Business Protections

In 2020, McLachlan Would Not Commit To Supporting Immunity For Businesses For Civil Lawsuits Related To COVID. ([Centennial State Prosperity](#), 2020)

Keep Communities Safe during the COVID-19 Pandemic

8 At the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, some states and localities rushed to grant businesses immunity from civil lawsuits related to the coronavirus. Do you think businesses should be shielded from lawsuits related to COVID-19?

Support

Comment: I wish there was a "depends" button. I don't know the issues surrounding the lawsuits, and am unable to answer with a clear yes or no. I understand the reasoning behind the immunity because everything in our economy was happening so fast, but I am sure there are unintended consequences for a sweeping immunity for all.

([Centennial State Prosperity](#), 2020)

Euthanasia/ Assisted Suicide

Overall

“Barbara McLachlan, A Democrat, Set To Run For District 59, Said She Would Support Right-To-Die Legislation, And Believes People Should Have Choice When They Reach That Time In Their Lives. "I Truly Believe In It," She Said.” “Different forms of right-to-die legislation have passed in several states, and are under consideration in many others. In Colorado, a bill was introduced in 2015 and did not pass out of committee. However, new legislation is expected to be reintroduced again this year. Betsy Norton, a member of End of Life Choices, estimated about 80 percent of Coloradoans are in favor of the bill. "The issue is becoming something that people are focusing on more," Norton said. "We just haven't got that through to our legislators." Barbara McLachlan, a Democrat, set to run for District 59, said she would support right-to-die legislation, and believes people should have choice when they reach that time in their lives. "I truly believe in it," she said. "There are a lot of people who are asking to die. They are in such great pain. They're alive but not living." Juanita Ainsley, also an End of Life Choices member, said in Oregon, where right-to-die is legal, about 1,300 people were granted the medication last year, but only an estimated 800 patients actually used it.” (*The Durango Herald*, 11/3/15)

Tom Byrne (Friend)

In February 2015, McLachlan Noted Her Support For Allowing Former Durango English Teacher Tom Byrne To Choose How He Wanted To Die Despite The Colorado House Voting Down A Death With Dignity Bill. “For the last 21/2 years, with a death sentence hanging over him, Tom Byrne has attempted to squeeze every inch, every minute, every breath out of the life he’s been given. But when it nears the end, which looms in the not-so-distant future, he wants the freedom to choose how his life closes out. The law, however, makes that final moment difficult for him to control. And that bothers him. “I don’t want to be bed-ridden,” Byrne said in an interview at his Durango home. “I don’t want to be at the mercy of paid caregivers who come in to take care of me because I can’t care for myself. The idea of giving that (independence) up is appalling to me. But that’s what I have to look forward to.” There seems to be no chance it will help him, but Byrne is championing legislation that would allow doctors to prescribe life-ending medication to the terminally ill who are fully capable of understanding their decision and able to carry it out on their own. He and others were

disappointed when, earlier this month, a Colorado House committee voted down the “death with dignity” bill, almost certainly ending its chances this session. Byrne taught English at Durango High School from 1992 to 2010. You might also know him as a rafting guide or a musician. Or as that sometimes cynical curmudgeon with a gold heart who worked diligently to teach hundreds of local youths the importance of reading and writing, both for its intrinsic and real-world values. “He shouldn’t have to die being pitied,” said Barbara McLachlan, who taught English and journalism at DHS over nearly the same years as Byrne. “He should be able to die on his own terms.” (*The Durango Herald*, 2/22/15)

In May 2015, McLachlan Was Among The Friends Of Tom Byrne To Assist Him And Manage His Pain Medications After He Decided To End His Life By Voluntarily Stopping Eating And Drinking. “For humans, lethal injection – euthanasia – remains illegal in Colorado and most states. So, he decided on a method now commonly referred to as VSED, or voluntarily stopping eating and drinking. After that, he said, “my demeanor improved significantly.” “It’s a painful choice, yeah,” the 58-year-old said during a visit to his home April 22, just a few days after he’d begun his fast. “It’s not something most people are going to think of as a means of putting themselves out of misery.” This method, however, gave him some control. It basically allowed him to say goodbye on his own terms, instead of waiting for an end that could take months. “I really do believe he did it the right way,” says Terry Double, a fellow musician and good friend of Byrne’s. “He knew it was going to be a miserable, long, slow death. His life was over. He had lived it to the fullest. And he had made up his mind.” Several of his close friends, including neighbor Anita Blanchard and former DHS teaching cohort Barbara McLachlan, spent many hours keeping vigil and keeping his pain medications flowing the last several days of his life. If he were a pet, we would have euthanized him out of compassion, they agreed.” (*The Durango Herald*, 5/10/15)

Homelessness

In December 2018, McLachlan Contended That Homeless People Should Not Be Punished For Sleeping Outside. “State Rep. Barbara McLachlan said in an email that people experiencing homelessness should not be punished for sleeping outside when they have nowhere else to go. “Durango should be a welcoming and inclusive place. For many hardworking Coloradans, one accident or high medical bill could lead to their lives falling apart,” McLachlan wrote. “We have to work together to continue to build a community that creates more opportunity for all. Our state as a whole must work collaboratively to generate long-term solutions to homelessness.” Mayor Pro-Tem Melissa Youssef said the report highlights the importance of working together to address a complicated issue like homelessness. There’s been a lot of good dialogue about wanting to help the community of people without homes, but that needs to be taken a step further to find real solutions to homelessness, she said.” (*The Durango Herald*, 12/16/18)

Race

Native Americans

In 2021, McLachlan Sponsored Legislation To Ban Schools From Using Native American Mascots And Impose A \$25,000 Monthly Fine For Continued Use Of Such Mascots After

June 2022. “Those same types of conversations are now taking place at the amateur level across Colorado school districts after lawmakers proposed a bill to ban use of American Indian mascots by public schools, charter schools and universities. Senate Bill 21-116 states the use of such imagery as mascots creates an unsafe learning environment for Native American students, impacting those students' mental health and promoting bullying. If passed, SB 21-116 would require all schools with Native American mascots, including some Montrose schools, to change the mascots, otherwise a monthly \$25,000 fine would be imposed for schools that continued to display them after June 1, 2022. Fines would be payable to the state education fund. Locally, the Montrose High School Indians and the Centennial Middle School Braves would likely be affected by such legislation. MCSD Public Information Officer Matt Jenkins said MHS's student government met with CJ Bradford, the director of the Ute Indian Museum in Montrose.

"Montrose County School District (MCSD) and Montrose High School (MHS) have always maintained a very collaborative and respectful relationship with our local Native American leaders. In January and February 2021, student leaders from Montrose High School's student government met with CJ Bradford, a (Lakota Sioux tribe member) and director of our local Ute Indian Museum in Montrose. Ms. Bradford advised students to continue working with the Ute-Mountain Ute, Northern Ute, and Southern Ute tribes." Jenkins added how MHS hopes to foster stronger relationships with the tribes and honor their heritage and teachings through use of the high school mascot. Student council is currently reaching out to the tribes to seek their perspectives. Historically, members of the Ute tribes settled across western Colorado with a prominent presence around Montrose. Senator Jessie Danielson, and Reps. Adrienne Benavidez and Barbara McLachlan are sponsoring the bill.” (*Montrose Daily Press*, 2/27/21)

- **McLachlan’s Legislation Passed The Legislature In June 2021.** “State House lawmakers on Thursday passed a bill that would prohibit K-12 schools and colleges from using Native American mascots – and fine them for violations. The bill is close to becoming law. Sen. Jessie Danielson, D-Wheat Ridge, sponsored Senate Bill 116 with Democratic Reps. Adrienne Benavidez of Denver and Barbara McLachlan of Durango. It would ban any "name, symbol or image that depicts or refers to an American Indian tribe, individual, custom or tradition that is used as a mascot, nickname, logo, letterhead or team name for the school." Public K-12 schools would have until Oct. 1 of this year to comply with the bill's requirements, while institutions of higher education would have until June 1, 2022, to change their mascots. After those respective deadlines, a school could be fined \$25,000 for each month it continues to violate the ban. The money would go to the State Education Fund. "I ask you for my ancestors, for my Indigenous brothers and sisters, to support this bill," Rep. Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez, a Denver Democrat who identifies as Chicana, urged colleagues on the House floor.” (*The Durango Herald*, 6/4/21)

Second Amendment

Overall

McLachlan’s Husband State Rep. Mike McLachlan Voted For Major Gun Control Legislation In 2013; McLachlan And Her Husband Also Donated To La Plata County Sheriff Democratic Candidate Sean Smith, Who Vowed To Enforce The Gun Control Law

– **A Position Opposed By Incumbent Sheriff Duke Schirard.** “Smith cites his years of experience as La Plata County sheriff’s deputy and two years he spent as a law-enforcement coordinator with the U.S. Department of Justice in Oklahoma, overseeing a 40-county region, as proof that he is a capable, confident manager. In the past, Schirard has declared his intention to not enforce Colorado’s new gun laws, which include requiring background checks for all gun sales and limiting the capacity of ammunition magazines to no more than 15 rounds, because, in his opinion, they violate the Constitution. Schirard has accused Smith of being soft on the Second Amendment, saying state Rep. Mike McLachlan, who voted for 2013’s gun control legislation, and his wife, Barbara McLachlan, are among Smith’s most generous campaign donors. Smith says he is a firm supporter of the Second Amendment and concealed-carry permits. He has said he, too, thinks large parts of the gun-control legislation will be difficult to enforce. But he has attacked Schirard’s stance on the gun-control laws, saying it is the sheriff’s job to enforce all laws. If elected, Smith said he wouldn’t consider himself the final arbiter of a law’s constitutionality. He said it is legislators’ job to pass legislation, and the Constitution provides a remedy for people who object to laws legislators pass: judicial review.” (*The Durango Herald*, 10/4/14)

- **NOTE:** *Smith ultimately defeated Schirard in November 2014.*

“McLachlan Said She Supports The Background Checks, But That She Splits With Her Husband On Limiting High-Capacity Ammunition Magazines.” “Brown hit Barbara McLachlan on gun control, reminding her that her husband supported a package of gun-control laws in 2013 that required universal background checks and limited high-capacity ammunition magazines to 15 rounds. McLachlan said she supports the background checks, but that she splits with her husband on limiting high-capacity ammunition magazines. "My gut instinct tells me that it's an unenforceable law, and so I'm not necessarily in favor of it," McLachlan said.” (*Durango Herald*, 9/10/16)

- **“This Year, She Has Come Out In Opposition To The Magazine Ban, Explaining That It Is Difficult To Enforce. But The Background-Check Law She Believes Is Keeping Criminals From Getting Their Hands On Firearms.”** “Gun control is perhaps the most glaring example. Mike McLachlan supported a package of Democratic-sponsored bills in 2013 that enacted universal background checks and limited ammunition magazines to 15 rounds. Political observers widely agree that the latter part of the package, the ammunition ban, may have cost Mike McLachlan the 2014 election. Barbara McLachlan doesn't doubt it, adding, "The whole family got heartburn from that." This year, she has come out in opposition to the magazine ban, explaining that it is difficult to enforce. But the background-check law she believes is keeping criminals from getting their hands on firearms.” (*The Durango Herald*, 10/11/16)

“McLachlan Called Herself A "Believer In Second Amendment Rights," But Criticized The Gun Community, Including The NRA, For Its Failure To Respond To Recent School Shootings.” “State Rep. Barbara McLachlan also spoke to constituents at the annual Legislative Lowdown sponsored by the League of Women Voters. McLachlan called herself a "believer in Second Amendment rights," but criticized the gun community, including the NRA, for its failure to respond to recent school shootings. "I think ... they should be rising to the occasion," she said.

"Students should be able to go to school without the fear of being shot. How do we address the people who are making them (responsible gun owners) look bad?" McLachlan advocated for better-informed students, faculty and staff at schools, who are trained to recognize the signs of suicidal tendencies and other emotional conflicts in students. "I want to look at this from a school point of view," she said. "How do we help these kids? Suspending them is not the answer. We leave everything up to the counselors at school, and they have a million other jobs.'" (*The Journal*, 3/24/18)

In 2019, McLachlan Voted For HB 1177 To Implement Colorado's Red Flag Gun Bill.

"Colorado's controversial "red flag" gun bill, which would give law enforcement the right to seize firearms from gun owners who they believe pose a threat, passed the House on Monday against the objections of gun-rights activists. It now heads to the Senate. House Bill 1177 has been supported by some Front Range sheriffs and was crafted by a lawmaker whose son died in a mass shooting. The bill would allow family or law enforcement to flag someone as a threat and seek a court order to have that person's firearms seized. If approved, a hearing would determine whether to extend the weapons seizure for as many as 364 days. The bill was approved on a vote of 38-25. Rep. Marc Catlin, R-Montrose, voted against it; Rep. Barbara McLachlan, D-Durango, approved it." (*The Durango Herald*, 3/4/19)

Arming Teachers

In 2017, McLachlan Noted Her Opposition To Arming Teachers. "Rep. Barbara McLachlan, D-Durango, as a former teacher for Durango School District 9-R, had some thoughts on the issue. "It's a scary thing to have teachers with guns in school," McLachlan said. "I'm sure there's a lot of reasons they will argue why they should, but I don't believe that one." McLachlan said issues with arming teachers could include firearms being misplaced or being taken by students in the higher grade levels. "You kind of think about schools as little kids with a big teacher, in the high school it's little teachers with big kids," she said "I could easily be overcome by students wanting my gun." The Republican lawmakers said the health exchange repeal bill is aimed at reducing state costs." (*The Durango Herald*, 1/11/17)

POLITICAL

Ideology

Working People's Platform

In 2020, McLachlan Was Listed As Among The Candidates To Sign On To The Working People's Platform. ([Working People's Platform](#), Archived 10/15/20)

Endorsements

These candidates and elected officials have signed on to the Working People's Platform and pledged to amplify the voices of working families, stand up for our right to join a union, and work to create more equitable opportunities for all.

The following people have endorsed the [Working People's Platform](#)

Click [here](#) for a list of all candidates and elected officials who have endorsed the Working People's Platform.

[John Hickenlooper](#), US Senate Candidate
[Diana DeGette](#), US Representative, 1st District
[Joe Neguse](#), US Representative, 2nd District
[Diane Mitsch Bush](#), Candidate for US Representative, 3rd District
[Jason Crow](#), US Representative, 6th District
[Ed Perlmutter](#), US Representative, 7th District

Colorado Elected Officials[^]

Colorado State Senators[^]

Colorado State Representatives[^]

([Working People's Platform](#), Archived 10/15/20)

- [HD 53 Jeni Arndt](#)
- [HD 56 Giugi Carminati](#)
- [HD 59 Barbara McLachlan](#)
- [HD 61 Julie McCluskie*](#)
- [HD 63 Gen Schneider](#)

Denver Elected Officials[^]

Organizational Endorsements[^]

*Endorsed the [Working People's Platform](#) in 2018 election cycle.

([Working People's Platform](#), Archived 10/15/20)

The Working People's Platform Calls For Protections Of Unions And Organizing Rights.

“America’s economy and democracy are out of balance, with too much power in the hands of corporations, billionaires, and self-serving politicians who have rigged the system against working families. Even in the midst of a pandemic, companies – including hospitals and nursing homes – have tried to silence employees from speaking out about life-threatening working conditions. The rights of working people are fundamental to a healthy society. The opportunity to join a union — no matter where we work — is the best way to raise wages, ensure safe working conditions, create family-sustaining jobs, and begin to fix the rigged economy. When we have good union jobs, our economy and democracy are stronger and our communities thrive. We demand policies that allow all working people the freedom to form a union without employer interference. We will stand with and fight for all working people when they organize a union or other form of worker organization, including healthcare and airport workers and public employees.” ([Working People's Platform](#), Accessed 7/21/22)

The Working People's Platform Calls For Higher Minimum Wages. “Economic security is a basic human right. Big corporations use their power to hold down wages and benefits. Instead, corporations should honor workers as people and serve the public interest. We believe in a worker-led economy that values work and lifts people up. Working families are the engines of the economy and will drive the recovery. We’ll fight for higher minimum wages and for other policies to raise wages.” ([Working People's Platform](#), Accessed 7/21/22)

The Working People’s Platform Calls For Protecting The Affordable Care Act. “Now more than ever we know that we are all at risk when any of us lack access to affordable healthcare and paid sick leave to be able to prevent illness, and care for ourselves and our families when we do get sick. We’ll fight to protect the Affordable Care Act, make quality healthcare more affordable and accessible, and pass paid sick and family leave.” ([Working People’s Platform](#), Accessed 7/21/22)

The Working People’s Platform Calls For Higher Taxes On The Wealthy And Corporations. “To build an economy that works for everyone, we need to increase public investments in education and other vital services and infrastructure. But right now, Wall Street and big corporations are swelling their profits by rigging the tax system. We’ll fight for policies that require the wealthy and corporations to pay their fair share in taxes.” ([Working People’s Platform](#), Accessed 7/21/22)

The Working People’s Platform Calls For “Opposing Anti-Immigrant Policies That Separate Families.” “We value, uplift and protect the humanity and human dignity of every person, no exceptions. But for too long, we’ve let a powerful few divide us to keep wages down and pad their own profits. We need to unite across our differences to end racism and build strong, thriving communities where we take care of each other and everyone contributes to their full potential. We’ll fight for policies that address longstanding economic barriers faced by people of color. We’ll support hardworking immigrants who are contributing to our economy, and oppose anti-immigrant policies that separate families.” ([Working People’s Platform](#), Accessed 7/21/22)

Dark Money Connections

Sixteen Thirty Fund

In 2018, McLachlan’s Re-Election Efforts Were Boosted By The Group Our Colorado Values, Which Received A \$500,000 Cash Infusion From The Liberal Dark Money Group Known As The Sixteen Thirty Fund. “Of the 10 largest donors to 527 and IE committees in Colorado, The Sixteen Thirty Fund[2] is the largest nonprofit donor at \$3.9 million. It’s a 501(c)(4) social welfare organization that helps its clients create 501(c)(4) organizations. In fact, the fund helps ‘donors to direct capital toward social welfare projects that include advocacy, lobbying, and some political and electoral activities,’ according to its website. Eric Kessler, a former staffer for the Clinton administration, is president of the fund, according to the fund’s 2016 990 tax filing. Kessler was also a national field director for the League of Conservation Voters, the third-largest donor to Colorado 527s and IECs at \$4.1 million dollars. The Sixteen Thirty Fund is reportedly one of the biggest dark money players in the 2018 national elections, according to Politico[3]. The Sixteen Thirty Fund does not list any donor information, according to its website, FEC filings, IRS filings, Open Secrets and ProPublica – the primary websites that might include that information. The Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit did not respond to interview requests by phone or email. The Sixteen Thirty Fund, donated to three committees: \$500,000 to Our Colorado Values, \$920,000 to Good Jobs Colorado and \$2.5 million to Coloradans for Fairness, according to the secretary of state database. Our Colorado Values, an IEC, supports Democratic candidates for the legislature. The IEC spent over half of its money, about \$916,000, mailing information to voters. Since Sept. 27 alone, it spent about \$689,000 on

digital, TV, radio and mail outreach supporting Democratic House candidates, including Kyle Mullica and Barbara McLachlan, and opposing Republican House candidates, including Susan Kochevar and Toren Mushovic.” (Colorado Independent, 10/19/18)

Education Reform Now

In 2018, McLachlan’s Reelection Efforts Were Boosted By A Group Funded By The New-York Based Dark Money Group Education Reform Now. ‘Education Reform Now (ERN) Advocacy is a New York City-based 501(c)(4), according to its website. This nonprofit class includes social welfare organizations and civic leagues. It donated about \$2.4 million to four committees: Good Jobs Colorado, Our Colorado Values, Coloradans Creating Opportunities, and Raising Colorado. ERN Advocacy's website says that it focuses on education issues and that it is a nonpartisan, nonprofit advocacy organization; however, the majority of its contributions ended up in committees that support Democratic candidates. It gave \$975,000 to one nonpartisan committee, Raising Colorado, which is an education-advocacy independent expenditure committee. In the last three weeks, this committee spent about \$61,000 supporting Democratic House candidates Kyle Mullica, Matt Gray and Barbara McLachlan and opposing Republican House candidates like Beth Martinez Humenik and Romualdo Sanchez.’ (Colorado Independent, 10/19/18)

Electoral Reforms

Overall

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Voting Access and Constitutional Reform

9 Do you think Colorado should take additional action to protect low-income and voters of color access to vote?

Support

Comment: Colorado wants people to vote, and I believe any action we can take to encourage that from all sectors of our population should be done.

([Centennial State Prosperity](#), 2020)

National Popular Vote

In 2019, McLachlan Defended Her Vote Against Joining The National Popular Vote Interstate Compact. “It feels like we should discuss the issue more. If Colorado votes to join this group, we will join 11 other states and the District of Columbia in the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact, which will take place once it has 270 electoral votes, the number needed to win the presidency. The Senate passed it 19-16, the House passed it 34-29, and the Governor said he will sign it. Colorado, with nine electoral votes, will raise the total to 181. So, unless several other states join in, this compact won't take effect until, perhaps, 2024. I would like to see much more discussion before then. Many opponents said this is a Democratic Party issue, and I can see their point. In the last election, Democrat Hillary Clinton won three million more votes

nationally than Republican President Trump. In 2000, Democrat Al Gore won the popular vote, but lost to Republican George W. Bush. But, they join winning candidates Democrat-Republican John Quincy Adams in 1824, Republican Rutherford B. Hayes in 1876 and Republican Benjamin Harrison in 1888. Others say that until the United States has uniform registration and voting rules, we will all be subject to voter fraud. Colorado, as many pointed out during debate, has an excellent record of clean elections, but they feared other states would taint our positive results. I'd like to list the unintended consequences but, then, they wouldn't be unintended any more. The premise of SB19-042 is interesting, but I want more discussion, more debate and more data.”
(Barbara McLachlan, Op-Ed, *The Durango Herald*, 3/2/19)

Notable Democratic Associations

Biden-Harris

In 2020, McLachlan Spoke At A Biden-Harris GOTV Rally And Noted “It's All Part Of Our Get-Out-The-Vote Effort. We Really Support Biden-Harris, Now More Than Ever.”

“Supporters could also get their pictures taken with life-sized cutouts of Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden and his running mate, Kamala Harris, a U.S. senator from California. The bus was headed to Grand Junction after the 1½-hour stop in Durango, with a planned stop in Silverton. Democrats rally the vote at Buckley Park State Rep. Barbara McLachlan, said, "It's all part of our get-out-the-vote effort. We really support Biden-Harris, now more than ever." Chase Jonsen and Tara Manack, a couple visiting Durango from Portland, Oregon, stopped to pick up some T-shirts and stickers, and said they hoped to see new occupants in the White House after the Nov. 3 election. "We just stumbled upon this," Manack said, clutching her new Biden-Harris long-sleeve T-shirt.” (*The Durango Herald*, 10/22/20)

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Career Notes

In May 2014, McLachlan Retired As An English Teacher At Durango High School After Two Decades. “After two decades with Durango School District 9-R, Barbara McLachlan has retired. She can leave knowing she has made a difference not only in the lives of her students, but also in her community. She taught English, and no doubt well. She is best known, however, for her role as faculty advisor to El Diablo, the Durango High School student newspaper. It is in that capacity as a journalism teacher that she had the greatest impact and did the most good. What she understood is that, as she said in El Diablo, "It's not my paper. ... It's the students' paper." And with that, she both empowered her students and held them to a higher standard than that to which many of them may have been accustomed. It showed - in El Diablo and in her students. The newspaper is a quality effort, both in its journalism and its production. The students consistently aim higher than their grade level and typically succeed. That can be seen in the "Students on Point" column published most months in the Herald. Also, El Diablo news editor Logan Graham was recently named top high-school columnist by Colorado Press Women. Over the years, McLachlan's students have learned and demonstrated how community journalism can both serve and create a community. There is more in that than high school usually offers - much more.” (Editorial, *The Durango Herald*, 5/31/14)