

## Other Republicans

### Bill Skewes

Chief of staff to the new one-seat Republican majority in the state House. It's up to him to keep the Republican train running smoothly and its voice viable as a counterweight to a Democratic state Senate and Gov. Hickenlooper. Former lobbyist and staffer to former Republican Gov. Bill Owens.

### Josh Penry

Former state Senate minority leader and briefly a gubernatorial candidate, he remains revered by many of the party faithful. Former college football quarterback now in his mid-thirties, he represents a youthful voice and face for a party whose leaders have grayed recently.

### Amy Stephens

State House majority leader will be tasked with overseeing floor debate and being chief partisan for Republicans in the chamber. Former staffer for Focus on the Family, she's shifted her emphasis at the Capitol from social issues to economic ones.

### Tom Tancredo

Former Republican congressman and American Constitution Party candidate for governor in 2010. The anti-illegal-immigration firebrand has a passionate and loyal following that allowed him to draw nearly 40 percent of the vote as a third-party candidate last November.

### Bill Owens

Only Republican governor in Colorado since early 1970s. Generally regarded as a pragmatic conservative who was, in his heyday, the best politician in the state. Smart candidates seek his counsel and, more importantly, listen to it.

### Steve Schuck

Colorado Springs developer who is the state's leading advocate for school choice. One-time candidate for governor who lost a Republican primary, but all current and future can-

didates want access to his Rolodex and will travel to his office to hear his tutorial on school vouchers in order to get it.

### Jim Daly

President and chief executive officer of Focus on the Family, the Colorado Springs-based ministry whose radio programs, website and messages are valued by social conservatives throughout Colorado—and the nation.

### Dr. James Dobson

The founder of Focus on the Family is not nearly as politically active as he once was, but still wields strong influence among evangelical Christians.

### Bill Armstrong

Former two-term U.S. senator and current president of Colorado Christian University, his political acumen is still sought out by candidates from across the state. A known straight shooter, he's sunk and righted many a candidate's fortunes over lunch.

### Bruce Benson

Former candidate for governor, Benson is now president of the University of Colorado system. A successful geologist by trade, his former six-figure contributions have faded with his entry into the academy, but his connections to moneyed donors are unmatched among Colorado Republicans.

### Dick Wadhams

As chairman of the Colorado Republican Party, Wadhams has taken a beating from party faithful who have seen their candidates lose races they were expected to win over the last decade. Wadhams was once seen as the next Karl Rove, guiding Sen. John Thune's (R-South Dakota) initial victory over then-Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle. His political star faded a bit with the "macaca" moment of his candidate, George Allen, in Virginia.

### Chuck Berry

Former speaker of the state House now runs the Colorado Association of Commerce and Industry. As the state's chamber of commerce, his group can make or break candidates.

### Bill Lindsay

An expert on healthcare, having formed an employee benefits group in the '80s. Chaired a statewide commission on healthcare reform and came to the same conclusion former Gov. Mitt Romney did in Massachusetts, that an individual mandate was needed to avoid a government-run program.

### Kelly Maher

Runs center-right video blog, WhoSaidYouSaid.com. Oversees numerous videographers who track Democratic candidates and elected officials throughout the state, trying to reveal their "honest" positions on issues.

### Mary Smith

Former head of the Denver Republican Party and co-founder of WhoSaidYouSaid.com. More of a fiscal conservative/small-government Republican than a social conservative.

### Jon Caldara

Runs libertarian think tank, the Independence Institute. The state's best Republican message-maker hands it down, hosting his own talk-radio program and television show. Often rubs establishment Republicans the wrong way as they chafe at his honest assessment of the political scene. Case in point, his favorite political axiom is: "If Republicans can f--- things up, they will."

### Cory Gardner

Newly elected congressman from Colorado's 4th congressional district, his political savvy is regarded as impeccable. A current and future star for the party.