



Jared Polis Biography:

Jared Polis is an independent leader with a proven track record of turning big ideas into real results in business, non-profits, and government. Polis co-founded his first company, American Information Systems while still in college. The company, a success, was then followed by the launch of two more companies, bluemountain.com and Proflowers.com, one of the fastest-growing online start-ups. In 2000, Polis was honored as "Entrepreneur of the Year" by Ernst and Young and one of Success Magazine's top ten young entrepreneurs, and later co-founded Techstarts a start-up accelerator, and mentored and co-founded several other start-ups.

In a 2000 statewide election, Polis was elected to the Colorado State Board of Education, where his peers later selected him to serve as the first Democratic Chairman of the Board in more than two decades. Jared Polis has spent most of his life working to improve and invest in our schools. He founded several non-profit public schools serving at-risk children: the New America School, where he served as superintendent, and which extends the benefits of English literacy and high school liberal arts education to new immigrants; and the Academy of Urban Learning, which educates teens who are homeless or from unstable living environments

Elected to Congress in 2008, Polis is a recognized leader on education, immigration, civil rights, environment and technology issues. He helped craft the bipartisan Every Student Succeeds Act which replaced No Child Left Behind Act, and has served in various leadership capacities including as Vice-Chairman of the Democratic Steering and Policy Committee, Vice-Chairman of the Sustainable Energy and Environmental Caucus, and Co-Chairman of the bipartisan US-Mexico Friendship Caucus, bi-partisan Nutritional Supplement Caucus, bi-partisan Blockchain Caucus, and bi-partisan Outdoor Recreation Caucus.

In running for Governor of Colorado, Polis plans to take the state into the future by making it energy independent with 100% renewable energy by 2040; improving education and delivering full day Kindergarten and preschool across the state; and building an inclusive economy where employees of all levels make more, not just CEOs.

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