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Colorado's 2022 primary election was closely watched by many as the mid-term elections traditional show a shift in power. This year, redistricting and reapportionment also play a role in federal and state races. However, voter turnout for the primary election was low, with only 28 percent of the number of active voters in Colorado participating in the election.

The Democratic Party spent millions of dollars, mostly in advertising, in an attempt to dictate outcomes for some of the state's most closely watched races, including the heavily contested race for the U.S. Senate Republican seat between Joe O'Dea and Ron Hanks. O'Dea won with 54.5 percent of the vote and will face incumbent Sen. Michael Bennet in November.

Another race that was closely watched and funded was the Republican primary for Governor. Heidi Ganahl defeated Greg Lopez with 53 percent of the vote. Lopez also was backed by Democrat advertising dollars.

The secretary of state race drew national attention with a close eye on indicted Mesa County Clerk Tina Peters, as she was outspoken that the 2020 presidential election was stolen and has ties to former President Donald Trump. Republican Pam Anderson won the three-way race and will face incumbent Secretary of State Jena Griswold in November.

It is interesting to note that the voters rejected Hanks, Lopez, and Peters who all share the notion that the presidential election was stolen.

The Republican race for the 8th Congressional seat was won by Senator Barb Kirkmeyer, who won with 41 percent of the vote, followed by Jan Kulmann who garnered 23 percent of the vote, Lori Saine earned 20 percent of the vote and followed by Tyler Allcorn with 16 percent. Kirkmeyer will face Rep. Yadira Caraveo in November and the race will likely be one of nation's most competitive Congressional races. The district includes the northeast Denver suburbs and Weld County.

Many state legislative incumbents faced primary elections, but largely won. Incumbent republican Hugh McKean, the House Minority Leader was successful in his primary by defeating a candidate who was once employed by McKean's predecessor. This is maybe another sign that moderate Republicans are speaking out.

One of the most closely watched, heavily contested and most expensive state races was the House District 6 race between Katie March and Elisabeth Epps. As of Wednesday morning, the race has yet to be called.

There are a number of State Representatives who have thrown their hats into the ring for state Senate seats. The Colorado Senate races will be closely watched, as there is a chance that the Republicans could regain control.

Below is a link to the Secretary of State website for a complete list of results as they are available. There are still ballots out there to be counted.

<https://results.enr.clarityelections.com/CO/113964/web.285569/#/summary>

A full wrap up of candidates will be coming in the next couple of weeks after we complete candidate interviews.