



ABOUT MICHAEL

Michael is running for president to build opportunity for every American and restore integrity to our government. He has demonstrated an ambitious vision for the future and the strength and experience to beat Trump in 2020.

Michael represents the State of Colorado in the Senate, but he has not spent a lifetime in politics. He turned around failing businesses in the private sector and improved outcomes for kids as superintendent of the Denver Public Schools. He's relentlessly focused on building opportunity for the next generation. He's viewed as a thoughtful and pragmatic voice and has won historically tough elections without compromising on his beliefs, core values, or positions on difficult issues. He lives in Denver with his wife, Susan Daggett, and their three daughters: Caroline, Halina, and Anne.

Michael has more experience winning tough races than anyone else running for president. He won elections in 2010 and 2016 — both difficult cycles for Democrats — in a state that is a third Republican, a third Independent, and a third Democrat. In 2010, he prevailed in a general election that saw Democrats lose races up and down the ballot as the Tea Party wave swept America. During that race, Michael said he would be willing to lose his seat over voting for the Affordable Care Act; rather than shy away from the issue, he held town halls in Colorado's most conservative counties, defending his progressive position. In 2016, Michael won in areas of Colorado that Trump won, including Pueblo County, which he carried by nearly 10 percentage points. He won reelection with more votes than anyone in Colorado history.

MICHAEL'S VISION

Build economic opportunity: America calls itself the land of opportunity, but it doesn't feel that way today. Wages are stagnant, costs are rising, and economic inequality in our country is only growing worse. To drive economic opportunity, Michael will work to ensure that when the economy grows, incomes for everyone grow. In the meantime, he will take immediate steps to increase wages and lower the costs of a middle-class life. And as a former school superintendent, he will recommit our country to delivering a quality education for every American.

Restore integrity to government: Corruption and dysfunction in Washington not only destroy the American people's trust in government but also prevent us from making critical decisions for our future. Michael believes we need to restore trust in our government by dismantling pay-to-play politics, increasing transparency, and reinvigorating the democratic process. Michael will ban members of Congress from ever becoming lobbyists and overturn Citizens United to get unlimited dark money out of politics. He also will protect the right to vote, ensure the security of our elections, and reduce extreme partisanship in our electoral process — starting with his plan to make partisan gerrymandering illegal.

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