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Republican Walker Stapleton Continues To Set Fundraising Pace in 2010 State Treasurer's Race

Strong Support for Pro-Taxpayer Message

DENVER—Republican businessman **Walker Stapleton** announced today that he has now raised more than **\$310,000** for his 2010 campaign to unseat Democrat incumbent State Treasurer Cary Kennedy. That figure includes over \$65,000 raised in the last quarter of 2009.

Stapleton's efforts leave him with more than **\$270,000 cash on hand**.

The list of Colorado business leaders supporting Stapleton also continues to grow and now includes, among many others: **Philip Anschutz, Bill Barrett, Pete Coors, Joe Ellis, John Elway, Mike Fries, Meg Duke, Charlie Gallagher, Fred Hamilton, Marc Holtzman, Bob Hawk, Bill Hybl, Jake Jabs, Holly Arnold-Kinney, Edie Marks, Dan Ritchie, Dick Robinson, John Sie, Tim Travis, Jack Vickers, Bill Vollbracht** and **Jim Wallace**.

Stapleton credits his strong and growing support to his clear, pro-taxpayer message, which contrasts starkly with the Democrat incumbent's tax-and-spend record. "As I speak to more and more Coloradans about the state's dire fiscal situation, it's clearer and clearer to me that the people want a new State Treasurer," Stapleton said. "They want a Treasurer who has real world experience actually running a business. Coloradans want someone who will be an independent and credible watchdog for the taxpayers."

"We will give voters a clear choice in 2010," Stapleton declared. "The Democrat incumbent favors more back door tax increases and more spending. I favor taxpayer rights and spending restraint."

The Stapleton for Colorado finance team is co-chaired by business leaders **Greg Maffei**, CEO of Liberty Media Group, and **J. Landis (Lanny) Martin**, founder of Platte River Ventures. The campaign's treasurer is **Joe Smith**, a partner in the law firm of Bartlit Beck Herman Palenchar & Scott LLP.

Smith noted that several donors who previously backed other candidates in the race are now supporting Stapleton. "We are seeing a growing consensus that Walker Stapleton will be the Republican nominee and the next State Treasurer."

About Walker Stapleton

Stapleton is CEO of SonomaWest Holdings Inc, a publicly traded real estate company with offices in Colorado and California. In addition to SonomaWest, Stapleton has several land, retail and residential investments throughout Colorado. Stapleton, his wife Jenna and their one-year-old son, Craig, live in Centennial. Jenna holds a master's degree in social work from the University of Denver. Stapleton earned a bachelor's degree from Williams College, a graduate degree from the London School of Economics and an MBA from Harvard University.

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