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### **Jared Polis Snubs Club 20**

Grand Junction-This afternoon Club 20 has learned that Gubernatorial Candidate Jared Polis has declined to participate in the Club 20 Candidate Debates, a longstanding and well respected tradition allowing the people of Western Colorado to hear from candidates.

The 22 counties that make up the Club 20 region host two US Congressional seats, eight Colorado House Districts, four Colorado Senate Districts, and more than 580,000 Colorado citizens.

"It is a shame that Candidate Polis is unwilling to participate in a non-partisan forum where our voices can be heard," said Christian Reece, Executive Director of Club 20. "No gubernatorial candidate has skipped this debate in recent memory and it is a slap in the face to all of Western Colorado" she continued.

Club 20 has been the Voice of Western Colorado for over 65 years and represents the 22 counties that make up the Western Slope. These non-partisan debates are attended by more than 500 people from throughout the region and allow members and interested citizens the opportunity to hear from candidates on the issues most impacting rural Colorado.

Gubernatorial Candidate Walker Stapleton committed to participate in the Club 20 Candidate Debates last week.

Club 20 hopes that Candidate Polis will reconsider his position on this debate and honor the citizens of the Western Slope by attending and discussing the issues impacting Western Colorado on Saturday September 8<sup>th</sup>.

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*Club 20 is a 65-year-old non-partisan coalition of businesses, individuals and local governments from the 22 counties west of the Continental Divide. Together we advocate on the critical issues that impact western Colorado to promote and protect the western Colorado way of life.*