

RESOLUTION NO. 100684

It was moved by Commissioner Dyer and duly seconded by Commissioner Noonan to adopt the following Resolution.

WHEREAS, citizens of Arapahoe County, represented by the citizens appointed to the Arapahoe County Citizens' Budget Committee, have asked the Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners to take a formal position opposing Proposition 101, Amendment 60 and Amendment 61, which will be considered by the voters of Colorado at the November 2, 2010 General Election, due to the huge negative impact passage of any one of those measures would have on the County budget; and

WHEREAS, these ballot measures individually and collectively significantly reduce or otherwise restrict both state and local revenues in a number of different ways including but not limited to: property taxes, specific ownership taxes, telecommunication taxes, state income taxes, state shared revenues to assist counties with local road and transit improvements, and other state grants and loans to help local governments; and

WHEREAS, the ability to finance long-term capital improvements like community centers, libraries, road and bridge projects, fire stations and other public facilities will be dramatically impaired by the restrictions on debt financing as proposed by Amendment 61; and

WHEREAS, services and programs in Arapahoe County will be limited or curtailed because of the numerous restrictions and revenue reductions proposed by these three measures; and

WHEREAS, a number of prominent individuals, newspapers and organizations, including Colorado Counties, Inc., are voicing opposition to these measures as not being in the best interests of Colorado and of local communities; and

WHEREAS, provisions of State law allow the Board of County Commissioners to adopt this Resolution as a statement of opposition to the measures known as Proposition 101, Amendment 60 and Amendment 61; and

WHEREAS, Colorado voters will have the opportunity at the November 2, 2010 statewide general election to protect the fiscal health of local governments by defeating Proposition 101, Amendment 60 and Amendment 61.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Arapahoe County hereby opposes Proposition 101, Amendment 60 and Amendment 61 and urges our citizens to vote against all three ballot measures.

The vote was:

Commissioner Beckman Yes; Commissioner Bockenfeld No; Commissioner Dyer Yes;
Commissioner Noonan Yes; Commissioner Weddig, Absent and Excused.

The Chair declared the motion carried and so ordered.