

CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE, COLORADO
RESOLUTION NO. 52
Series of 2010

TITLE: A RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSITION 101 AND AMENDMENTS 60 AND 61 AND ASKING VOTERS TO EDUCATE THEMSELVES ON THE DEVASTATING IMPACT THESE MEASURES WILL HAVE ON THE ABILITY OF THEIR GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES TO PROVIDE ESSENTIAL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

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

WHEREAS, these 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: specific ownership taxes, telecommunication taxes, state income taxes, state-shared revenues to assist municipalities with local street and transit improvements, other state grants and loans to help local government, and property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the projected impact in loss of revenues, if these measures are passed collectively, total approximately \$4 million annually beginning in 2011, and the projected revenue impacts increase in 2012, 2013 and 2014; severely impacting the way the City provides services; and

WHEREAS, the ability for the City and the special districts within the City that provide essential services to finance long-term capital improvements like water and wastewater treatment plants, fire stations, and other public facilities are dramatically impaired by the restrictions on debt financing as proposed by Amendment 61; and

WHEREAS, City Council will need to identify services and programs in Wheat Ridge that will be limited or curtailed because of the numerous restrictions and revenue reductions proposed by these three measures; and

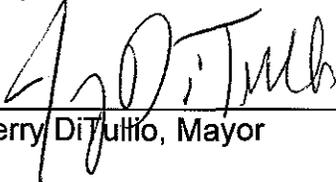
WHEREAS, Wheat Ridge is concerned about the impact these three measures will have on our ability to work effectively with other local governments in the form of intergovernmental agreements, in particular, at a time when cities are looking for ways to cost-share on a regional level; and

WHEREAS, a number of prominent individuals, newspapers, and organizations including our own Colorado Municipal League 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 do allow Wheat Ridge to put forth this resolution as a statement of opposition to the measures known as Proposition 101, Amendment 60, and Amendment 61;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the City Council of Wheat Ridge opposes Proposition 101, Amendment 60, and Amendment 61 and urges our citizens to educate themselves on these measures and to VOTE NO on all three ballot measures.

DONE AND RESOLVED this 13th day of September 2010.



Jerry DiTullio, Mayor

ATTEST:



Michael D. Snow, City Clerk