

BALLOT PROPOSITIONS, AMENDMENTS AND ISSUES

POSITIONS

Amendment V: Lower Age Requirement for Members of the State Legislature

Yes

Should we follow the lead of all but two other states and allow 21 year olds to be given this responsibility or maintain the 25 year age limit? Adjusting this age requirement addresses the old argument applied to when someone can legally drink and go to war, should they not also be give the right to hold office?

Amendment W: Election Ballot Format for Judicial Retention Elections

No Position

Amendment X: Industrial Hemp Definition

No Position

Amendment Y: Congressional Redistricting

Yes

This amendment was created by a bipartisan committee co-chaired by CU Regent Heidi Ganahl (R). It was also moved to the ballot by the state legislature indicating further bi-partisan support. Takes the responsibility of redistricting out of the hands of the legislature and courts

Amendment Z: Legislative Redistricting

Yes

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Amendment A: Prohibit Slavery and Involuntary Servitude in All Circumstances

No

This issue failed to pass 2 years ago and appears to be made worse with this version. The CO Constitution prohibits slavery and involuntary servitude excepts as punishment for a crime for which a person has been convicted and the Supreme Ct has upheld that position. This says that slavery and "involuntary servitude" are prohibited in all circumstances. The opponents say it can be interpreted that convicts cannot be made to work while in prison.

Amendment 73: Funding for Public Schools

No

Would create graduated income tax for combined incomes of over \$150,000, providing another married tax penalty. The tax thresholds are also not indexed to inflation which will move others into the bracket as wages rise. Small busines owners will see an increase in taxes of up to 78% with businesses whose profits are passed through to the individual tax return. Homeowner's property taxes will also increase with the passing of this amendment.

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Amendment 74: Compensation for Reduction in Fair Market Value by Government Law or Regulation

No

74 supports one of the basic tenets of the Republican party, which is our commitment to protect property rights. Additionally, data is showing that this issue has the potential to drive votes and is being supported by farmers and other conservative groups that form the base of our party. This will confirm this question into law.

Amendment 75: Campaign Contributions

Yes

This amendment is very minor compared to how campaign finance laws should be reformed. By approving this amendment, contributions at the state level would be increased to a maximum of \$5,750 at the state level and \$2,000 at the local level.

Proposition 109: Authorize Bonds for Highway Projects - "Fix Our Damn Roads"

Yes

Authorizes the State to issue \$3.5 billion in bonds to fund specified road and bridge expansion, construction, maintenance and repair projects through out the stateas specified by CDOT in their list of Tier 1 most needed projects.

Proposition 110: Authorize Sales Tax and Bonds for Transportation Projects - "Let's Go Colorado"

No

Adding 0.62%(or a 21% increase) to the existing Colorado sales tax rate, gradually increasing to 3.52%, will limit local entities ability to raise sales taxes for future specific needs due to pressure to keep sales taxes low. Projects are not defined. Sales taxes are the most regressive form of tax, disproportionately affecting the poor, elderly and unfortunate citizens. And though it contains a sunset clause, rarely are taxes eliminated once in place. The speculation also is that the front range will primarily benefit from these projects at our expense.

Proposition 111: Limitations on Payday Loans

No

Limiting the loan rate will make loans unavailable for certain segments of the population who depend on this type of funding. We do not like the EXTREMELY HIGH rates charged by payday loan businesses, but the free market should determine this usage.

Proposition 112: Increased Setback Requirement for Oil and Natural Gas Development

No

Hurts economy of oil and gas counties by greatly reducing severance tax receipts which amounted to about \$615 million to municipalities and counties over the last eight years. Additionally, the loss of jobs would be catastrophic for the economy.

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Ballot Question 1A: Open Space Mil Levy Extension

No

While this has an appeal on face value, the use of these funds has been questionable in the past. Using the Baer Ranch purchase as an example, Eagle County paid for, with our tax dollars, and now owns parts of the ranch that reside in Garfield County. This is a property to which there is no public access or use available. Eagle County also is already made up of almost 80% open space.

Ballot Issue 7D: Colorado Mountain College

No

Bypassing Gallagher Amendment

BLUE BOOKS LINKS

[State of Colorado Ballot Information Booklet](http://leg.colorado.gov/sites/default/files/2018_english_final_for_internet_1.pdf)

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[Eagle County TABOR Notice](https://www.eaglecounty.us/Clerk/Documents/Tabor_-_Ballots/2018_General_Election_Tabor_Notice/)

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These positions reflect the research completed by the Eagle County Republicans Executive Committee (ECREC). When no consensus could be reached or if information was not complete or clear enough for an educated position to be determined, the ECREC has decided to take no position.