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Summary

The Executive Committee for the Douglas County Republican Party took a formal stance on three issues during its monthly meeting on July 16.

These resolutions covered a proposed policy revision by the Douglas County School District to allow opposite genders to use restroom facilities and take part in differentiating sports programs, proposed bond initiative to raise taxes by DCSD, as well as ballot measures aimed at cutting and capping property taxes.

The DCGOP affirmed its support toward both fiscal conservatism and defending children in our public schools.

Douglas County Republican Party Votes to Oppose DCSD Tax Increases, Policy AC while Endorsing Ballot Measures 50, 108

DOUGLAS COUNTY, Colorado - Following a number of votes on resolutions by its Executive Committee members July 16, the Douglas County Republican Party of Colorado took formal stances against tax increases for the local school district and backed statewide ballot measures establishing property tax cuts and a cap.

The DCGOP, charged with advocating and supporting nearly 100,000 Republicans that call Douglas County home, took the following positions.

- 1. OPPOSE DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT'S PROPOSED POLICY AC.** As currently written, DCSD's Policy AC, to be voted on during a Board of Education meeting later this month, would allow for opposite genders in schools to use preferred restroom and locker room facilities, placing students in unacceptably unsafe situations, as well as denying privacy to said students. The policy would also allow opposite sexes to take part in sports programs, providing unfair advantages to male athletes who join in traditional female sports.
- 2. OPPOSE DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT'S PROPOSED TAX INCREASE VIA BOND INITIATIVE.** The DCSD Board of Education is widely believed to be interested in placing a nearly \$500 million bond on the 2024 election ballot. After two consecutive years of taxpayers rejecting a similar bond, the DCGOP calls on the BOE to decline to add this tax increase to the ballot, and calls on the BOE to introduce a more conservative proposal rooted in respect to taxpayers while working within its existing annual allocation from taxpayers, currently greater than \$1 billion.
- 3. SUPPORT STATEWIDE BALLOT MEASURES 50 AND 108.** These ballot measures aim to cut and cap property taxes in outlying years if approved, bringing real and tangible relief to Colorado taxpayers who have been overburdened with massive spikes in property taxes since the repeal of the state's Gallagher Amendment in 2020.

Steven Peck, Chair of the Douglas County GOP, said the county party's senior leaders continue to advocate not only for Republicans, but for all citizens county-wide who have been unfairly burdened by the "reckless fiscal policies of Democrats in Denver."

"Leading up to the vote on Amendment B in 2020, fiscal conservatives continued to hammer home what would happen to taxpayers if the Gallagher Amendment were to be repealed," Peck said. "Well, once again, Republicans were right. And each of us has had to pay dearly."

Reflecting on DCSD's proposed Policy AC, Peck lauded the DCGOP's executive committee for taking a firm stance.

"Protecting our children shouldn't be a controversial topic. As the father of two daughters, I believe that having boys use girls' locker rooms for bathing and private affairs is outrageous, distracting and dangerous. I understand boys. They are vastly different from girls. As a party, we reject gender confusion and will not negotiate on this issue. Keep boys out of girls' lockers rooms and sports, period."