

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BATTLEMENT MESA METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OPPOSING, AND URGING THE VOTERS OF THE DISTRICT TO OPPOSE, THE ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS 60 AND 61 AND PROPOSITION 101 AS THE SAME APPEAR ON THE NOVEMBER 2010 BALLOT

WHEREAS, Three measures appearing on the November 2010 statewide ballot would significantly damage Colorado's special districts, state and local governments from funding their most basic level of services related to safety, water, sanitation, fire protection, education, hospitals, rural health care, and transportation, and;

WHEREAS, These measures drastically limit government's ability to construct new building and infrastructure, and;

WHEREAS, The ability to finance long-term capital improvements like water and wastewater treatment plants, fire stations, recreational projects and other public facilities are dramatically impaired by the restrictions on debt financing as proposed by Amendment 61; and

WHEREAS, Amendments 60 & 61 would slash at least \$1 billion annually in state taxes, cutting in half the property tax dollars schools currently receive and;

WHEREAS, One of the many components of Amendment 60 would overturn the election decisions made by voters over the last eighteen years, creating financial chaos for local communities, and;

WHEREAS, One of the many components of Amendment 61 eliminates any practical means for state and regional governments to make future road, highway and bridge improvements, or other capital improvements to their districts, such as colleges, universities, and water conservation districts or improvements to public schools, cities, and counties, and;

WHEREAS, Proposition 101 reduces the vehicle registration fee (annual license plate fee) to a level which would devastate Colorado's ability to maintain safe roads and bridges, by lowering the fee to the assessment rate from the year 1919 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 cumulative and destructive nature of the three measures ensures that Colorado will surrender its competitive standing to attract large and small employers alike, resulting in little to no economic growth for the state and a steady decline in property values and erosion of the state and local tax base; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Battlement Mesa Metropolitan District 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; and

WHEREAS, State voters will have the opportunity on November 2, 2010, to protect the fiscal health of Colorado by defeating Amendment 60, Amendment 61, and Proposition 101.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BATTLEMENT MESA METROPOLITAN DISTRICT, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Board of Directors of the Battlement Mesa Metropolitan District hereby takes an official position opposing Amendments 60 and 61 and Proposition 101, and urges the electors of the District to vote "NO" as to each such item as it appears on the ballot for the November 2010 General Election.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect upon its approval by the Board of Directors of the Battlement Mesa Metropolitan District.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 23 day of SEPTEMBER, 2010.

**BATTLEMENT MESA
METROPOLITAN DISTRICT**

By:  _____

Its: PRESIDENT _____

ATTEST:

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