

RESOLUTION 2010-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ESTES VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ADVOCATING VOTER OPPOSITION TO PROPOSITION 101, AMENDMENT 60 AND AMENDMENT 61 APPEARING ON THE NOVEMBER 2, 2010 BALLOT.

WHEREAS, the Estes Valley Fire Protection District ("*District*") is a political subdivision of the State of Colorado, formed pursuant to C. R. S. 32-1-101, et seq. to provide fire suppression, fire prevention, emergency medical and emergency rescue (collectively, *Emergency Services*) to the citizens and property within its jurisdiction, and to individuals passing through its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, since 1907, the District has been providing essential, life-saving Emergency Services to the citizens and property with its 66.3 square mile service area, and

WHEREAS, The District is dependent primarily on public funding in order to meet its Emergency Service obligations and pay its operating costs, the sources of such funding include, without limitation, local property taxes, specific ownership taxes, bonds and lease-purchase agreements; and

WHEREAS, the three initiated ballot questions that will appear on the statewide ballot for the Election seek to reduce specific ownership taxes (Proposition 101), impose restrictive conditions on property tax collections (Amendment 60), and cease State borrowing and limit the borrowing ability of local governments (Amendment 61); and

WHEREAS, any one of these ballot questions, if passed, would cause reductions to the Fire District's public funding and impair its ability to meet its emergency services obligations as follows:

Proposition 101

- Would reduce the District's annual operating revenue from specific ownership taxes by approximately \$38,000 per year, which is approximately 3.25% of the District's annual operating budget;
- Would reduce the revenues from consumers' telephone surcharges for the dispatch E-911 service center to 2009 levels which may require additional funding from this District and other entities to make up for such loss of revenue, further decreasing funds available for Emergency Services.

Amendment 60

- Would require all property tax increases to be voted separately from related debt questions, meaning voters could approve bonds but reject the tax necessary to pay for the bonds;
- Would limit any future property tax increases to a 10 year term, meaning the District would have to hold a costly election every 10 years just to continue a tax already approved by the voters;
- Would nullify the most recent voter-approved exemptions to revenue and spending limits, and limit any future voter-approved exemptions to revenue and spending limits to 4 years, which would dramatically reduce its annual operating revenue without any time to make appropriate reductions in service levels.
- Would freeze the District's revenue from property taxes at 2010 levels regardless of growth within the District or any increases in assessed valuation.

Amendment 61

- Would prohibit the District engaging in any type of financing other than bonds, which are expensive and very restricted in their use. Further, the bonds would be restricted to 10 years, making them very difficult to issue and resulting in a much higher interest rate charged to the District and its taxpayers;

WHEREAS, the Colorado Fair Campaign Practices Act, C. R. S. 1-45-117(1)(b)(III)(A), expressly authorizes the Board to adopt a Resolution advocating voter opposition to statewide ballot issues during the Election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ESTES VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, LARIMER COUNTY, COLORADO, THAT:

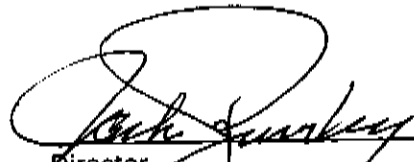
1. The Board hereby adopts an official position opposing Proposition 101 and Amendments 60 and 61 as not being in the best interests of the District and in the public's health, safety, and welfare interests.
2. For all of the foregoing reasons, the Board urges voters to oppose Proposition 101, Amendment 60 and Amendment 61 during the November 2, 2010 Election.
3. As authorized by §1-45-117(1)(b)(III), C.R.S., the District's administrative staff is hereby directed to report the passage of and to distribute copies of this Resolution through "established, customary means (other than through advertising) by which other District information concerning other proceedings of this District and its Board of Directors is regularly provided to the public, including posting on the District's website and other locations where the District's minutes and announcements are made and/or posted.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 25th day of Aug., 2010.

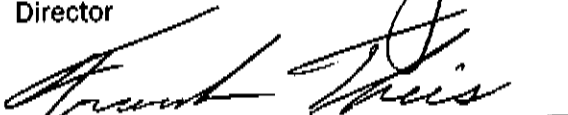
**BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ESTES VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**




Director



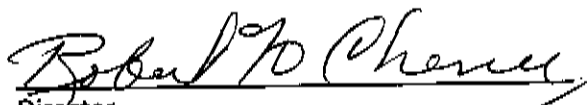
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