



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS'
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STATEWIDE WHERE THE LEAGUE STANDS



The League of Women Voters of Colorado takes stances on ballot measures using our long standing positions on issues. Where the League Stands contains our stances on 2023 statewide ballot measures, to promote informed voter participation.

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Welcome!

The LWVCO Legislative Action Committee monitors ballot issues year-round – both those referred by the General Assembly and citizen-led initiatives – to help voters stay informed and keep up to date on where the League stands.

EMPOWERING
VOTERS.

DEFENDING
DEMOCRACY.

The Legislative Action Committee is LWVCO's citizen lobbyist corps.

This group of nearly 40 dedicated members provides research and in-depth analysis to help voters look beyond pro and con arguments and gain a deeper understanding of what passage of a ballot issue will mean for our state and our communities.

We take our role in action and advocacy very seriously.

*Empowered voters power
our democracy!*

Proposition HH

YES

Reduce Property Taxes and Retain State Revenue

Proposition HH would relieve property tax bills. It would fund schools and reimburse local governments using the state TABOR surplus up to the new HH revenue cap.



RECOMMENDATION YES

The League of Women Voters of Colorado recommends a YES vote as Proposition HH would provide:

- *Much needed funding for schools to prepare the next generation of Coloradans.*
- *Equitable property tax relief for homeowners.*
- *Owner-occupied homes and multifamily residences a larger tax break.*
- *Business, agricultural, and residential property tax relief across the state.*
- *A tax incentive for renewable energy on farms and ranches.*

IMPACTS of Proposition HH

- Cuts property taxes from current levels.
- Additional tax relief for owner-occupied homes and multifamily residences.
- Makes the senior homestead exemption portable when seniors move.
- Impacts expire in ten years unless the legislature passes property tax reductions equivalent to Proposition HH.
- Increases revenue the state can retain.
- Uses the retained funds for schools, some reimbursement to local governments for lower property tax revenue, and rental assistance.
- Limits property tax revenue growth for most local governments, with a mechanism to waive the limit.
- Reduces individuals' TABOR refunds compared to current law. Equalizes all taxpayers' state TABOR refunds for the 2023 tax year instead of larger refunds for higher incomes.

ARGUMENTS For/Against Proposition HH

Reduce Property Taxes and Retain State Revenue

ARGUMENTS FOR

- Relieves property tax bills while limiting the impact on local services.
- Makes the senior homestead exemption portable, so seniors keep it when they move.
- Funds schools by letting the state retain additional revenue it already collects.
- Provides equitable property tax relief for owner-occupied homes.
- Increases TABOR refunds for the first year to taxpayers earning under \$100,000, many of them renters.
- Encourages renewable energy projects on farms and ranches.

Groups in FAVOR of HH registered with the Colorado Secretary of State:

Property Tax Relief Now

ARGUMENTS AGAINST

- Allows the state budget to grow, possibly by as much as \$2.2 billion in 2032.
- May not benefit renters after the first year if landlords do not pass along their property tax savings
- Cuts or possibly eliminates future TABOR refunds.
- Adds complexity to an already confusing tax system.

Groups OPPOSED to HH registered with the Colorado Secretary of State:

TABOR Coalition -
RejectHH.com

NO ON HH

Taxpayers For A
Better Deal

Americans For Prosperity
Colorado Issue Committee

HH-NO.COM

No on Douglas County
Tax Increase

NOTE: Placed on the ballot by the Colorado Legislature.

PROPOSITION II

YES

Retain Nicotine Tax Revenue in Excess of Blue Book Estimate

Proposition II would use over \$20 million already collected in nicotine and tobacco taxes for preschool programs, rather than this revenue being refunded to nicotine and tobacco wholesalers and distributors.



RECOMMENDATION **YES**

The League of Women Voters of Colorado recommends a **YES** vote as Proposition II would:

- *Keep the already voter-approved tax rates on nicotine and tobacco products.*
- *Increase the funding for universal free preschool, improving Colorado children's educational, economic, and health outcomes.*

IMPACTS of Proposition II

- Proposition II would allow the state to maintain the current tax rates that apply to tobacco and nicotine products, and send over \$20 million more to the state's preschool program.
- In 2020, voters approved taxing nicotine and tobacco products to fund free preschool for Colorado children. First year tax collections exceeded the Legislative Council's Blue Book projected revenue by more than \$20 million. Article X of Colorado's Constitution (TABOR) requires the state to refund the overage to the tobacco and nicotine wholesalers and distributors, and reduce the future tax rate.
- Proposition II would allow the state to retain and spend the already collected revenue, and keep the voter-approved tax rates.

ARGUMENTS For/Against Proposition II

Retain Nicotine Tax Revenue in Excess of Blue Book Estimate

ARGUMENTS FOR

- Provides thousands of children more access to free preschool.
- Creates a more equitable foundation for Colorado's children.
- Retains all tax revenue and interest collected to fund free preschool.
- Maintains the two-thirds majority voter-approved tobacco and nicotine product tax rates.

Groups in FAVOR of II registered with the Colorado Secretary of State:

None as of print date.

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ARGUMENTS AGAINST

- Maintains voter-approved tax rates that collected more revenue than forecasted.
- Expands a government program.
- Keeps a higher financial burden on people suffering from addiction by retaining tax rates on cigarettes, tobacco products, and nicotine products.

Groups OPPOSED to II registered with the Colorado Secretary of State:

None as of print date.

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan, grassroots organization working to protect and expand voting rights and ensure everyone is represented in our democracy. We empower voters and defend democracy through advocacy, education, and litigation, at the local, state, and national levels.

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

JOIN A TASK FORCE

You don't have to be a LWVCO member to join.

LWVCO has nine Issue Area Task Forces intended to promote the collective actions necessary to advance equity and justice in Colorado's systems and policies in issue areas aligned with League positions.



Alternative Voting Methods Task Force



Climate Emergency Task Force



Education Task Force



Elections Task Force



Gun Violence Prevention Task Force



Healthcare Task Force



Housing Task Force



News Access & Literacy Task Force



Reproductive Freedom Task Force

FIND FISCAL ANALYSIS AND MORE in the Legislative Council of the Colorado General Assembly 2023 State Ballot Information Booklet at leg.colorado.gov/bluebook

FIND TAXPAYERS BILL OF RIGHTS (TABOR)
Information at lwvcolorado.org/tabor





LWVCO ELECTION RESOURCES

ELECTION DAY PROBLEMS?

Report an election problem by calling:

1-866-OUR-VOTE (English)
1-866-687-8683 (English)
1-888-VE-Y-VOTA (en Español)
1-888-API-VOTE (Multilingual)
1-844-YALLA-US (Arabic)

VOTE BY MAIL

All registered voters receive a mail ballot which may be completed, mailed or dropped off to be received by:

The county clerk office by 7:00 pm on Election Day, November 7, 2023. Contact your county election office for Drop Box locations.

TRACK YOUR BALLOT

Sign up to track the status of your mail ballot, from mailed to counted.

BallotTrax
ballottrax.coloradosos.gov/voter

VOTE IN PERSON & MORE!

Voter Service and Polling Centers (VSPC) are located in each county to provide the following election services:

Contact your county election office for Voter Service and Polling Center locations.

- Registration at any time up to and including Election Day
- Change address if registered elsewhere in Colorado
- Drop off completed ballot
- Surrender ballot to vote in person

FIX YOUR BALLOT

If you are notified of a signature discrepancy:

www.coloradosos.gov/pubs/elections/FAQs/TXT2Cure.html
(Case sensitive)

TEXT "Colorado" to 2VOTE (28683)
and follow the instructions.

TXT2Cure

Uses your mobile phone to resolve problems with (or "cure") your mail ballot to ensure it is counted.

