



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS*
OF COLORADO

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2023 STATEWIDE BALLOT ISSUES INFORMATION



The League of Women Voters of Colorado Ballot Issues educational booklet provides nonpartisan information on the statewide ballot issues to promote informed voter participation.

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The League of Women Voters of Colorado 2023 BALLOT ISSUES GUIDE

Welcome!

LWVCO Voter Service Team has provided a ballot issue summary and the impacts if it passes, to assist the voter to be an informed participant in the 2023 election.

OUR MISSION:

EMPOWERING
VOTERS.

DEFENDING
DEMOCRACY.

Elections are our chance to stand up for what matters most to us and to have an impact on the issues that affect us, our communities, our families, and our future.

We believe in empowering you, the voter, with straightforward information so your voice will be heard.

*Thank you for being an
informed voter.*

Proposition HH

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.



"YES" VOTE MEANS

Proposition HH lowers property taxes owed, allows the state to keep additional revenue that would otherwise be refunded to taxpayers, temporarily changes how taxpayer TABOR refunds are distributed, and creates a new property tax limit for most local governments.



"NO" VOTE MEANS

Proposition HH maintains current law for property taxes, TABOR refunds, and state and local government revenue limits.

**Referred to the voters by the
Colorado Legislature.**

IMPACTS of Proposition HH

Reduce Property Taxes and Retain State Revenue

- 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.

Proposition II

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.



"YES" VOTE ALLOWS

the state to keep and spend over \$20 million in tax revenue that has already been collected from the sale of cigarettes, tobacco products, and nicotine products, including interest, and to maintain the current tax rates on cigarettes, tobacco products, and nicotine products. The tax revenue will be spent on preschool programs.



"NO" VOTE MEANS

that over \$20 million will be refunded to wholesalers and distributors of cigarettes, tobacco products, and nicotine products, and tax rates on cigarettes, tobacco products, and nicotine products will be reduced.

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IMPACTS of Proposition II

Retain Nicotine Tax Revenue in Excess of Blue Book Estimate

- 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) - Taxpayers Bill of Rights amendment) 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.

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.

The League of Women Voters of Colorado

ADDITIONAL BALLOT ISSUES RESOURCES

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



FIND OUT **WHERE THE LEAGUE STANDS** ON BALLOT ISSUES

lwvcolorado.org/where-the-league-stands



WHAT'S ON YOUR BALLOT?

Find what's on your ballot, including side-by-side comparisons of candidates, using the League of Women Voters of Colorado's one-stop resource for all your voting needs!

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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.

