

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-80

A Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Boulder County approving a ballot title for the November 8, 2016 general election to extend one-half (0.125%) of the existing 0.25% countywide open space sales and use tax for the purpose of funding sustainability infrastructure and programs.

Recitals:

A. This Board has adopted Resolution No. 2016-79, referring an issue to the November 8, 2016, general election ballot.

B. This Board desires to determine the ballot title for the issue referred for placement on the ballot for the November 8, 2016, general election.

C. Pursuant to Sections 30-11-103.5 and 31-11-111(3), C.R.S., as amended, this Board must fix a ballot title according to the following guidelines: consider the public confusion that might be caused by a misleading title; avoid a title for which the general understanding of the effect of a "yes" or "no" vote would be unclear; no conflict with titles selected for any other measure that will appear on the County ballot in the same election; and the title shall correctly and fairly express the true intent and meaning of the measure.

D. This Board finds that the ballot title set forth below meets the statutory guidelines.

Therefore, the Board resolves:

1. In accordance with the statutory guidelines, the Board does hereby fix the following ballot title for the referred issue:

COUNTY ISSUE 1B (Countywide Sustainability Sales and Use Tax Extension):

WITH NO INCREASE IN ANY COUNTY TAX OR TAX RATE, SHALL ONE-HALF (0.125%) OF THE COUNTY'S EXISTING 0.25% SALES AND USE TAX FOR OPEN SPACE, CURRENTLY SET TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2019, BE EXTENDED FOR AN ADDITIONAL PERIOD OF FIFTEEN YEARS TO AND INCLUDING DECEMBER 31, 2034 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING SUSTAINABILITY INFRASTRUCTURE AND PROGRAMS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:

- PROGRAMS TO CONSERVE OUR WATER RESOURCES BY HELPING FARMERS, RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES REDUCE THEIR WATER USE;
- RECYCLING AND COMPOSTING SERVICES AND FACILITIES FOR BOULDER COUNTY RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS OWNERS TO HELP REDUCE WASTE;
- ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY SERVICES SUCH AS ENERGYSMART PROGRAMS FOR HOMES AND BUSINESSES AND HOME WEATHERIZATION FOR LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLDS;

- ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL FARMERS TO GROW MORE LOCAL AND ORGANIC FOOD FOR BOULDER COUNTY RESIDENTS; AND
- PROGRAMS TO INCREASE TRANSPORTATION CHOICES BY MAKING IT EASIER TO USE PUBLIC TRANSIT, PROVIDING AFFORDABLE TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS FOR LOW INCOME RESIDENTS AND STUDENTS, AND PROMOTING ELECTRIC VEHICLES AND CHARGING STATIONS;

AND SHALL THE EARNINGS ON THE INVESTMENT OF THE PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAX, REGARDLESS OF AMOUNT, CONSTITUTE A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE; ALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' RESOLUTION NO. 2016-79?

2. The Board shall take further action to finally certify the ballot measure and ballot title, together with any others that may be approved, to the November 8, 2016 general election ballot on or before September 9, 2016.

A motion to approve this Resolution 2016-80 was made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Domenico, and passed by a 3-0 vote.

ADOPTED this 28th Day of July, 2016.



ATTEST:

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF BOULDER COUNTY**

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Elise Jones, Chair

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Cindy Domenico, Vice Chair

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Clerk to the Board

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Deb Gardner, Commissioner