

2015 City of Boulder Ballot Language

Following are the candidates for City Council. You may vote for up to five (5) candidates. If you vote for five (5) or less, your votes in this race will be counted. If you vote for more than five (5), your votes in this race will not be counted.

Jared Kaszuba
Lisa Morzel
Leonard May
Logan Wolff
Edward Jabari
Cha Cha Spinrad
Bob Yates
Aaron Brockett
Julianne McCabe
Bill Rigler
Tim Plass
Cindy Carlisle
Suzanne Jones
Michael Kruteck
Comrade Keith Percy
Jyotsna Raj
Jan Burton
Don Cote

BALLOT ISSUE 2N

SHORT-TERM RENTAL TAX

SHALL CITY OF BOULDER TAXES BE INCREASED BY UP TO \$400,000.00 ANNUALLY (IN THE FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR) AND BY WHATEVER AMOUNTS AS MAY BE COLLECTED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER BY THE IMPOSITION OF A SHORT-TERM RENTAL TAX ON EACH LEASE OR RENTAL OF ANY DWELLING UNIT, NOT ALREADY TAXED AS A HOTEL, MOTEL OR OTHER PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION IN THE AMOUNT OF SEVEN AND ONE-HALF PERCENT, TO FUND ADMINISTRATION, ENFORCEMENT AND ALL OTHER REASONABLE EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH ADMINISTERING THE SHORT-TERM RENTAL PROGRAM WITH ANY ADDITIONAL FUNDS GOING TO CREATE AFFORDABLE HOUSING FROM JANUARY 1, 2016;

AND IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,

SHALL THE FULL PROCEEDS OF SUCH TAXES AT SUCH RATES AND ANY EARNINGS THEREON BE COLLECTED, RETAINED, AND SPENT, AS A VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE WITHOUT LIMITATION OR CONDITION, AND WITHOUT LIMITING THE COLLECTION, RETENTION, OR SPENDING OF ANY OTHER REVENUES OR FUNDS BY THE CITY OF BOULDER UNDER ARTICLE X SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION OR ANY OTHER LAW?

FOR THE MEASURE _____ AGAINST THE MEASURE _____

Ballot Question 2O

Utility Occupation Tax Extension

Without raising additional taxes, shall that portion of the city’s utility occupation tax on public utility companies that deliver electricity and natural gas to customers in the city that replaced the franchise fee paid by Public Service Company and supports general revenue needs of the city be extended from its current expiration date of December 31, 2017 and expire on December 31, 2022 with the revenues of the existing tax as extended being used to continue to support local government services, and shall the revenue from such tax extension and all earnings thereon (regardless of amount) constitute a voter approved revenue change, and an exception to the revenue and spending limits of Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution?

For the Measure _____

Against the Measure _____

Ballot Question 2P

Climate Action Plan Tax Extension

Without raising additional taxes, shall the existing climate action plan excise tax be extended for five years for the purpose of continuing to provide incentives, services, and other assistance to Boulder residents and businesses to improve energy efficiency, expand the use of renewable energy, and take other necessary steps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, at the current rate of \$0.0049 per kilowatt hour (kwh) for residential customers, \$0.0009 per kwh for commercial customers, and \$0.0003 per kwh for industrial customers on electricity consumed, from its current expiration of March 31, 2018, through March 31, 2023 as a voter-approved revenue change?

For the Measure _____

Against the Measure _____

Ballot Question 2Q

Amending Charter Provisions Regarding Library Commission

Shall the Charter be amended to make changes so that the powers and governance of the Library Commission and the uses of the Library Fund are updated to be consistent with other advisory commissions as specified in Ordinance No. 8055?

For the Measure _____

Against the Measure _____

Ballot Question 2R

Amending Charter Provisions Regarding Compensation for Council Members

Shall Section 7 of the Charter be amended pursuant to Ordinance No. 8052 to add an annual salary for council members in the amount of \$10,000, with an annual increase equal to the percentage increase in the consumer price index and to add health benefits equivalent to those received by city employees?

For the Measure _____

Against the Measure _____

Ballot Question No. 300

Neighborhood Right to Vote on Land Use Regulation Changes

Shall the Boulder Home Rule Charter be amended to give residents of neighborhoods the right to vote on certain changes to land use regulations for residential developments that may have an impact on their quality of life, neighborhood character or property values, including without limitation those that increase the maximum allowable building height, size, density, floor areas, or occupancy limits, changes to allowable uses, or reductions in on-site parking requirements, required setbacks, or solar access protection, or change zoning district designations or regulations within residential neighborhoods; and shall such neighborhoods be contiguous areas reasonably demarcated by the city that contain at least a portion of the MH, RE, RL-1&2, RM-1,2&3, RMX-1&2, RH-1-7 or RR-1&2 zoning districts, including without limitation at least 65 separate neighborhoods listed in the petition; and such other neighborhoods as the city may reasonably identify; and shall any changes to these land use regulations or combinations of neighborhoods adopted by city council not be effective for 60 days, and if within such 60 days, one or more residential neighborhood submits a petition signed by 10 percent of the registered electors of the neighborhood meeting the referendum requirements of the charter, such changes shall not be effective for that neighborhood unless approved by the voters of such neighborhood; and shall there be a separate election for each residential neighborhood that has submitted a proper petition; and shall the city pay the costs of such elections; and related details as set forth in the initiative petition for this measure?

For the Measure_____ Against the Measure_____

Ballot Question No. 301

New Development Shall Pay Its Own Way

Shall the Boulder Home Rule Charter be amended to prevent the city, to the extent allowed by state and federal law, from approving new development that does not fully pay for or otherwise provide additional facilities and services to fully offset the additional burdens imposed by the new development; such facilities and services to include without limitation police, fire-rescue, parks and recreation, public libraries, housing, human services, senior services, parking services, transportation, and open space and mountain parks, but exempting utilities that have set services standards including water, wastewater, flood control, and electric; and to require the city council to apply standards and practices reasonably designed to achieve the requirements of this section, that are consistent with generally accepted professional standards and practices where they exist, and that consider indirect revenues and contributions from new development, such as sales and use tax paid by occupants; and to require the standards for transportation facilities and services to include without limitation emergency response times, daily vehicle miles traveled within the city, and travel times on designated streets during morning and evening peak and near-peak hours; and shall the city council by a vote of six members be able to exempt permanently affordable housing or publicly-owned new developments from this section; and shall new development with a complete and proper application for a building permit, or a change of use permit as of the date of passage of this section, be exempt from the requirements of this section, but only for the construction or change of use covered by the permit or change of use application as submitted; and shall the city manager be required to report annually all standards used and a summary of the measurements and actions taken and analyses performed to satisfy this section; and setting forth related details set forth in the initiated petition for this measure?

For the Measure_____ Against the Measure_____