

15. AUTHORIZE AND PROVIDE THE SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE NECESSARY TO ALLOW COLORADO COUNTIES TO USE RANKED CHOICE VOTING [BOTH INSTANT-RUNOFF VOTING AND SINGLE TRANSFERABLE VOTE] AND OTHER ALTERNATIVE VOTING METHODS IN THEIR ELECTIONS

In November 2020, Boulder voters approved a measure to amend the city's charter to require ranked choice voting in elections of the mayor beginning in 2023. The city relies on Boulder County to administer its elections and has been informed by the County Clerk and Recorder that the county does not have cost-effective access to the necessary software nor the authority or guidance to administer such an election. While the city apparently has the authority to run such an election independently from the county, it would be far from ideal to do so.

Consequently, the city supports changes to state policy that would assist Colorado counties in securing favorable rates for the necessary software for RCV and other alternative voting methods, that would expressly allow but not require its use by counties, and that would provide all requirements, specifications and guidance necessary to ensure the uniform use of RCV in all county elections. The city supports alternative voting methods can be more expressive of voter intent, eliminate spoiler effects, promote positive campaigning, improve diversity and proportional representation, be easy and inexpensive to implement, result in the election

25. COMPREHENSIVELY REFORM FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAWS WHILE ADOPTING ASSOCIATED STATE LEVEL REFORMS THAT ALLOW AND PROVIDE FOR SUPPORT OF ALL PEOPLE REGARDLESS OF IMMIGRATION STATUS

As detailed in council Ordinance 8162, Boulder is a sanctuary city committed to fostering and ensuring equity, social justice and freedom from persecution and the protection of civil and human rights for all people. . . . Accordingly, the city welcomes and encourages cooperation at all levels of government to work together to support swift and responsible legislative action to produce equitable, humane, effective and comprehensive federal immigration reform and associated state level reform that provides for: . . .

m) Repeal of Laws Hostile to Immigrant Rights - Repeal of federal policies that were designed to diminish the rights of immigrants, non-white people and those without proper documentation.

31. SUPPORT FOR POLICIES THAT ADDRESS AND BEGIN TO DISMANTLE INSTITUTIONAL AND SYSTEMIC RACISM THAT INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO HEALTH EQUITY, HOUSING AND WEALTH ACCESS, ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

In 2019, Boulder's City Council adopted Resolution 1275 committing the city to promote racial equity in relationships, programs, services and policies. The city will need changes in state and federal policies to help meet this goal. One example is the need for criminal justice reform that includes, but is not limited to, sentencing and bond reform, mental health care, addiction recovery and dismantling of institutional and systematic biases. . .

43. SUPPORT FOR STATE AND FEDERAL AID FOR RESPONSE AND RECOVERY FROM THE COVID PANDEMIC AND THE ASSOCIATED ECONOMIC AND FISCAL CRISIS

The city supports substantial, direct and flexible emergency financial assistance to local governments and the most impacted members in their community to help address both the health challenges presented by COVID-19 as well as the associated economic and fiscal crisis.