

**RESOLUTION No. 1195 SUPPORTING BOULDER COUNTY'S 2016 BALLOT  
MEASURE 1C, CONCERNING A TAX EXTENSION TO FUND SUSTAINABILITY  
INFRASTRUCTURE AND PROGRAMS**

**FINDINGS**

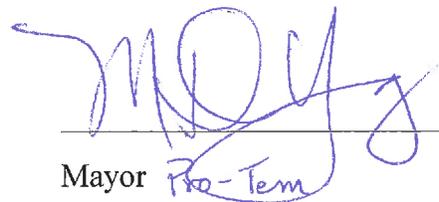
1. Boulder County has determined that ongoing management and maintenance of open space lands may be achieved through continued funding from the extension of only one-half of the existing 0.25 percent countywide open space sales and use tax. It has therefore placed Measure 1C on the 2016 county ballot to extend the other one-half of the existing tax for an additional period of fifteen years to be effective through December 31, 2034, for the new purpose of funding sustainability facilities and programs.
  
2. These facilities and programs would build on the work of the Boulder County Sustainability Initiative and the county's Sustainability Plan and expand upon current successful programs and implement new countywide projects and services to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, conserve natural resources, support the local economy, protect the health of residents and ecosystems, and serve as environmental stewardship leaders by:
  - Promoting energy efficiency by conserving the energy needed to operate and power our buildings through deep energy efficiency upgrades, expanding "net zero" energy codes, and helping replace fossil fuel power and heating sources with clean, renewable energy;
  - Striving to become a "zero waste" community through waste reduction and diversion initiatives and infrastructure, and develop and promote effective reuse, recycling and composting options;
  - Supporting new and improved vehicle technologies, electric vehicles, strategies to reduce the number of vehicle miles traveled, increased transit services and other transportation Demand Management strategies;
  - Providing for the wise use, conservation and protection of water and other natural resources; and
  - Supporting local and organic food production and sustainable agricultural practices.
  
3. City of Boulder residents and businesses have long held a commitment to stewardship of our land, environment and community. By prioritizing natural resource conservation and environmental sustainability, we can achieve greater economic vitality in our communities; ensure cleaner air, land and water for the well-being and health of residents; and combat major environmental issues, such as climate change, resource

depletion, ecosystem degradation, pollution, waste management, and access to healthy and sustainable food sources.

**RESOLUTION**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Boulder City Council endorses Boulder County Ballot Measure 1C which would extend one-half (0.125 percent) of the existing 0.25 percent countywide open space sales and use tax for the purpose of funding sustainability infrastructure and programs.

Resolved this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016

  
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Mayor Pro-Tem

Attest

  
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City Clerk