

Resolution 011-2010

A Resolution Opposing Proposition 101 and Amendments 60 and 61

WHEREAS, state voters will have the opportunity at the November 2 statewide general election to protect the fiscal health of local government by defeating Proposition 101, Amendment 60, and Amendment 61; and

WHEREAS, these measures individually and collectively significantly reduce or otherwise restrict both state and local revenues in a number of different ways including but not limited to: specific ownership taxes, telecommunication taxes, state income taxes, state-shared revenues to assist municipalities with local street and transit improvements, other state grants and loans to help local government, and property taxes; and

WHEREAS, these measures would collectively reduce the Town of Crestone's annual operating revenue by approximately 20%; and

WHEREAS, during this current economic downturn the Town of Crestone has already suffered from business closures resulting in a 20% reduction in revenue and requiring budget cuts to road maintenance and materials as well as staff hours that are used to obtain grants and maintain public facilities; and

WHEREAS, the ability to finance long-term capital improvements including water and sewer system extensions, storm drainage, curbs and gutters, recreational projects, fire stations, other public facilities, and development of the eight acres recently donated to the Town for community and recreational services will be significantly impaired by the restrictions on debt financing as proposed by Amendment 61; and

WHEREAS, the following services and programs in the Town of Crestone will be limited or curtailed because of the numerous restrictions and revenue reductions proposed by these three measures: road improvements and maintenance; snow removal; park maintenance and development; and downtown development; and

WHEREAS, Amendment 60 would declare previous local de-Brucings "expired," thus nullifying a 1997 vote of the citizens of Crestone and of many other Colorado municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Crestone is concerned about the impact these three measures will have on its ability to complete existing contracts with other local governments and engage in future intergovernmental agreements with the Saguache County Sheriff's Office, Saguache County Road and Bridge Department and Baca Grande Water and Sanitation District, whose revenues and financing options will also be severely impacted by these three measures; and

WHEREAS, a number of prominent individuals, newspapers, and organizations including our own Colorado Municipal League are voicing opposition to these measures as not being in the best interests of Colorado and of local communities; and

WHEREAS, provisions of state law allow the Town of Crestone to promulgate this resolution as a statement of opposition to the measures known as Proposition 101, Amendment 60, and Amendment 61;

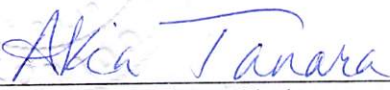
NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Trustees of the Town of Crestone opposes Proposition 101, Amendment 60, and Amendment 61 and urges our citizens to vote against all three ballot measures.

DONE and SIGNED this 13th day of September, 2010.



Ralph Abrams, Mayor

Attest: _____



Akia Tanara, Town Clerk