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Amendment 21 (Tax Cut 2000), Opposing

WHEREAS the voters of the State of Colorado will be asked to adopt an amendment to the Colorado Constitution in November 2000, regarding a tax cut in the amount of \$25 per taxing authority per year for taxes paid in Colorado; and

WHEREAS the proposed initiative continues those tax cuts regardless of economic growth or recession, in perpetuity, amounting to certain failure for many small units of local government and special districts; and

WHEREAS the proposed initiative will have far reaching impacts on all levels of local government and special district services such as water, sewer, gas, electric utilities, libraries, fire, and cemetery services; and

WHEREAS estimates indicate that the fiscal impact will exceed 480 million dollars in the first year of implementation, significantly reducing the ability of western Colorado local government operations; and

WHEREAS much of western Colorado is served by small special districts that provide direct services, all of which may be eliminated from a total loss of revenue; and

WHEREAS state funding for Colorado highways would decrease substantially, thus reducing or eliminating many important transportation projects in western Colorado; and

WHEREAS the initiative does not provide any opportunity for voter-approved overrides or waivers of the proposed tax cuts

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CLUB 20 strongly opposes the Constitutional Amendment 21 and urges the voters of western Colorado to vote against the initiative in November 2000.

Resolution adopted September 8, 2000