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State Land Board Initiative

WHEREAS: Governor Romer and his staff have proposed a ballot initiative asking voters to alter the makeup and mission of the State Land Board, eliminating the requirement that the Board use state trust lands to gain optimum revenues for public schools, and

WHEREAS: Many West Slope residents strongly favor this approach as a means of emphasizing public uses of such lands in ways that may not generate revenue but offer public benefits in other ways, and

WHEREAS: Many other West Slope residents strongly oppose the initiative because of its negative impact on public school revenue, the resulting increase in the state bureaucracy, and the likely shift in traditional uses of these lands, and

WHEREAS: Governor Romer has specifically requested CLUB 20's involvement in the campaign to convince voters to support the initiative, though clearly this is an issue upon which Western Slope people are divided,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that although CLUB 20 cannot be involved in the campaign, recognizing the important opportunities and dangers inherent in such a major revision, this organization wishes to be helpful in crafting the enabling rules, should the measure pass in November.

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