



Forging NOCO's Summary of the 2026 Colorado Statewide Ballot Initiatives

YES refers to a ballot measure that is endorsed by Forging NOCO
TABOR = Taxpayer Bill of Rights passed in 1992.

Number	Title	Description	YES means	NO means	Biblical Principle
Prop 133	Increased Penalties for Trafficking of a Human Minor	Require life in prison without parole or release for persons convicted of human trafficking a child for sexual servitude	YES vote = If convicted of sexually trafficking a minor, that person would be sentenced to life in prison without parole.	NO vote = If convicted of sexually trafficking a minor, sentencing would be left to a judge's discretion which could include probation without serving a prison sentence at all as sometimes happens now.	Human Dignity Marriage & Family Justice
Prop 134	Male and Female Participation in School Sports	Require all K-12 and collegiate school sports teams to be separated based on biological sex, unless the team is co-ed	YES vote = Only biological females would be allowed to play in girls school sports K through college in Colorado.	NO vote = Colorado would continue to allow biological males to play in girls sports if they identify as trans females.	Human Dignity Marriage & Family
Prop 135	Prohibit Certain Surgeries on Minors	Prohibit healthcare professionals from providing irreversible sex change surgeries to persons under age 18 in response to a minor's perception of sex or gender	YES vote = Colorado will no longer allow or fund irreversible gender change surgeries on minors (17 and under). Adults will still have access to these procedures.	NO vote = no change in current Colorado law which allows such surgeries for minors and funds them through Medicaid if needed by the patient even if they are newcomers to Colorado.	Human Dignity Marriage & Family

Prop 132	Increased Penalties for Fentanyl Crimes	Increase penalties for fentanyl-related felonies, require treatment for certain drug offenses, and limit sentencing exceptions in fentanyl-related crimes that cause another person's death	YES vote = Make the manufacturing, distribution, sale, and possession of fentanyl a felony with increased penalties whether or not the accused is a habitual user. May increase costs to the state with more people in prison but intended to reduce fentanyl deaths.	NO vote = Continue classifying the possession of less than 1 gram of fentanyl as a misdemeanor (note that 1 gram of fentanyl = 500 fatal doses) thus allowing more lenient sentencing penalties than if this measure is passed.	Justice
Prop 136	Income Tax Rate Cap	Starting January 1, 2027, neither the individual income tax rate nor the corporate income tax rate may exceed 4.4% of a taxpayer's federal taxable income.	YES vote = Colorado state income and corporate tax will not exceed 4.4%, keeping those taxes stable for families and businesses.	NO vote = Colorado income and corporate tax rates could be allowed to increase over time, creating a burden for families and businesses. See Amendment 87 below.	Stewardship
Prop 137	Designate Sporting Goods Sales Tax Revenue for Conservation	All sales tax revenues (even if they exceed TABOR limits) from certain sporting goods and equipment will be directed to water, land, forest, wildfire prevention, and outdoor recreation purposes.	YES vote = more money specifically earmarked for conservation, recreation, and wildfire mitigation including when it exceeds TABOR limits thus reducing taxpayer refunds (De-Brucing) and in years when TABOR limits are not met, taking money from the state's general fund resulting in less money for other purposes. Single taxpayer refunds estimated to be \$26-\$83 less for single filers and \$52-\$166 less for joint filers.	NO vote = legislature continues to allocate money from the general fund for these purposes as they see fit; also, any extra revenue above TABOR limits will continue to be refunded to the taxpayers.	Stewardship
Prop NN	TABOR Revenue Cap Increase for K-12 Education	Increase TABOR cap and use surplus funds for K-12 education expenses; referred by the legislature to the ballot.	YES vote = Reduced TABOR tax refunds to Coloradan taxpayers. That money will go to K-12 education for 10 years, after which it may be used however the legislature decides. Permanently removes TABOR restraints on government spending and reduces tax refunds.	NO vote = no change from current TABOR tax refund requirements and thus less government spending and higher tax refunds than if the proposal passes.	Stewardship

Amend 81	Law Enforcement Reporting Requirements to Federal Authorities of charged persons of illegal or unknown immigration status	Require law enforcement to notify the U.S. Department of Homeland Security when a person is charged with a crime of violence or has a prior felony conviction and the person's immigration status cannot be determined	YES vote = Requires state and local law enforcement to notify U.S. Department of Homeland Security when a person charged with a violent crime or who has a prior felony is here illegally or his immigration status is unknown. Requires 55% yes vote to amend CO Constitution.	NO vote = No change from the current situation in which state and local law enforcement are not required to report illegal immigrants charged with past or current violent crimes to U.S. Department of Homeland Security.	Justice Love of Neighbor
Amend 82	Right to Natural Gas	Amends CO Colorado Constitution to ensure that consumers and businesses have the right to buy and sell natural gas for heating and cooking in Colorado.	YES Vote = Natural gas can not be prohibited as a cooking and heating source in Colorado. Requires 55% yes vote to amend CO Constitution.	NO vote = No protection of the right to sell and purchase natural gas in Colorado; for example gas stoves and furnaces could be prohibited by state government	Stewardship Justice
Amend 83	Constitutional Right to Hunt and Fish	Establish state constitutional right to hunt, fish, and take fish and wildlife through traditional methods, and allow the state legislature and executive agencies to continue to regulate it these practices.	YES vote = Hunting & Fishing rights are preserved with reasonable licensing and regulations but cannot be broadly prohibited by the legislature or citizen sponsored ballot measures in the future. Requires 55% yes vote to amend CO Constitution.	NO vote = No change from present situation but hunting & fishing would potentially be vulnerable to laws and ballot measures aimed at prohibiting hunting and fishing.	Stewardship Love of Neighbor & Common Good
Amend 84	Mail Ballot Voter Identification	Amends the Colorado Constitution to require proof of ID with Colorado REAL ID-compliant Drivers License or identification card or last four digits of Social Security card in addition to a signature when voting by mail.	YES vote = For mail-in ballots voter verification would require both a signature and an ID number on the ballot envelope similar to what is currently required of someone voting in person. If they don't match the state's records, the voter would be contacted to come vote in person with the proper ID and signature. Requires 55% yes vote to amend CO Constitution.	NO vote = No change from current requirement of only a signature for mail-in ballots.	Justice Truth & Integrity

Amend 85	Plain Language Ballot Questions	Requires ballot measure titles to be in plain language at no more than an eighth grade reading level.	YES vote = ballot measure titles will be required to be easy to understand but that will be at discretion of the Title Board. Requires 55% yes vote to amend CO Constitution.	NO vote = no change from current situation in which ballot measure titles are not required to be written in plain language.	Truth & Integrity
Amend 86	Congressional Redistricting	Requires any mid-decade redistricting plan to be approved by both the state's independent redistricting commission and the Colorado Supreme Court; and Prohibits the approval of maps that have been "drawn purposefully to favor one political party."	YES vote = If redistricting occurs mid-decade in years other than the year after the U.S. Census, the new plan would have to be approved in the same manner with the same safeguards as is currently required for redistricting every ten years by the state's independent redistricting commission and the Colorado Supreme Court. Requires 55% vote to amend CO Constitution.	NO vote = CO Constitution will not be amended, maintaining the current redistricting requirements following the U.S. Census every ten years, but if mid-decade redistricting were to occur due to a vote of the people or a court order, the process would not be defined and could therefore be politicized more easily than if Amendment 86 passes.	Justice Stewardship
Amend 87	Graduated Income Tax	Establishes a graduated income tax, ranging from 3.7% to 8.4%; Removes the uniform tax rate requirement from the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR); and Allocates the extra revenue to the Colorado Future's Account, which funds K-12 public school education, health care, and early child care programs.	YES Vote =.Institutes a progressive state income tax with higher tax rate for Coloradans earning more than \$500,000. The extra revenue would be allocated for public schools, healthcare, and early childhood care. Might drive wealthy individuals and high earning businesses away from the state. Requires simple majority to pass b/c it only repeals a provision in the CO Constitution; 55% is only needed when language is changed or added. NOTE: Since this measure and Proposition 136 above conflict, if both are approved by the voters, it is not clear which one will be implemented but most likely the one that gets the most votes.	NO Vote = No change from current flat income tax situation; all Coloradan incomes and businesses will continue to be taxed at the current uniform 4.4% rate.	Stewardship Justice

7A	Front Range Passenger Rail District	Proposes a 0.333% sales tax increase (about 33 cents per \$100 spent) across Front Range communities to fund the Colorado Connector passenger rail system , designed to connect communities, major employment centers, and colleges along the I-25 corridor.	YES Vote = an increase in the sales tax for cities along the Front Range including Fort Collins, Loveland, Berthoud, Longmont, and parts of some other cities like Mead and Erie. Note that the current sales tax rates in Loveland is 6.95%, in Fort Collins is 8.3%, and in unincorporated Larimer County is 3.95%. Any tax increases that are passed will be added to the current sales tax rates. Where you live and shop affects how much you pay on purchases in person and online.	NO Vote = Sales tax for the Passenger Rail District, which was established by the legislature in 2021, would not be put into place at this time. The district will continue to seek funding in order to fulfill its mandate to establish passenger rail service along the Front Range.	Stewardship Love of Neighbor
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Any measure with a number & letter such as 1A	Various Tax Measures and Special Districts	Note that Under the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR), any tax increases must be approved by the voters. This is denoted by the ballot measure being written in all caps. Note also that when the tax money received exceeds the rate of population growth plus inflation, under TABOR the extra money is refunded to the taxpayers UNLESS the people vote to allow the state or local government to keep this extra money (called de-Bruce after the man who created TABOR.) In that case tax refunds are reduced and government spending increases. Some examples of the language used to de-Bruce include: Shall the district be authorized to collect & retain all revenues without limitation by Article X Section 29 of the Colorado Constitution; Shall the earnings on the bond constitute an exception to the revenue and spending limits of article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution; etc. Section 20 of Article X of the Colorado Constitution is the Taxpayer Bill of Rights.	Stewardship Love of Neighbor
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