



2026 Colorado Statewide Ballot Initiatives

YES refers to a ballot measure that is endorsed by Forging NOCO

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 surgeries to persons under age 18 for the purpose of "treatment in response to a minor's perception of sex or gender"	YES vote = Colorado will no longer allow or fund permanent 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

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TBD	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.	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 much more lenient sentencing penalties than if this measure is passed.	Justice
Prop 137	Designate Sporting Goods Sales Tax Revenue for Conservation	All sales tax revenues with 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 even when it exceeds TABOR limits thus reducing taxpayer refunds (De-Brucing)	NO vote = no guarantee that the legislature will allocate money from the general fund for these purposes and 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

	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 next initiative below.	Stewardship
	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 generated would be allocated for public schools, healthcare, and early childhood care. NOTE: Since this measure and the uniform tax rate measure above conflict, if both are approved by the voters, the one with the most votes will be implemented.	NO Vote = No change from current flat tax situation; all Coloradan incomes will continue to be taxed at the current uniform 4.4% rate.	Stewardship
	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 = Amends CO Constitution to require 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

	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
	Plain Language Ballot Questions	Constitutional amendment requiring ballot measure titles to be in plain language at no more than an eighth grade reading level.	YES vote = ballot measure titles will be easier to understand Requires 55% yes vote to amend CO Constitution	NO vote = no change from current situation, ballot measure titles not required to be written in plain language.	Truth & Integrity
	Constitutional Right to Hunt and Fish	Establish a right to hunt, fish, and take fish and wildlife in the state constitution, through traditional methods, and allow the state legislature and executive agencies to regulate it	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 but hunting & fishing would potentially be vulnerable to laws and ballot measures aimed at prohibiting hunting and fishing	Stewardship Love of Neighbor & Common Good

	Mail Ballot Voter Identification	Amends the CO Constitution to require proof of ID with CO 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 which is 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
	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 = Allows redistricting to occur mid-decade in years other than the year after the U.S. Census. Requires 55% yes vote to amend CO Constitution.	NO vote = CO Constitution will not be amended, maintaining current system in which redistricting plans are only reviewed by the independent commission and state supreme court following the U.S. Census every ten years.	