

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF
CONEJOS COUNTY, COLORADO
RESOLUTION NO. C-40-23**

**A RESOLUTION
IN OPPOSITION TO THE STATEWIDE PROPOSAL, PROPOSITION HH**

WHEREAS, the vast majority of local governments, but not the State of Colorado, levy a property tax to support essential public services and infrastructure;

WHEREAS, Conejos County, municipalities and other special districts are more dependent on property tax revenue, as it is often their primary or even sole source of revenue;

WHEREAS, inflation from 2020 to 2023 has increased by nearly 18 percent and the county has not benefitted from increased sales and use tax receipts to offset increased costs of labor, materials, and services aside from the Conejos County Sheriffs and Ambulance service;

WHEREAS, Proposition HH will mandate reductions in local property taxes for at least ten years, resulting in hundreds of thousands of lost revenue for local governments without any reduction in service obligations;

WHEREAS, Proposition HH will increase the State's TABOR spending limit, allowing the State to spend billions of dollars more than it did before, while placing a property tax revenue limit lower than allowed by TABOR on local governments;

WHEREAS, the ballot question for Proposition HH indicates that local governments will be reimbursed from state funds for lost property tax revenue, but that those reimbursements are a small percentage of the billions of dollars more that the State will retain, and that most special districts will be ineligible for reimbursements early in the ten-year period of Proposition HH;

WHEREAS, Proposition HH undermines the short and long-range planning efforts of Colorado's counties and special districts that are necessary to absorb inflationary pressures, to increase salaries and compensation for employees, to support existing and grow new public programs, to construct and maintain government infrastructure, and to respond to the needs and emergencies of Colorado's communities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Conejos County by and through the Conejos County Board of County Commissioners, hereby ratified as follows:

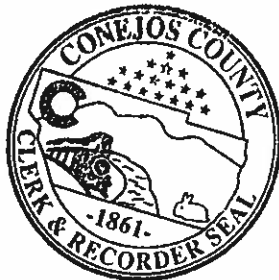
1. It is the position of the Conejos County Board of Commissioners that we are the best suited to determine the revenues necessary to meet the needs, and expectations of Conejos County.

2. Conejos County will be unable to plan for long term planning. Essential county services and offices may be impacted and/or cut. Salary increases may not be given to employees making it even more difficult to retain county employees.
3. For the reasons set forth above, the Conejos County Board of Commissioners Board of Directors concludes that Proposition HH diminishes the ability of Conejos County to provide the vital services, facilities, and infrastructure that the public needs, expects, and demands; and, THEREFORE, the Board strongly urges a NO vote on Proposition HH at the statewide election on November 7, 2023.

APPROVED on Motion of Commissioner BAROZ Seconded by Commissioner Garcia
and passed on a vote of 3 for and 0 against this 19TH day of
October, 2023.

ATTEST:

Nathan Ruybal
Nathan Ruybal, Clerk and Recorder



Mitchell Jarvies
Mitchell Jarvies, Chairman

Carlos Garcia
Carlos Garcia, Vice Chairman

Joseph Baroz
Joseph Baroz, Vice Chairman