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Denver Ballot

The Downtown Denver Partnership has not taken positions on Denver ballot initiatives this election cycle. The following is for informational purposes only.

Referred Question 2A

If 2A passes, a Department of Transportation and Infrastructure will be formed within the City and County of Denver. This Department will perform duties related to services, safety programs and non-motorized transportation facilities (i.e. bike lanes) formerly performed by the Department of Public Works.

Referred Question 2B

A 'yes' vote on 2B supports Denver Arts and Venues having the authority to manage and control facilities owned or leased by the City and County for theatre, concert, auditorium or arena purposes. Currently, the Department of General Services is responsible for this management.

Referred Question 2C

2C asks voters to approve the addition of an EMT (emergency medical technician) to the ranks in the fire department and allows the chief of the fire department to assign an assistant chief to the duties of shift commander. The assistant chief will report to the chief.

Referred Question 2D

If 2D is approved by voters, elected officials would be required to be residents of Denver and, similarly, would require City Councilmembers (excluding at-large representatives) to live in the district they represent.

Denver Public Schools School Board

Three seats on the Denver Public Schools School Board are up for general election*:

At-large: Tay Anderson; Alexis Menocal Harrigan; Natela Aleandrovna Manuntseva

District 1: Scott Baldermann; Diana Romero Campbell; Radhika Nath

District 5: Julie Banuelos; Tony Curcio; Bradley Laurvick

**Voters' ability to vote on School Board candidates will depend on the district in which they live.*

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Colorado Ballot

The Downtown Denver Partnership has taken positions of support on Propositions CC and DD.

Proposition CC

YES**What is it?**

Proposition CC would allow the state to retain revenue it is currently required to refund under the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR). Retained funds would be used for education and transportation purposes. The TABOR Amendment limits the amount of money the state of Colorado can take in and spend. Revenue above a certain limit is refunded to taxpayers. The measure would require the state auditor to hire a private entity to conduct an annual financial audit regarding use of funds as provided under the measure.

Why vote YES?

At the Downtown Denver Partnership, we know that mobility, higher education and K-12 education are key priorities for a vibrant center city. Due to limitations of the State budget, education and transportation continue to be sorely underfunded. Prop CC would divide the money voters allow the state to invest equally between transportation, higher education and K-12 schools. In its first year, Prop CC would direct an estimated \$103 million to state, county and local transportation projects, \$103 million to higher education and \$103 million to our public schools for "non-recurring" expenses like buying books or computers or creating incentives to retain and attract quality teachers.

Proposition DD

YES**What is it?**

Proposition DD would authorize the legislature to authorize sports betting and create a 10% tax on sports betting proceeds to be levied on those who conduct sports betting operations. This measure requires voter approval under the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR) since it proposes to implement a new tax. Revenue generated from the tax on sports betting would be used to fund expenses related to the administration and regulation of sports betting in Colorado and to create and fund the Water Plan Implementation Cash Fund.

Why vote YES?

The Downtown Denver Partnership recognizes the critical need to preserve and protect our water resources. 93% of the funds generated from the tax will help fund Colorado's Water Plan to protect and preserve Colorado's water needs, and a small portion will be used to regulate and enforce gaming. Proposition DD follows the model created by the Colorado Lottery and Great Outdoors Colorado, investing those revenues in parks and open space, and it applies to conserving and protecting our water resources at a time when it's critical to act.

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