



Board of County Commissioners

MEMORANDUM

To: Boulder County Board of County Commissioners
From: Cindy Copeland, Summer Laws, Nick Robles, and Mark Ruzzin
Date: January 5, 2023
RE: Adoption of 2023 Boulder County State Legislative Agenda

INTRODUCTION

The Commissioner' Office Policy Team is requesting Board consideration and adoption of the 2023 Boulder County State Legislative Agenda.

Adoption of the 2023 Boulder County State Legislative Agenda will formalize a diverse set of county positions regarding legislation and other public policy issues expected to be considered in the near-term by the Colorado General Assembly. The State Legislative Agenda identifies key public policy priorities that are of primary importance to Boulder County and its residents and outlines a series of positions in respect to the state budget and the general fiscal health of the State of Colorado.

AGENDA DEVELOPMENT

The 2023 State Legislative Agenda was developed over the course of the fall and winter of 2022. The Policy Team solicited input from department heads and other key county staff, community partners, and external stakeholders in compiling the positions and issues that are included in the agenda. Additions, deletions, and revisions were made to the 2022 State Legislative Agenda to reflect state legislation that was adopted during the 2022 legislative session and other circumstances that have changed since the adoption of the 2022 agenda.

The policy statements included in the Legislative Agenda were vetted against a number of criteria, including their relevance to adopted county policy goals; whether the policy priority will be considered by the General Assembly in the 2023 legislative session; the potential impact of the issue to Boulder County; and the viability or likelihood of achieving the policy priority. The policy statements cover a broad range of public policy issues and look to capture new opportunities or reduce barriers to better serving the residents of Boulder County.

In many respects the Legislative Agenda is a "living document." Experience has shown us that the State Legislative Agenda will need to be revised on an occasional basis during the legislative session, with a full review and update expected to be completed during the interim period between sessions.

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AGENDA IMPLEMENTATION

Through coordination with the Policy Team, the State Legislative Agenda will be used by the county's elected officials and staff to inform the county positions that may be taken on active state legislation and guide any advocacy strategies that are developed to support those positions. The Legislative Agenda will guide Boulder County's state legislative advocacy work and will serve as a reference tool for the county's state legislators as they consider legislation that may impact Boulder County.

Staff intends to regularly update the BOCC on all lobbying activities that the county engages with in respect to state legislation. It is expected that, from time to time, BOCC participation or the participation of county staff will be beneficial to supporting county advocacy efforts. This participation will be planned and organized in as timely a fashion as possible, given the fast-paced nature of the state legislative process.

ACTION REQUESTED

Staff is asking the Board of County Commissioners to adopt the 2023 Boulder County State Legislative Agenda.

Attachment:

2023 Boulder County State Legislative Agenda Legislative Principles and Policy Statements



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2023

STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Legislative Principles and Policy Statements
Adopted January 5, 2023



LEGISLATIVE PRINCIPLES

Boulder County's State Legislative Agenda adheres to the following Legislative Principles, which guide the development of the positions the county takes on state legislation.

Racial Equity and Equity

Boulder County supports the creation and adoption of fully inclusive, anti-racist, and multicultural policies. As a government institution, it is the moral responsibility of the county and its employees to interrupt institutional racism which manifests through racist policy, practices, and behaviors.

Boulder County supports policy to reverse systematic discrimination by race, ethnicity, gender, physical and intellectual ability, mental health status, sexual orientation, gender expression, class, country of origin, income, and other protected classes. We recognize the rights of Native American nations and individuals and support policy brought forward by Native Americans to address past and current injustices.

As Heather McGhee says in her book *The Sum of Us*, "Dr. King said that the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends towards justice. But we know progress is not guaranteed. When the arc in America bends from slavery in the 1860s and returns to convict leasing in the 1880s; when it bends from Jim Crow in the 1960s and returns to mass incarceration in the 1970s; when it bends from Indigenous genocide to an epidemic of Indigenous suicides; when it bends, but as a tree does in the wind, only to sway back, we have to admit that we have not touched the root. We have not touched the root because the laws we make are expressions of our root belief, and it is time to face our most deep-seated one; the great lie at the root of our nation's founding was a belief in the hierarchy of human value. And we are still there."

Boulder County is committed to addressing racism at its root, reviewing state legislation through a lens of racial equity, and holding this principle primary in its determinations of positions on legislation introduced in the General Assembly.

Environmental Sustainability and Climate Action

Boulder County is committed to protecting and enhancing our environment for generations to come. To that end, Boulder County advances strategies that promote sustainability, address the climate crisis, and improve air quality. Examples include multi-modal transportation networks, electric vehicles and electric vehicle charging infrastructure, compact land use development, energy efficiency, renewable energy, conservation of resources, and the protection of healthy land, air, and water. We will continue to make decisions and promote policies that support our ability to address the climate crisis, conserve resources, and protect our environment.

Land and Natural Resources

Boulder County manages public lands and natural resources through initiatives that improve the quality of life of our residents while balancing the multi-faceted needs and rights of community stakeholders. To that end, Boulder County works to preserve open spaces for recreation use, wildlife habitat, and agricultural heritage; manage our wildland urban interface

area for disaster preparedness, forest health, and resilience; protect water sources and ensure a sustainable water supply; and effectively regulate extractive industries, including mining and oil and gas development, to protect air and water quality and reduce impacts to residents.

Public Service Integration and Collaboration

Boulder County strives to ensure effective use of taxpayer funds and successful outcomes through efficient service delivery and integration of public programs and services. To improve client access, efficiency, and effectiveness, Boulder County engages in and strongly supports collaborative efforts within county departments and with local, regional, and statewide partner agencies and organizations.

Health and Human Services

Boulder County is dedicated to supporting and sustaining healthy communities that strengthen individuals and families while promoting human dignity and positive outcomes for the future. To that end, Boulder County promotes a high quality of life for all residents by providing protective services for children, youth, and older adults; supporting the well-being of older adults and veterans; supporting access to affordable health insurance and physical health, mental health, and substance use care; maintaining and increasing safe and affordable housing for residents; and improving access to effective and efficient public benefits that support healthy lives and promote economic stability.

Local Control

Boulder County believes that the authority to address issues that pertain to the county must reside firmly with the county. Local governments are best suited to identify solutions to local issues, particularly with regard to the services we provide, the land use decisions we make, and regulation of the public health and safety impacts of those land uses. Local authority also includes the flexibility to determine use of funding locally and precludes unfunded mandates from the state or federal government.

Fiscal Responsibility

Boulder County recognizes the importance of a state government that is fiscally responsible and advances the economic vitality and well-being of all Coloradans. We appreciate the opportunity to provide input into the development of the state budget, and seek collaboration with the state in regard to budget and fiscal decisions and processes that affect our organization or our constituents. Boulder County believes it is critical to the long-term health of Colorado's economy to address the state revenue structure that restricts the state's ability to respond to changing economic conditions, including the Taxpayer Bill of Rights and Amendment 23.

POLICY STATEMENTS

RACIAL EQUITY, EQUITY, AND HUMAN RIGHTS

To achieve social, environmental, and economic justice and equity.

SUPPORT POLICY TO ACHIEVE RACIAL EQUITY AND ELIMINATE RACISM

SUPPORT THE RIGHTS OF NATIVE AMERICAN NATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS IN COLORADO

SUSTAIN AND STRENGTHEN RIGHTS FOR LGBTQIA+ PEOPLE IN COLORADO

SUPPORT LEGISLATION THAT ENSURES EQUITABLE RIGHTS FOR TRANSGENDER, NON-BINARY, GENDER QUEER, INTERSEX, TWO-SPIRIT, AGENDER, AND OTHER GENDER EXPANSIVE PEOPLE IN COLORADO, INCLUDING ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE AND OTHER SERVICES

SUPPORT LEGISLATION THAT ENSURES THE PROTECTION OF RIGHTS FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE IMMIGRATED TO THE UNITED STATES

OPPOSE EFFORTS TO IMPEDE VOTING RIGHTS OF UNITED STATES CITIZENS IN COLORADO, INCLUDING REQUIREMENT OF IDENTIFICATION AT POLLING PLACES AND LIMITATION OF ABILITY TO MAIL BALLOTS TO VOTERS

SUPPORT LEGISLATION THAT GUARANTEES THE EQUAL RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES OF WOMEN IN ALL SPHERES OF LIFE AND PREVENTS SYSTEMIC GENDER DISCRIMINATION

SUPPORT LEGISLATION THAT GUARANTEES THE EQUAL RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN ALL SPHERES OF LIFE AND THAT REMOVES BARRIERS AND PREVENTS DISCRIMINATION

SUPPORT FUNDING AND POLICY THAT GUARANTEES FULL LANGUAGE ACCESS AND LANGUAGE JUSTICE IN ALL SPHERES OF LIFE

SUPPORT THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM

AGING SERVICES

To secure a high quality of living for Colorado's older adults.

SUSTAIN FUNDING FOR THE OLDER COLORADANS PROGRAM TO SUPPORT SERVICES FOR COLORADO'S GROWING AGING POPULATION

MAINTAIN THE INTEGRITY OF THE OLD AGE PENSION PROGRAM, AND ENSURE REASONABLE ACCESS AND BENEFIT CALCULATION FOR QUALIFIED OLDER ADULTS

SUPPORT ADMINISTRATIVE AND OTHER EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT HB 22-1035, MODERNIZATION OF THE OLDER COLORADANS' ACT

SUPPORT EQUITABLE AND FLEXIBLE APPLICATION OF THE COLORADO SENIOR HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

SUPPORT ADEQUATE, ONGOING FUNDING FOR ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES TO KEEP VULNERABLE ADULTS SAFE, PROVIDE FUNDING FOR PREVENTION SERVICES TO ASSIST VULNERABLE ADULTS REFERRED TO APS, AND ALLOW FOR ALTERNATIVE RESPONSE IN APS TO IMPROVE OUTCOMES

BEHAVIORAL AND MENTAL HEALTH

To support and enhance the public's mental and behavioral health, and to ensure Coloradans have access to high-quality, continuous, and affordable mental health and substance abuse services.

SUPPORT LEGISLATION, FUNDING, AND OTHER EFFORTS THAT EXPAND ACCESS TO QUALITY MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDER PREVENTION, SCREENING, TREATMENT, AND RECOVERY SERVICES, INCLUDING IN-PATIENT TREATMENT, ENSURING PARITY WITH THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

ENSURE COLORADO'S HEALTH FIRST PROGRAM (MEDICAID) AND CHILD HEALTH PLAN PLUS ARE EFFECTIVE TOOLS TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER CARE, INCLUDING INPATIENT TREATMENT

ENSURE EFFECTIVE PROVISION OF SERVICES, ORGANIZATIONAL TRANSPARENCY, AND RESPONSIBLE GOVERNANCE IN MANAGED SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS, REGIONAL ACCOUNTABLE ENTITIES, AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

SUPPORT INCREASED AND CONTINUED FUNDING FOR EXPANDED MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS STABILIZATION SERVICES AND CO-RESPONDER MODELS STATEWIDE TO REDUCE PLACEMENT OF PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS IN HOSPITAL EMERGENCY ROOMS AND JAILS

SUPPORT STATEWIDE STRATEGIES THAT ELIMINATE STIGMA AND DISCRIMINATION ASSOCIATED WITH SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER AND MENTAL HEALTH ILLNESS

SUPPORT HARM REDUCTION LEGISLATION AND OTHER PUBLIC HEALTH APPROACHES AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORMS TO ADDRESS SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS

ENSURE EQUITABLE, CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE, AND LINGUISTICALLY APPROPRIATE ACCESS TO BEHAVIORAL AND MENTAL HEALTH CARE

ENSURE EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE UTILIZATION OF FUNDS IN THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES THROUGH COLORADO'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

SUPPORT FUNDING FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PEER SUPPORT TRAINING AND SYSTEMS

COMMUNITY HEALTH

To protect and enhance the health of the public, and to ensure that Coloradans have access to high-quality, continuous, and affordable public health services.

SUPPORT INCREASED AND SUSTAINED FUNDING FOR LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES

SUPPORT FUNDING FOR AND ACCESS TO COMPREHENSIVE FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES, ABORTION, AND EVIDENCE-BASED SEXUAL HEALTH EDUCATION AND SERVICES

SUPPORT EFFORTS THAT EXPAND CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION PROGRAMMING

SUPPORT PROGRAMS AND FUNDING TO IMPROVE INFANT, CHILD, AND MATERNAL HEALTH, WITH A FOCUS ON UNIVERSAL HOME VISITATION SERVICES AND REVERSING THE DISPARATE IMPACTS OF SYSTEMIC RACISM ON FAMILIES

SUPPORT LEGISLATION AND FUNDING TO SUPPORT PREGNANT AND PARENTING YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

SUPPORT LEGISLATION AND OTHER EFFORTS TO PREVENT FOODBORNE ILLNESS

SUPPORT EFFORTS THAT EXPAND MANDATORY VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS AND LIMIT EXEMPTIONS

SUPPORT THE CONTINUED IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COLORADO IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION SYSTEM

SUPPORT EFFORTS THAT EXPAND COVID-19 VACCINATION AMONG ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS

SUPPORT EFFORTS TO PROTECT PUBLIC EMPLOYEES AND HEALTH CARE WORKERS FROM HARASSMENT AND INTIMIDATION ASSOCIATED WITH PROVIDING SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC

SUPPORT POLICIES TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE AND DEATH IN COLORADO

SUPPORT CONTINUED EFFORTS TO PREVENT AND REDUCE YOUTH USE OF MARIJUANA, PSYCHEDELIC SUBSTANCES, ALCOHOL, AND OTHER DRUGS

SUPPORT CONTINUED EFFORTS TO PREVENT AND REDUCE THE USE OF TOBACCO AND ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES AND REDUCE EXPOSURE TO SECONDHAND SMOKE

COMMUNITY JUSTICE

To strengthen the ability of community justice agencies to provide integrated treatment services that reduce recidivism and criminal justice costs while improving public safety.

SUPPORT LEGISLATION AND ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR EFFECTIVE PRETRIAL PRACTICES AND EFFORTS TO LIMIT PRETRIAL DETENTION ONLY TO INDIVIDUALS THAT POSE A HIGH RISK TO PUBLIC SAFETY

SUPPORT POLICY AND DEDICATED FUNDING TO PREVENT RECIDIVISM FOLLOWING INCARCERATION IN JAIL, PRISON, OR JUVENILE DETENTION, SUCH AS ACCESS TO EMPLOYMENT, HOUSING, AND HEALTHCARE

SUPPORT FUNDING FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM THAT REDUCES JUVENILE AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM INVOLVEMENT AND RECIDIVISM THROUGH EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES IN OFFENDER PROGRAMMING, ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING, AND DIVERSION AT ALL INTERCEPTION POINTS OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, DISPATCH, EMERGENCY RESPONSE, AND SENTENCING

SUPPORT THE REINVESTMENT OF COST-SAVINGS ACHIEVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES, AND STATE JUDICIAL IN PROGRAMS THAT PREVENT AND REDUCE INCARCERATION AND RECIDIVISM

SUPPORT FUNDING FOR THE CONTINUUM OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE FOR COLORADANS LIVING WITH MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS WHO INTERACT WITH THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM TO IMPROVE POSITIVE HEALTH OUTCOMES, PREVENT RECIDIVISM, AND MAINTAIN PUBLIC SAFETY

SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE FUNDING FOR WHOLE PERSON ASSESSMENT AND SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS INTERACTING WITH THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM TO PREVENT RECIDIVISM AND SUPPORT INDIVIDUALS' FOOD, HOUSING, TRANSPORTATION, EMPLOYMENT, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, AND PHYSICAL HEALTH NEEDS

SUPPORT FUNDING FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM THAT REDUCES AND ULTIMATELY ELIMINATES RACIAL BIAS IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

SUPPORT FUNDING FOR A STATEWIDE ANALYSIS OF THE IMPACTS, RACIALLY DISPARATE IMPACTS, AND OUTCOMES OF THE JUVENILE AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM TO INFORM IMPROVEMENTS IN THE SYSTEMS

ECONOMY, EMPLOYMENT, AND INCOME STABILITY

To increase employment opportunities, improve economic equity, and promote self-sufficiency.

SUPPORT LEGISLATION TO ENSURE LIVING WAGES FOR ALL COLORADANS

SUPPORT COUNTY AND WORKFORCE CENTER-DIRECTED PROGRAMS THAT IMPROVE EMPLOYMENT OUTCOMES FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES RECEIVING TANF AND OTHER BENEFITS

SUPPORT WORKFORCE CENTER PROGRAMS THAT PROMOTE AND PROVIDE RESKILLING, UPSKILLING, AND NEXT SKILLING, INCLUDING ON-THE-JOB TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AND INCUMBENT WORKER TRAINING

SUPPORT ECONOMIC RECOVERY FUNDING AND LEGISLATION TO PROTECT COLORADO'S SMALL BUSINESSES AND EMPLOYEES MOST IMPACTED BY DISASTERS

EQUITABLY EXPAND ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, AND BUSINESSES

SUPPORT POLICY AND RESOURCES TO REMOVE BARRIERS FOR IMMIGRANTS AND NEW AMERICANS IN ACHIEVING FULL EMPLOYMENT POTENTIAL IN COLORADO

SUPPORT POLICY AND RESOURCES TO ADDRESS GENDER, RACIAL, AND OTHER DISCRIMINATORY GAPS IN EARNINGS AND WEALTH

PURSUE POLICY REFORMS TO ENSURE ALL COLORADANS HAVE ACCESS TO FAIR AND EQUITABLE INSURANCE PRODUCTS

ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

To advance climate action, reduce the use of fossil fuels, promote clean energy, and reduce waste.

Statewide Climate Strategies

PROMOTE PROGRAMS AND EFFORTS THAT IMPROVE THE RESILIENCE AND ADAPTABILITY OF COLORADO COMMUNITIES IN THE FACE OF NATURAL DISASTERS AND OTHER MAJOR CHALLENGES ASSOCIATED WITH CLIMATE CHANGE

REQUIRE STATE GOVERNMENT TO ASSESS CLIMATE-RELATED RISKS IN ITS INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO MITIGATE THAT RISK

INCORPORATE EQUITY, ACCESSIBILITY, AND JUST TRANSITION CONSIDERATIONS INTO CLIMATE POLICIES AND ACTIONS

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Strategies

REDUCE STATEWIDE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS CONSISTENT WITH OR GREATER THAN THE STATE OF COLORADO'S 2019 CODIFIED GOALS WHILE PROTECTING THE MOST VULNERABLE

EXPAND THE CONSIDERATION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, AND HEALTH COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE USE OF FOSSIL FUELS IN MAKING AND IMPLEMENTING CLIMATE-BASED POLICY

ENCOURAGE THE ADOPTION OF CLIMATE-POSITIVE INNOVATIONS TO SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCE AIR AND CARBON POLLUTION

SUPPORT POLICIES AND REGULATORY ACTIONS THAT ADVANCE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND PROTECTIONS FOR DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED COMMUNITIES

Energy Generation

ACCELERATE RETIREMENT OF EXISTING FOSSIL FUEL GENERATION FACILITIES AND THEIR REPLACEMENT WITH COST-EFFECTIVE AND RELIABLE CLEAN ENERGY SUPPLIES, THROUGH MEANS THAT PROTECT CONSUMERS AND FOCUS ON LOW INCOME CONSUMERS

MODERNIZE ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE TO ENHANCE COMMUNITY-BASED RESILIENCE AND INTEGRATE DISTRIBUTED ENERGY RESOURCES

REMOVE BARRIERS AND PROMOTE OPPORTUNITIES THAT ALLOW COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES TO MAXIMIZE THE DEPLOYMENT OF LOCAL CLEAN ENERGY AND CLIMATE-RELATED STRATEGIES, INCLUDING RESILIENCE-ORIENTED STRATEGIES, WHILE PROMOTING AFFORDABLE, ACCESSIBLE, AND EQUITABLE DELIVERY OF RELIABLE CLEAN ENERGY

DECREASE COST OF AND INCREASE ACCESS TO SUBSIDIZED SOLAR

Energy Efficiency and Building Electrification

SUPPORT POLICIES THAT PROMOTE ENERGY-EFFICIENT BUILDINGS

PROVIDE FOR EQUITABLE STRATEGIES TO ENABLE AND ACCELERATE BENEFICIAL ELECTRIFICATION

EXPAND DEMAND SIDE SAVINGS FROM EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION

SUPPORT ONGOING AND SUSTAINABLE FUNDING FOR WEATHERIZATION AND RENEWABLE ENERGY ASSISTANCE TO HOUSEHOLDS WITH LOWER INCOMES SO THAT ALL COLORADANS HAVE ACCESS TO COMFORTABLE AND AFFORDABLE HOMES

FOSTER INNOVATION IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND DELIVERY OF WEATHERIZATION AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY SERVICES

Solid Waste Reduction

GRANT CDPHE AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT A PLAN FOR MEETING COLORADO'S STATEWIDE AND REGIONAL SOLID WASTE DIVERSION GOALS

REDUCE THE USE OF DISPOSABLE AND SINGLE-USE PRODUCTS AND PROMOTE THE REUSE OF MATERIALS

FOSTER INFRASTRUCTURE, POLICIES, INCENTIVES, AND PROGRAMS FOR RECYCLING, COMPOSTING, AND REUSABILITY

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

To protect and enhance the health of the public and the environment.

SUPPORT STATE REGULATION AND OTHER POLICY MEANS TO PROTECT AIR QUALITY

SUPPORT STATE REGULATION AND OTHER POLICY MEANS TO PROTECT WATER QUALITY

MAINTAIN ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF SAFE DRINKING WATER STANDARDS TO ENSURE SAFE AND QUALITY DRINKING WATER

SUPPORT POLICIES THAT REQUIRE PROTECTION OF OCCUPANT HEALTH IN NEW CONSTRUCTION AND EXISTING HOUSING THROUGH IMPROVEMENTS TO THE INDOOR ENVIRONMENT

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

To protect and enhance the health of the public and ensure that Coloradans have access to high-quality, comprehensive, and affordable health services.

PROTECT AND ENSURE EQUITABLE ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE FOR ALL COLORADANS

SUPPORT EFFORTS TO ENSURE QUALITY HEALTH CARE IS AVAILABLE TO ALL COLORADANS

PROTECT AND IMPROVE AFFORDABILITY OF HEALTH CARE IN COLORADO

SUPPORT AND IMPROVE COLORADO'S HEALTH FIRST PROGRAM (MEDICAID) AND CHILD HEALTH PLAN PLUS AS EFFECTIVE TOOLS TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE AND QUALITY HEALTH CARE FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES WITH LOWER INCOMES

SUPPORT FUNDING AND POLICY TO ELIMINATE HEALTH DISPARITIES AND PROMOTE HEALTH EQUITY

INCREASE RESOURCES FOR FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CARE CENTERS TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY-BASED, PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SERVICES

SUPPORT INTEGRATED PUBLIC HEALTH, HOUSING, AND HUMAN SERVICES STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE THE SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH

SUPPORT EFFORTS TO IMPROVE CLIENT CORRESPONDENCE AND ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICAID AND OTHER PUBLIC BENEFITS PROGRAMS

SUPPORT FUNDING AND EFFORTS TO ENSURE FULL LANGUAGE ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE SERVICES

HOUSING

To secure and maintain safe and affordable housing, and to protect homeowners and residents in Boulder County.

SUPPORT POLICY AND FUNDING TO PROTECT VULNERABLE RENTERS

SUPPORT POLICY AND FUNDING INITIATIVES TO INCREASE COLORADO'S STOCK OF PERMANENTLY AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND EXPAND ACCESS TO DIVERSE HOUSING OPTIONS

INCREASE FUNDING TO THE COLORADO HOUSING TRUST FUND TO PROVIDE AN ON-GOING, SUSTAINABLE SOURCE OF STATE FUNDING FOR PERMANENTLY AFFORDABLE HOUSING

SUPPORT STATE EFFORTS TO END INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY HOMELESSNESS THROUGH COMMUNITY BASED, COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMS

SUPPORT COORDINATION, EFFICIENCY, AND INTEGRATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUNDING AND COMPLIANCE

SUPPORT THE RIGHTS OF COLORADANS THAT OWN OR RENT HOMES IN MANUFACTURED HOUSING COMMUNITIES, INCLUDING THE ABILITY TO OWN THE LAND ON WHICH THEY RESIDE

SUPPORT ONGOING AND SUSTAINABLE FUNDING FOR WEATHERIZATION, BENEFICIAL ELECTRIFICATION, AND RENEWABLE ENERGY ASSISTANCE TO LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS SO THAT ALL COLORADANS HAVE ACCESS TO COMFORTABLE AND AFFORDABLE HOMES

SUPPORT LEGISLATION AND FUNDING TO INCREASE OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOW- AND MODERATE-INCOME HOME BUYERS TO PURCHASE THEIR FIRST HOME

SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT OF A STRATEGIC STATEWIDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN AND APPROACH TO ENSURE HOUSING FOR ALL THROUGH CREATION OF A COLORADO HOUSING ADVISORY BOARD THAT INCLUDES DIVERSE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATION

SUPPORT FUNDING AND POLICIES THAT PROVIDE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PRIORITY FOR PURCHASING LOCAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING

SUPPORT POLICY OR REGULATORY APPROACHES, WITH A FOCUS ON WEALTH-BUILDING AND EQUITY, TO ENSURE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS CAN EFFECTIVELY LEVERAGE AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE PASSAGE OF PROPOSITION 123

HUMAN SERVICES AND EARLY CHILDHOOD

To support legislative, administrative, and funding decisions that improve human services systems and programs to support safety, self-sufficiency, and positive outcomes for families, and advance prevention and positive outcomes in the delivery of human services.

Administration

SUPPORT INCREASED FUNDING AND PROGRAM FLEXIBILITIES TO ADDRESS PROGRAM ACCESS CHALLENGES ASSOCIATED WITH INCREASED COUNTY AND CLIENT ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN AFTER FEDERAL PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY RULES EXPIRE

ADVANCE EFFORTS TO IMPROVE SYSTEMS THAT SERVE CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES THROUGH APPROPRIATE SYSTEM INTEGRATION AND INTEROPERABILITY, TO SUPPORT DATA SHARING AND ENSURE DATA INTEGRITY

SUPPORT ADEQUATE FUNDING OF LOCAL ADMINISTRATION AND DELIVERY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICE PROGRAMS, INCLUDING ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION AND ENROLLMENT

SUPPORT EFFORTS TO ENSURE EASE OF ACCESS TO PUBLIC BENEFITS BY ALIGNING ELIGIBILITY ACROSS PROGRAMS, REDUCING DOCUMENTATION BURDEN, AND STREAMLINING ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESSES

SUPPORT LEGISLATION AND FUNDING TO PROVIDE SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR VETERANS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS

Children and Family Services

MAXIMIZE FUNDING FOR THE CHILD WELFARE BLOCK GRANT AND FULLY FUND THE SYSTEM TO SUPPORT EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FEDERAL FAMILY FIRST PREVENTION SERVICES ACT AND TO CONTINUE AND EXPAND EARLY INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION PROGRAMS TO BEST SUPPORT FAMILIES INVOLVED IN THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM

SUPPORT FUNDING FOR EVIDENCE-INFORMED PROGRAMS AND PROCESSES THAT REDUCE YOUTH INCARCERATION AND OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENTS, INCLUDING THE COLLABORATIVE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AND THE BOULDER COUNTY IMPACT PARTNERSHIP

SUPPORT IMPROVEMENT OF CHILD WELFARE FUNDING METHODS IN ORDER TO ENSURE INVESTMENTS ARE CHILD-CENTERED, DATA-DRIVEN, TRANSPARENT, AND ALIGNED TO ACHIEVE STATEWIDE OUTCOMES THROUGH BEST PRACTICES

SUPPORT INCREASED SERVICES AND ADEQUATE RESOURCES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF YOUTH AGING OUT OF FOSTER CARE

SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EVIDENCE-BASED AND PREVENTION-FOCUSED STRATEGIES TO ELIMINATE CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT FATALITIES IN COLORADO

SUPPORT ADEQUATE, ONGOING FUNDING FOR ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES TO KEEP VULNERABLE ADULTS SAFE, PROVIDE FUNDING FOR PREVENTION SERVICES TO ASSIST VULNERABLE ADULTS REFERRED TO APS, AND ALLOW FOR ALTERNATIVE RESPONSE IN APS TO IMPROVE OUTCOMES

SUPPORT FUNDING AND POLICY TO SUPPORT CHILDREN AND YOUTH INVOLVED IN THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM THAT FACE RACIAL, ETHNIC, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY, AND/OR OTHER DISCRIMINATION IN FAMILIES, SYSTEMS, AND SOCIETY

SUPPORT FUNDING AND POLICY CHANGE TO IMMEDIATELY ADDRESS THE LACK OF AVAILABLE PLACEMENTS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH HIGH ACUITY NEEDS IN THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM

Early Childhood

SUPPORT INCREASED INVESTMENT IN THE CONTINUUM OF EARLY CHILDCARE AND EDUCATION, INCLUDING THE COLORADO CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, TO PROVIDE SAFE, QUALITY CHILDCARE OPTIONS FOR FAMILIES WORKING TOWARDS SELF-SUFFICIENCY AND TO SUPPORT SCHOOL READINESS

SUPPORT INVESTMENT IN THE EARLY CHILDHOOD WORKFORCE THROUGH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, SUSTAINABLE INCOMES AND BENEFITS, AND COLLEGE ASSISTANCE

ENSURE PARENT CHOICE AND EQUITY IN COLORADO'S UNIVERSAL PRESCHOOL SYSTEM BY PROVIDING FUNDING FOR PRESCHOOL IN A VARIETY OF SYSTEMS, ESPECIALLY PRESCHOOLS PROVIDING SERVICES TO PEOPLE OF COLOR AND PEOPLE WITH LOWER INCOMES

Food Security

SUPPORT FUNDING FOR COUNTIES TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO AND EXPAND UTILIZATION OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

SUPPORT FUNDING FOR THE EXPANSION OF PROGRAMS THAT INCREASE ACCESS TO HEALTHY, LOCALLY GROWN FOODS

LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION

To improve upon the built environment and quality of life for Coloradans by promoting well-planned communities.

SUPPORT COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS BETWEEN THE STATE OF COLORADO AND ITS LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO LINK LAND USE, HOUSING, AND TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND INVESTMENT

SUPPORT POLICIES THAT REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS AND OTHER POLLUTANTS FROM THE TRANSPORTATION SECTOR

PARTNER WITH RTD AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS TO ENSURE TIMELY AND EFFECTIVE DEVELOPMENT AND PROVISION OF TRANSIT SERVICES

SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF SUSTAINABLE, MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS AND NONSINGLE OCCUPANT VEHICLE TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIES

SUPPORT EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF INCREASED FUNDING FOR TRANSPORTATION, PRIORITIZING MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING AND VEHICLE ELECTRIFICATION

SUPPORT EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF RECENTLY ADOPTED STATE LEGISLATION AND RULES TO DECREASE AIR POLLUTION AND GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS FROM THE TRANSPORTATION SECTOR AND INCREASE ELECTRIFICATION OF ALL MOTOR VEHICLES

SUPPORT STATE, REGIONAL, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFORTS TO IMPROVE SAFETY ON ROADWAYS TO ACHIEVE VISION ZERO SAFETY GOALS, INCLUDING FOR PEOPLE USING ALL MODES OF TRAVEL, ESPECIALLY VULNERABLE ROADWAY USERS SUCH AS PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS

SUPPORT COORDINATED PLANNING AND INVESTMENT STRATEGIES TO ADVANCE PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE

MARIJUANA

To ensure there is local authority to appropriately license and regulate controlled substances and ensure effective public health education, treatment, and youth prevention programming.

SUPPORT FUNDING FOR EDUCATION, PREVENTION, AND TREATMENT PROGRAMMING TO REDUCE THE HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPACTS OF RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA USE ON YOUTH AND THOSE VULNERABLE TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS

SUPPORT EFFORTS TO ENACT AND MAINTAIN EFFECTIVE REGULATION OF MARIJUANA PRODUCTION, SALE, PROMOTION, AND USE

SUPPORT LEGISLATIVE, REGULATORY, AND ADMINISTRATIVE APPROACHES TO RESEARCH, DEVELOP, AND IMPLEMENT SUSTAINABLE MARIJUANA CULTIVATION PRACTICES

NATURAL DISASTER RESILIENCE AND RECOVERY

To ensure the safety of our community during emergencies, prepare for and mitigate prior to natural disasters, and facilitate timely and full recovery following natural disasters.

PROMOTE PROGRAMS AND EFFORTS THAT IMPROVE THE RESILIENCE AND ADAPTABILITY OF COLORADO COMMUNITIES IN THE FACE OF NATURAL DISASTERS AND OTHER MAJOR CHALLENGES ASSOCIATED WITH CLIMATE CHANGE

SUPPORT TIMELY AND RESPONSIVE STATE FUNDING MECHANISMS FOR NATURAL DISASTER RESPONSE, RECOVERY, AND RESILIENCY

SUPPORT INCREASED FUNDING TO ASSIST COUNTIES IN REDUCING WILDFIRE RISK THROUGH MITIGATION AND PREVENTION EFFORTS

SUPPORT EFFORTS TO PROMOTE FOREST AND GRASSLAND HEALTH, INCLUDING THE USE OF PRESCRIBED FIRE, IN THE WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE

SUPPORT LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS AND PROGRAMS TO INCREASE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE RISKS OF HUMAN-CAUSED WILDFIRES AND HOW THEY CAN BE PREVENTED

SUPPORT REGULATORY STRATEGIES TO REDUCE THE STRUCTURAL IGNITABILITY OF HOMES IN THE WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE

SUPPORT ONGOING FUNDING FOR THE COLORADO STATE FOREST SERVICE TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO PRIVATE LANDOWNERS IN IMPROVING FOREST CONDITIONS AND REDUCING WILDFIRE RISK

SUPPORT THE RIGHTS OF RENTERS IMPACTED BY NATURAL DISASTERS, INCLUDING CLARIFYING THE RESPONSIBLE PARTY FOR POST-DISASTER REMEDIATION AND PROTECTING AGAINST PROFITEERING IN THE RENTAL MARKET AFTER DISASTERS

SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT OF A DISASTER RESPONSE AND RECOVERY MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE THAT IS PRIMARILY STATE-ADMINISTERED AND WHICH INCLUDES COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

SUPPORT LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS TO ENSURE THAT COLORADANS HAVE ACCESS TO HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE AND APPROPRIATE FIRE COVERAGE THAT ACCURATELY REFLECTS THE COST TO REBUILD

OIL AND GAS

To support expanded ability for Colorado state and local governments to regulate the oil and gas industry consistent with community needs and desires.

SUPPORT STRONG, TIMELY, AND EFFECTIVE REGULATORY IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MAJOR REFORMS OF OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY REGULATION ENACTED IN SB 19-181

SUPPORT INCREASING COLORADO'S SEVERANCE TAXES, REDUCING OR ELIMINATING INDUSTRY EXEMPTIONS, AND PURSUING OTHER APPROACHES TO INCREASE STATE REVENUES RECEIVED FROM OIL AND GAS DEVELOPMENT

SUPPORT CREATION OF AN INDEPENDENT, SCIENCE-BASED ADVISORY BODY, OR ENGAGEMENT OF AN EXISTING SUCH BODY, TO PERIODICALLY REVIEW THE RULES AND PRACTICES OF THE COLORADO OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION AND AIR QUALITY CONTROL COMMISSION AND TO PROVIDE REVIEW OF PROPOSED RULES BEFORE THEY ARE ADOPTED AS FINAL

REPEAL AND/OR AMEND HB 14-1371 TO REQUIRE PROPERTY TAX REVENUES FROM OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION TO BE ALLOCATED PROPORTIONALLY TO ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT TAXING DISTRICTS LOCATED WITHIN A DRILLING UNIT

SUPPORT SUFFICIENT FUNDING FOR STAFFING AND OTHER NECESSARY RESOURCES AT THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT AND THE COLORADO OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION TO EFFECTIVELY DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT THE OIL AND GAS REGULATIONS AUTHORIZED BY SB 19-181 AND THE CLIMATE CHANGE GOALS ESTABLISHED IN HB 19-1261 AND HB 21-1266

REVISE COLORADO'S FORCED POOLING REGULATIONS TO BETTER PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF PRIVATE AND PUBLIC MINERAL RIGHTS OWNERS

INCREASE PROTECTIONS FOR MINERAL AND SURFACE RIGHTS OWNERS TO LEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD WITH OIL AND GAS OPERATORS

PUBLIC LANDS AND NATURAL RESOURCES

To promote land conservation and preservation and outdoor opportunities for Coloradans.

SUPPORT THE RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF CARBON SEQUESTRATION PRACTICES TO IMPROVE SOIL HEALTH AND PRODUCTIVITY AND SEQUESTER CARBON FROM THE ATMOSPHERE

SUPPORT THE PRESERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF TOOLS THAT THE STATE, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND OTHERS USE TO CONSERVE AND PROTECT COLORADO'S LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

OPOSE LEGISLATION AND OTHER EFFORTS TO TRANSFER COLORADO'S FEDERAL PUBLIC LANDS TO STATE OWNERSHIP

SUPPORT LEGISLATION THAT PROMOTES THE EFFICIENT UTILIZATION AND CONSERVATION OF WATER

SUPPORT RESOLUTION TO CONFLICTS BETWEEN THE FEDERAL ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT AND STATE WATER LAW

INCREASE STATE CAPACITY AND RESOURCES TO RESPOND TO INVASIVE SPECIES

FOSTER A STRONG STEWARDSHIP AND CONSERVATION ETHIC AMONGST COLORADO'S DIVERSE POPULATIONS

SUPPORT STATE EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH AND COMPLETE REGIONAL TRAIL SYSTEMS THAT LINK COMMUNITIES AND CONNECT VISITORS TO IMPORTANT LANDMARKS AND AMENITIES

REVISE STATE STATUTE TO PROVIDE PERMISSIVE AUTHORITY FOR COLORADO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO LIMIT THE USE OF ELECTRIC SCOOTERS TO PAVED SURFACES

INCREASE RESILIENCE ASSOCIATED WITH WATER MANAGEMENT THROUGH WATER CONSERVATION, EFFICIENCY, REUSE, ADAPTATION, AND LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES

ADVOCATE FOR POLICIES THAT INCENTIVIZE BIOCHAR PRODUCTION AND THE CREATION OF END-USE MARKETS FOR FOREST THINNING MATERIALS AS STRATEGIES FOR SEQUESTERING CARBON AND REDUCING CARBON EMISSIONS

STATE FISCAL AND GOVERNANCE

To improve the fiscal position of the state to sustain services to Coloradans today and into the future.

SUPPORT EFFORTS TO BRING FISCAL STABILITY TO THE STATE OF COLORADO

SUPPORT FUNDING FOR SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESS INCREASING FINANCIAL PRESSURES ON COLORADANS WITH LOWER AND MIDDLE INCOMES AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS THAT SERVE THEM

SUPPORT PROPERTY TAX POLICIES THAT LEAD TO AN EQUITABLE AND FAIR SYSTEM WHILE ENSURING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS CAN PROVIDE EFFECTIVE PUBLIC SERVICES

REQUIRE STATE GOVERNMENT TO ASSESS CLIMATE CRISIS-RELATED RISKS IN ITS INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO MITIGATE THAT RISK