



Board of County Commissioners

RESOLUTION 2023-080

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF COUNTY ISSUE 1A: OPEN SPACE SALES AND USE TAX EXTENSION AND REVENUE CHANGE

WHEREAS, the Boulder County Commissioners support County Issue 1A Open Space Sales and Use Tax Extension and Revenue Change, a proposal to extend for fifteen years the existing 0.05% countywide sales and use tax for the purpose of acquiring, improving, managing and maintaining open space lands and other open space property interests; and

WHEREAS, the Open Space Sales and Use Tax Extension does not represent a new tax or a tax increase, but rather an extension of an existing tax; and

WHEREAS, Boulder County owns and manages 76,000 acres of open space—which includes 26,000 acres of active agricultural land—and manages over 40,000 acres of conservation easements on private land; and

WHEREAS, if passed by voters, the tax extension will support open space maintenance, including updating amenities and signs, improving trail surfaces, preserving native vegetation, restoring creeks restoration, preserving wildlife habitat, and maintaining the overall ecological health of open space lands; and

WHEREAS, if passed by voters, the tax extension will fund Boulder County's efforts to continue best practices for wildfire mitigation, including mowing, grazing, and healthy forest projects; and

WHEREAS, if passed by voters, the tax extension will promote and support local agriculture on lands owned by Boulder County Parks and Open Space for that purpose, specifically continuing to improve and expand soil health, organic farming, and efficient agricultural water use; and

WHEREAS, if passed by voters, the tax extension will provide funds to acquire priority high-value properties for open space when they become available, including requests from our towns and cities for more acquisitions around their municipal boundaries, 25 priority irrigation ditches, and much-needed trail connections.

Claire Levy County Commissioner Marta Loachamin County Commissioner Ashley Stolzmann County Commissioner

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Boulder County Commissioners support County Issue 1A Open Space Sales and Use Tax Extension and Revenue Change and urge voters to vote yes on November 7.

Adopted this 19th day of September 2023.

Claire Levy
Commissioner

Marta Loachamin
Commissioner

Ashley Stolzmann
Commissioner