



2022 COLORADO & DENVER BALLOT GUIDE



Colorado Coalition for the Homeless has created a 2022 ballot guide that provides information on statewide and local Denver ballot measures. Remember to vote by mail, drop box, or in person on or before Tuesday, November 8, 2022!

ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

IMPORTANT DATES

October 17: Ballots mailed out this week and drop boxes open

October 24: In-person early voting begins

October 31: Last day to register online and receive a ballot in the mail

November 8: Election Day

By 7PM, ballots must be dropped-off in ballot collection boxes or voters must be in line to cast a ballot



REGISTER TO VOTE OR UPDATE YOUR REGISTRATION [HERE](#).

KEY VOTING INFORMATION

- Denver has 43 secure ballot drop-off boxes that are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from Oct. 17– Nov. 8 @7PM
- Denver Elections Division has provided:
 - A map of voting locations, and
 - A guide of key dates and locations
- If you choose to return your ballot by mail, send it back no later than October 31, 2022
- You can also track your ballot and sign up for a series of alerts here
- Just Vote Colorado has a location finder
- Have more questions about your eligibility to register or vote? Follow this link!

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CCH 2022 VOTER BALLOT QUICK GUIDE

MEASURE	CCH POSITION
Amendment D: New 23rd Judicial District Judges	No Position 
Amendment E: Extend Homestead Exemption to Gold Star Spouses	No Position 
Amendment F: Changes to Charitable Gaming Operations	No Position 
Amendment FF: Healthy School Meals for All	No Position 
Amendment GG: Add Tax Information Table to Petitions and Ballots	No Position 
Proposition 121: State Income Tax Rate Reduction	Oppose 
Proposition 122: Access to Natural Psychedelic Substances	No Position 
Proposition 123: Dedicate Revenue for Affordable Housing Programs	Support 
Proposition 124: Increase Allowable Liquor Store Locations	No Position 
Proposition 125: Allow Grocery and Convenience Stores to Sell Wine	No Position 
Proposition 126: Third-Party Delivery of Alcohol Beverages	No Position 
Question 2I: Library Property Tax	No Position 
Question 2J: Climate Protection Fund	No Position 
Question 2K: Homelessness Resolution Fund	Support 
Question 2L: Ballot Access Modernization	No Position 
Ordinance 305: No Eviction Without Representation	No Position 
Ordinance 306: Waste No More	No Position 
Ordinance 307: Denver Deserves Sidewalks	No Position 

STATEWIDE BALLOT INITIATIVES 2022 COLORADO ELECTION

AMENDMENT D: NEW 23RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT JUDGES

MEASURE TYPE: LEGISLATIVELY REFERRED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
VOTE NEEDED TO PASS: SUPERMAJORITY VOTE OF 55%

NO POSITION

This measure would direct the governor to assign judges from the 18th Judicial District to the new 23rd Judicial District by November 30, 2024 and require these judges to establish residence in the new 23rd Judicial District by January 7, 2025.

AMENDMENT E: EXTEND HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION TO GOLD STAR SPOUSES

MEASURE TYPE: LEGISLATIVELY REFERRED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
VOTE NEEDED TO PASS: SUPERMAJORITY VOTE OF 55%

NO POSITION

Currently, veterans in Colorado who are rated as 100% permanently disabled qualify for a property tax exemption that exempts 50% of the first \$200,000 of a property's actual value from property taxes. This measure would extend the tax exemption to the surviving spouse of a member of the U.S. Armed Forces who died in the line of duty or from a service-related injury or disease. The exemption would be extended to surviving spouses who receive dependency indemnity compensation from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

Since the state is required to reimburse local governments for reductions in revenue from property tax exemptions given to seniors and veterans with a disability, the approval of the amendment would increase state expenditures by approximately \$525,000 per year starting in fiscal year 2023-24 for local government reimbursements, according to Legislative Council Staff.

AMENDMENT F: CHANGES TO CHARITABLE GAMING OPERATIONS

NO POSITION

MEASURE TYPE: LEGISLATIVELY REFERRED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

VOTE NEEDED TO PASS: SUPERMAJORITY VOTE OF 55%

This measure would reduce from five years to three years the length of time an organization must exist before obtaining a charitable gaming license through January 1, 2025. After 2025, it would allow the legislature to determine in statute how long an organization must exist before obtaining a charitable gaming license. Under the measure, managers and operators of gaming activities would be limited to earning minimum wage until July 1, 2024, at which time the provision would be automatically removed.

PROPOSITION FF: HEALTHY SCHOOL MEALS FOR ALL

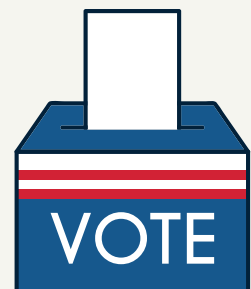
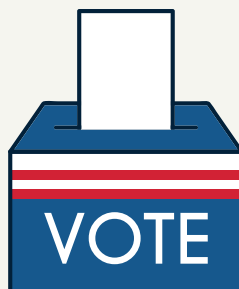
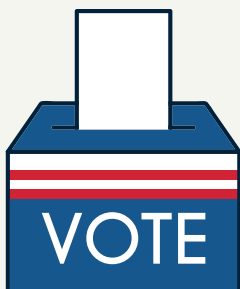
NO POSITION

MEASURE TYPE: LEGISLATIVELY REFERRED STATE STATUTE

VOTE NEEDED TO PASS: SIMPLE MAJORITY

This measure would create and fund the Healthy School Meals for All Program under the Department of Education to provide free school meals to all students in Colorado public schools, provide local food purchasing grants, and increase wages for employees that prepare and serve food.

The program would be funded by a reduction of income tax deduction amounts for those earning \$300,000 or more from \$30,000 for single filers and \$60,000 for joint filers to \$12,000 for single filers and \$16,000 for joint filers.



PROPOSITION GG: ADD TAX INFORMATION TABLE TO PETITIONS AND BALLOTS

MEASURE TYPE: LEGISLATIVELY REFERRED STATE STATUTE
VOTE NEEDED TO PASS: SIMPLE MAJORITY

NO POSITION

This measure would require ballot titles and fiscal impact summaries for initiatives that modify the individual income tax rate to include a table showing the potential tax changes across different income categories. Changes would be expressed by a dollar amount and a plus sign (+) if taxes owed would be increased or a negative sign (-) if the taxes owed would be decreased.

PROPOSITION 121: STATE INCOME TAX RATE REDUCTION

MEASURE TYPE: CITIZEN INITIATED STATE STATUTE
VOTE NEEDED TO PASS: SIMPLE MAJORITY



This initiative would decrease the state income tax rate from 4.55% to 4.40%.

WHY WE OPPOSE:

CCH opposes this measure because it would dramatically reduce General Fund revenue critical for government operations, including services for low-income and unhoused individuals and families, mental health resources, and education. The revenue reduction for state budget year 2023–24 is projected at \$412.6 million or 2.4 percent. Most of the measure's benefits would go to a small population of very wealthy taxpayers, including corporations.



PROPOSITION 122: ACCESS TO NATURAL PSYCHEDELIC SUBSTANCES

MEASURE TYPE: CITIZEN INITIATED STATE STATUTE

VOTE NEEDED TO PASS: SIMPLE MAJORITY

NO POSITION

This measure would define certain psychedelic plants and fungi as natural medicine, including dimethyltryptamine (DMT), ibogaine, mescaline (excluding peyote), psilocybin, and psilocyn. It would decriminalize the personal possession, use, growth, and transport of natural medicines for persons 21 and older and create the Regulated Natural Medicine Access Program for licensed healing centers to administer natural medicine services.

PROPOSITION 123: DEDICATE REVENUE FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAMS

MEASURE TYPE: CITIZEN INITIATED STATE STATUTE

VOTE NEEDED TO PASS: SIMPLE MAJORITY



This measure would create the State Affordable Housing Fund and dedicate a portion (.1%) of state income tax revenue to affordable housing programs and projects. Most (60%) of the funding would go towards affordable housing financing programs that will reduce rents, purchasing land for affordable housing development, and building assets for renters. The remaining 40% would support affordable home ownership, people experiencing homelessness, and local planning capacity. It would also require local governments that seek additional affordable housing funding to expedite approvals for affordable housing projects and commit to increasing affordable housing by 3% annually. Affordable rental housing would serve households making up to 60% of the area median income (AMI) and homeownership resources would serve households making up to 120% of AMI.

WHY WE SUPPORT:

CCH supports this measure because it provides substantial funding to promote and expand affordable housing. This mechanism could generate \$300 million annually to build 170,000 affordable homes without raising taxes. It would be the first state-funded investment in homelessness programs and solutions, with approximately \$54 million being made available annually across the state. The funding would transform Colorado's housing landscape.

PROPOSITION 124: INCREASE ALLOWABLE LIQUOR STORE LOCATIONS

MEASURE TYPE: CITIZEN INITIATED STATE STATUTE

VOTE NEEDED TO PASS: SIMPLE MAJORITY

NO POSITION

This measure would incrementally increase the number of retail liquor store licenses an individual may own or hold a share in. Currently, retailers can open a maximum of three liquor stores in Colorado. This would change to up to eight licenses by December 31, 2026; up to 13 licenses by December 31, 2031; up to 20 licenses by December 31, 2036; and an unlimited number of licenses on or after January 1, 2037.

PROPOSITION 125: ALLOW GROCERY AND CONVENIENCE STORES TO SELL WINE

MEASURE TYPE: CITIZEN INITIATED STATE STATUTE

VOTE NEEDED TO PASS: SIMPLE MAJORITY

NO POSITION

This measure would create a new fermented malt beverage and wine retailer license to allow grocery stores, convenience stores, and other businesses that are licensed to sell beer to also sell wine and conduct wine tastings.

PROPOSITION 126: THIRD-PARTY DELIVERY OF ALCOHOL BEVERAGES

MEASURE TYPE: CITIZEN INITIATED STATE STATUTE

VOTE NEEDED TO PASS: SIMPLE MAJORITY

NO POSITION

This measure would allow retail establishments licensed to sell alcohol for off-site consumption to offer a delivery service or provide for a third-party alcohol delivery service.

LOCAL BALLOT INITIATIVES 2022 DENVER ELECTION

QUESTION 2I: LIBRARY PROPERTY TAX ISSUE: FACILITIES

NO POSITION

This measure would increase property tax (approximately \$4.19 per month for the typical home) to generate roughly \$32 million per year in additional funding for the Denver Public Library. The funds would support additional community outreach services, expanded collection materials, enhanced language access, technological improvements, building maintenance and improvements, and wage increases.

QUESTION 2J: CLIMATE PROTECTION FUND ISSUE: CLIMATE

NO POSITION

This measure would allow the City to spend the 2021 revenue derived from the 0.25% climate protection sales and use tax originally approved by the voters on November 3, 2020. It would also allow for the continuation and collection of the tax at the 0.25% level approved by voters. This tax funds the Climate Protection Fund which raises roughly \$40 million annually to mitigate the causes of climate change. Over half of this fund goes to communities in Denver most harmed by climate change impacts, including people of color and Indigenous people, low-income communities, people living with chronic health conditions, babies, children, and older adults.



QUESTION 2K: **HOMELESSNESS RESOLUTION FUND**

ISSUE: HOMELESSNESS

This measure would allow the City to spend the 2021 revenues derived from the 0.25% homelessness resolution sales and use tax originally approved by the voters on November 3, 2020. It would also allow for the continuation and collection of the tax at the 0.25% level approved by voters. This tax funds the Homelessness Resolution Fund which raises roughly \$40 million annually to support housing, shelter, and services for people experiencing homelessness. The funding has paid for shelter services, housing, support and services like case management, and COVID emergency response-related housing and shelter services.

WHY WE SUPPORT:

CCH supports this measure because it provides important funding for Denver's Office of Housing Stability (HOST) to continue their work to resolve homelessness in alignment with their approved plans. Without voter approval, the amount available for these purposes will decrease and harm efforts to meaningfully address the homelessness crisis in Denver.



QUESTION 2L: **BALLOT ACCESS MODERNIZATION**

ISSUE: ELECTION REFORM

This measure would amend the City Charter to update various ballot access requirements in citywide elections by requiring initiatives to contain only one subject, updating candidate nomination timelines, updating the setting of election titles, allowing for public comment, and removing unnecessary detail on ballot questions.

ORDINANCE 305: NO EVICTION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION

ISSUE: TENANT RIGHTS

NO POSITION

This measure would create the No Eviction Without Representation (NEWR) fund to provide free legal assistance to Denver renters navigating the eviction process. The NEWR fund is supported by a \$6.25 per month per rental unit fee charged to landlords and would generate nearly \$12 million annually. Although small landlords are exempted from the fee, nonprofit affordable housing providers are not, which could force them to reduce spending on other critical services.

ORDINANCE 306: WASTE NO MORE

ISSUE: RECYCLING AND WASTE

NO POSITION

This measure would require all Denver businesses and multifamily residential premises to offer recycling and compost services. It would also require bilingual education, information, signage, and instructions regarding these services and provide guidelines for construction companies and food retailers regarding disposal of waste materials.

ORDINANCE 307: DENVER DESERVES SIDEWALKS

ISSUE: INFRASTRUCTURE

NO POSITION

This measure would create a sidewalk master plan and implement a sustainable program for the construction, reconstruction, and repairs of sidewalks throughout the city. The program would be funded by charging a fee to property owners, estimated at about \$107 a year. A 20% discount would be applied for property owners in historically underserved areas of East Colfax, Elyria-Swansea, Globeville, Montbello, Northeast Park Hill, Sun Valley, Valverde, Villa Park, West Colfax, and Westwood. Currently, sidewalks are the responsibility of the adjacent property owner to maintain.

**THE COLORADO 2022 STATE BALLOT INFORMATION BOOKLET IS AVAILABLE IN
ENGLISH, SPANISH, AND IN AUDIO FORMAT.**

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