

RESOLUTION 782-10

Statement of Resolution Opposing Amendments 60, 61 and Proposition 101 by the Town of Fowler :

Whereas, Three measures appearing on the November 2010 statewide ballot would significantly damage Colorado's special districts, state and local governments from funding their most basic level of services related to safety, water, sanitation, fire protection, education, hospitals, rural health care, and transportation; and

Whereas, These measures drastically limit government's ability to construct new buildings and infrastructure; and

Whereas, The ability to finance long-term capital improvements like water and wastewater treatment plants, fire stations, recreational projects and other public facilities are dramatically impaired by the restrictions on debt financing as proposed by Amendment 61; and

Whereas, Amendments 60 & 61 would slash at least \$1 billion annually in state taxes, cutting in half the property tax dollars schools currently receive ; and

Whereas, One of the many components of Amendment 60 would overturn the election decisions made by voters over the last eighteen years, creating financial chaos for local communities; and

Whereas, One of the many components of Amendment 61 eliminates any practical means for state and regional governments to make future road, highway and bridge improvements, or other capital improvements to their districts, such as colleges and universities, water conservation districts; or improvements to public schools, towns, cities and counties; and

Whereas, Proposition 101 reduces the vehicle registration fee (annual license plate fee) to a level which would devastate Colorado's ability to maintain safe roads and bridges; and

Whereas, These measures individually and collectively significantly reduce or otherwise restrict both state and local revenues in a number of different ways, including but not limited to: specific ownership taxes, telecommunication taxes, state income taxes, state-shared revenues to assist municipalities with local street and transit improvements, other state grants and loans to help local government, and property taxes; and

Whereas, The cumulative and destructive nature of the three measures ensures that Colorado will surrender its competitive standing to attract large and small employers alike, resulting in little to no economic growth for the state and a steady decline in property values and erosion of the state and local tax base; and

Whereas, The following services and programs in the Town of Fowler will be limited or curtailed because of the numerous restrictions and revenue reductions proposed by these three measures swimming pool, library, and cemetery maintenance; and

Whereas, The Town of Fowler is concerned about the impact these three measures will have on our ability to work effectively with other local governments in the form of intergovernmental agreements like Otero County, and Crowley County; and

Whereas, State voters will have the opportunity on November 2, 2010 to protect the fiscal health of Colorado by defeating Proposition 101, Amendment 60 and Amendment 61; and

Now Therefore, The Town of Fowler Board of Trustees of The Town of Fowler has taken an official position opposing Amendments 60, 61 and Proposition 101.

PASSED AND APPROVED _____

APPROVED _____

Town of Fowler, Mayor

ATTEST _____

Town Clerk