

Why Conservatives Should Vote NO on This Year's slate of Ballot Measures

In this 2025 election, Larimer County voters face a long list of ballot issues — from new taxes to vague “reforms” — each cloaked in the language of progress and community improvement. But peel back the surface, and a familiar pattern emerges: more government, less accountability, and steadily eroding your constitutional rights.

Here's why conservatives should oppose these measures across the board:

◆ Higher Taxes, No End in Sight

Whether it's a “temporary” tax increase or a redirection of funds, these proposals share one trait: they grow government's take from families and small businesses. In an inflation-weary economy, is now the time to extract more from those already tightening their belts? Every dollar handed over to government is a dollar that can't be spent or saved by hardworking citizens.

◆ Erosion of TABOR Protections

Many of these measures seek to bypass or undermine the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR) — one of the last safeguards Coloradans have against unchecked fiscal expansion. TABOR ensures voters have a say when government wants more of their money. Shouldn't that remain a non-negotiable principle?

◆ Government Overreach Disguised as Progress

Several ballot items expand bureaucratic authority under the guise of “equity,” “climate action,” or “community investment.” But vague language leads to broad power. When unelected boards and city councils are handed open-ended mandates, accountability evaporates. We don't need more initiatives that sound nice on paper but hand more power to agencies far removed from voter control.

◆ A Wake-Up Call for Local Governance

Ballot fatigue is real — and it's often strategic. By burying problematic measures in lengthy ballots, officials hope voters won't scrutinize the fine print. But conservatives understand that local policies often have the biggest impact on daily life. If we don't stand firm now, we signal our consent to ever-expanding local government.

Thoughtful Questions to Consider:

- If these measures pass, what precedent do they set for future government expansion?
- Should unelected officials have broader discretion to tax and spend without direct voter oversight?
- How do we maintain a balance between community investment and personal freedom?

The most responsible vote this cycle may be the simplest: **NO** to more taxes, **NO** to weakened constitutional rights, and **NO** to more unchecked government power. Let's preserve what makes Colorado—and Larimer County—free.