**AC-REP 2024 Ballot Positions**

Business Advocacy and Public Policy (BAPP) is one of AC-REP’s strategic pillars. We continuously engage with federal, state, and local efforts to improve and sustain an equitable economy where citizens and businesses can exist and create economic vitality in Adams County. We may advocate differently than membership organizations because we have both public and private investors. However, we believe that this diversity in thought results in more collaborative and reasonable solutions.

Recently, our BAPP committee held a webinar on 2024 Colorado Ballot proposals that addressed some of AC-REP’s policy priorities. After that meeting, our BAPP committee members referred eight measures for AC-REP to consider taking positions. Those measures generally addressed funding requests for education, infrastructure, housing, transportation, and water. After an anonymous voting process and thoughtful consideration by our Leadership Circle, we present the following official positions:

**Prop. JJ - Retain Additional Sports Betting - Support**

* Water is a critical resource across Colorado. Access to and protection of resources impact our ability to support existing communities and are also important factors when building homes and businesses for our future economic success. Based on the success of the betting market, it is the right time to change this collection percentage and direct more funding to the Water Plan Implementation Cash Fund.

**Adams County Prop. 1A - Sales Tax for Affordable Housing - Neutral**

* AC-REP recognizes the housing challenges across Adams County and Colorado. In 2025, we will continue to work with our state legislators to fix the critical issues around construction defects that cause less inventory to be built.
* We believe that successful housing policies must be comprehensive and include innovative ideas for a mixture of homeownership and rental options.
* Some of our members were concerned about the proposed increased sales tax in municipalities, which will increase to almost 10% except for certain household goods and services, personal items, and several business purchase exemptions.
* We applaud Maiker Housing and other housing developers for building several communities that serve some of Adams County's housing needs.
* However, our members could not reach a consensus on Proposition 1A, so we have decided to remain neutral.

**Proposition 7A – Allow RTD to De-Bruce funding – Support**

* AC-REP supports the continued use of all tax revenue collected by the RTD. We encourage the agency to examine future programs to enhance service to more Adams County citizens and businesses.

**School Funding Measures**

**Adams 12 – 5D & 5E – Increase Mill and Bonding - Support**

**Adams 14 – 4A & 4B – Increase Mill and Bonding – Support**

**Aurora 28J – 5A & 5B – Increase Mill and Bonding – Support**

**Westminster – 4C - Increase Bond Funding – Support**

* AC-REP supports the school funding measures to improve the learning environment by updating and expanding the physical infrastructure of our school campuses.
* We support expanding Career Technical Education programs to better prepare students for future workforce needs.
* We applaud the investments in school security, mental health, and teachers to provide the highest quality programs for our students.

**Proposition 6A - South Adams County Water & Sanitation District – Support**

* AC-REP supports the District's TABOR exemption, which allows the utility to protect water quality, invest in water system upgrades, address emerging contaminants, and enhance future water supply by upgrading its water treatment facilities.

If you have any questions about these positions, please feel free to reach out to

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