The Association supports public policies that strengthen nonprofits and communities. We encourage you to consider our positions as your nonprofit determines its response to these measures.

Amendment 69 ☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ NEUTRAL
Creates ColoradoCare, a new tax-funded cooperative to finance health care programs for Colorado residents
- Creates an elected board to oversee health coverage including Medicaid, CHP+, and Connect for Health CO
- Raises $25 billion of funding annually via 10 percent payroll (3.33% employee/6.67% employer) and non-payroll income taxes respectively.

Effects on nonprofits and communities:
- ColoradoCare would reduce demand for nonprofits’ services that help the uninsured.
- Nonprofits would benefit if the taxes are less than current premiums (proponents and opponents disagree).
- Proponents: CO would save $4.5 billion. A neutral CO Health Institute study predicts a $253 million deficit.

Our position: Amendment 69 would drastically change our system of health coverage, which could greatly benefit nonprofits and communities, but we see many unknowns about how it will work in practice.

Amendment 70 ☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ NEUTRAL
Colorado hourly minimum wage increase
- Annual $0.90 increase from $8.31 to $12 by 2020.
- Annual adjustment for cost of living increases thereafter

Effects on nonprofits and communities:
- Increases income for 480,000 Coloradans including some nonprofit employees
- Could require nonprofits to increase fundraising or reduce staff time to pay increased wages

Our position: We expect 70 to improve employee retention and reduce demand for nonprofits’ services to help workers meet basic needs.

Amendment 71 ☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ NEUTRAL
Requirements for Initiated Constitutional Amendments
- Requires 2% petition signatures from each Sen. district
- Requires 55% approval for future amendments to pass.
- Requires majority vote to repeal existing articles

Effects on nonprofits and communities
- Makes it harder to amend the constitution by requiring a higher vote count & statewide signature collection.
- Easier to get statutory initiatives on the ballot instead
- Fewer future constitutional changes impacting nonprofits

Our position: As Coloradans, we have added both helpful and problematic articles to our constitution. Although we like the idea of making the constitution harder to amend, 71 could make it cost prohibitive for nonprofit-led efforts.

Amendment 72 ☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ NEUTRAL
Tobacco Taxes Increase
- Cigarette packs: from $0.84 to $2.59
- Other tobacco: from 40 to 62% of manufacturer price.
- Sets spending percentages for tobacco-related programs

Effects on nonprofits and communities
- $315 million annually for tobacco prevention and research, youth and veterans mental health services, and support for professionals in rural areas
- Proponents: Last increase reduced tobacco use by 12.6%
- Opponents: particularly impacts low-income smokers

Our Position: We support Amendment 72 because the funding will help nonprofits throughout our state prevent diseases, support mental health needs, and assist underserved areas.
**Amendment T  ☑ YES ☐ NO ☐ NEUTRAL**

*No Exception to Involuntary Servitude Prohibition*

- Removes criminal punishment as an exception to Colorado’s prohibition of slavery.

**Effects on nonprofits and communities**

- Proponents: prohibit slavery without exceptions
- Opponents: possibly impacts prison work programs

**Our Position:** Removing this outdated language shows CO's commitment to the freedom and equality of all people.

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**Amendment U  ☐ YES ☐ NO ☑ NEUTRAL**

*Exempt Certain Possessory Interests from Property Taxes*

- Exempts possessory interests valued at $6,000 or less.
- Inflation adjusted every two years.
- Possessory interest means use of public property for a private benefit (e.g. rafting company on public land)

**Effects of Nonprofits and Communities**

- Saves money for any nonprofits with possessory interests
- Proponents: Cost of tax collection exceeds tax revenues
- Opponents: should be taxed regardless of revenues

**Our Position:** We are not aware of many nonprofits that have possessory interests.

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**Proposition 106  ☐ YES ☐ NO ☑ NEUTRAL**

*Medical Aid in Dying Medication*

- Allows patients to request and use this medication
- Establishes requirements to confirm that patients are terminally ill and mentally fit to make the request.

**Effects on nonprofits and communities**

- Gives patients more options for relieving suffering
- Proponents: requesting this medication is a right
- Opponents: concerns about incorrect prognoses and listing terminal illness as the cause of death
- Some nonprofits are concerned about potential coercion of vulnerable individuals to use the medication

**Our Position:** Proposition 106 has a significant impact on quality of life. Some nonprofits support 106 and some others oppose it. We don’t expect it to directly impact the work of Colorado’s nonprofits generally.

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**Propositions 107 & 108  ☐ YES ☐ NO ☑ NEUTRAL**

*Presidential and Nonpresidential Primaries*

- 107 authorizes a presidential primary and allows unaffiliated voters to participate
- 108 allows unaffiliated voters to participate in nonpresidential state and local primaries.

**Effects on nonprofits and communities**

- Increases voter turnout by allowing unaffiliated voters, the largest group of CO voters (36%), to participate
- Unaffiliated voters can affiliate up to election day
- Removes the presidential straw poll from the caucuses
- 107 requires taxpayers to pay for the presidential primary

**Our Position:** Some nonprofits support these amendments to increase voter turnout. Others are concerned about undermining caucuses by removing the presidential straw poll. We don’t expect 107 and 108 to directly impact the work of nonprofits generally.

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**Issue 4B [Metro Area Ballot]  ☑ YES ☐ NO ☐ NEUTRAL**

*SCFD funds arts and cultural organizations in the seven county metro area*

- SCFD provides over $60 million per year
- Increases funding allocations for Tier 2 and 3 grantees
- Opponents prefer larger allocations to Tiers 2 & 3 grantees and suburban communities

**Our Position:** We support 4B because it would continue over $60 million in arts and cultural funding and allow funders to support a broader range of nonprofits throughout the state.

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**About Colorado Nonprofit Association:**

Colorado Nonprofit Association is a statewide nonprofit membership coalition connecting nonprofits of all sizes, missions and geographic locations. The organization serves its 1,300 members by providing tools for communication, networking and administration.

It also strengthens the nonprofit community through trainings, forums for discussion of current issues, and public advocacy on behalf of the nonprofit sector.

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