

RESOLUTION NO. 8
SERIES 2010

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE OPPOSING PROPOSITION 101, AND AMENDMENTS 60 AND 61

WHEREAS, state voters will have the opportunity at the November 2 statewide general election to protect the fiscal health of local government by defeating Proposition 101, Amendment 60, and Amendment 61; and

WHEREAS, during this current economic downturn the Town of Crested Butte has already felt the impact of reduced revenues and cut general fund and capital fund budgets; and

WHEREAS, these ballot 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, and other state grants and loans to help local government, and property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the ability for local governments to finance long-term capital improvements like street projects, art and recreation facilities, water and wastewater facilities, affordable housing projects and other public facilities will be dramatically impaired by the restrictions on debt financing as proposed by Amendment 61; and

WHEREAS, the Town will have no alternative but to reduce or eliminate services and programs in Crested Butte because of the numerous restrictions and revenue reductions proposed by these three measures; and

WHEREAS, a number of prominent individuals, newspapers, and organizations including our own Colorado Municipal League are voicing opposition to these measures as not being in the best interests of Colorado and local communities; and

WHEREAS, state law permits the Town Council of the Town of Crested Butte to put forth this resolution as a statement of opposition to the measures known as Proposition 101, Amendment 60 and Amendment 61;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO;

1. Due to the impact of these ballot initiatives on the services provided to the citizens of the Town of Crested Butte and the restrictions these initiatives will place on local decisions regarding taxation and debt financing, the Town Council of the Town of Crested Butte opposes Proposition 101, Amendment 60 and Amendment 61.
2. The Town Council of the Town of Crested Butte urges all citizens of Crested Butte to carefully analyze the impact of each of these three measures and to vote against all three ballot measures.

INTRODUCED, READ, AND ADOPTED UPON THIS FIRST READING, THIS 20TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2010.

TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO

By: *Leah B. Williams*
Leah B. Williams, Mayor

ATTEST:

Eileen Hughes
Eileen Hughes, Town Clerk

