

## Young Democrats of Mesa State College

### Resolution No. 08-10

#### A RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSITION 102 ON THE COLORADO NOVEMBER 2, 2010 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT

Proposition 102 is an initiated change to Colorado law that will be presented to the voters on the ballot during the November 2010 election. Proposition 102 would amend Colorado law to change the criteria for setting bail and types of bonds.

Current Colorado Law gives the Judges and Courts the ability to set bond type and bail amount as seen fit for crimes. There are limited crimes that carry a mandatory bond/bail to be set. In the event a defendant does not return to court after posting bail, the collateral for the bail is sold and a warrant is issued for the defendant.

- Proposition 102 is an unnecessary measure. It adds unnecessary and undue stress for alleged criminals that are a first time offender or a “non-serious” (as defined with many misdemeanors) offender.
- Proposition 102 unnecessarily burdens those that cannot afford to post bail.
- Proposition 102 would cause additional costs to an already financially hurt prison/criminal justice system with those incarcerated until trial due to the added costs of bail and restricted use of Personal Recognizance bonds.

After consideration, the Young Democrats (Mesa State College branch) have determined that Proposition 102 would be a detriment to the State of Colorado.

The Young Democrats (Mesa State College branch) recognizes the citizens of Colorado need assurance that alleged criminals return for court. However, we do not asses that undue financial burdens to the poor, first time offenders or the State of Colorado that Proposition 102 would cause are the correct answer to this issue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Young Democrats (Mesa State College branch), voted on Resolution 08-10 with the plurality to **oppose** Proposition 102, and to make it a part of our platform to **oppose** Proposition 102. We urge Democrat voters, along with all voters, to defeat the measure for the reasons stated.

Dated this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October 2010.

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