

## **Young Democrats of Mesa State College**

### **Resolution No. 01-10**

#### **A RESOLUTION OPPOSING AMENDMENT 60 ON THE NOVEMBER 2, 2010 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT**

On Wednesday, September 22, 2010 at 4:30 p.m., Nick Lopez, Student Body President – Associated Student Government (Mesa State College), presented information on **Amendment 60** on the 2010 Colorado State Ballot during a general meeting of the Young Democrats (Mesa State College branch) at 448 Main Street, Grand Junction, CO 81501.

Amendment 60 is an initiated ballot measure to amend the Colorado Constitution. It has been certified for consideration by the voters of the State of Colorado during the November 2010 election.

Amendment 60 would affect Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution by adding additional restrictions on the uses of property taxes and collection of said taxes.

- Amendment 60 would undo prior voter-approved property taxes throughout the state that are used for roads, libraries, and schools amongst other items.
- Amendment 60 would create additional state audits and enforcement on the provisions of the Amendment.
- Amendment 60 would open voting to out-of-state parties that own property in the State of Colorado.
- Amendment 60 will adversely affect school districts by imposing they reduce all non-debt mill levies by 50% between the years 2011 and 2020. This would affect the operations and maintenance budgets.
- Amendment 60 would require all property tax questions to be voted on during the November elections only. These questions would have to be presented separately from the debt issues.
- Amendment 60 would allow for petitions to lower property tax; however, the amendment leaves this vague and will be up to interpretation and subject to law change in the future.
- Amendment 60 would collect property taxes from government entities. It would also require local governments to reduce any and all mill levies in order to offset the increased revenue.
- Amendment 60 would bind the hands of the government from levying any tax or fee on properties.
- Amendment 60 would force the extension of any expiring taxes go in front of the voters during the November elections.

After consideration, the Young Democrats (Mesa State College branch) has determined that Amendment 60 would be detrimental to the operations of the State of Colorado and also the local governments within the State of Colorado.

The Young Democrats (Mesa State College branch) recognizes the citizens of Colorado need access to information on where funds are spent in the government. We also understand that the state and local government need to be able to function without waiting for the November election, and without the need to spend additional resources on continuously going to ballot with issues.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Young Democrats (Mesa State College branch), unanimously voted amongst those at the September 22, 2010 meeting, to **oppose** Amendment 60, and to make it a part of our platform to **oppose** Amendment 60. We urge Democrat voters, along with all voters, to defeat the measure for the reasons stated.

Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September 2010.

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Jeremy M Watson

President of Young Democrats –Mesa State College branch

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Vice President of Young Democrats – Mesa State College Branch