

## Young Democrats of Mesa State College

### Resolution No. 03-10

#### A RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSITION 101 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, presented information on Proposition 101 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.

Proposition 101 is an initiated change to Colorado law that will be presented to the voters on the ballot during the November 2010 election. Proposition 101 would amend Colorado law to change the State income taxes and reduce various fees and taxes on telecommunication services and motor vehicles.

Fee revenues and taxes are important to the financial resources of the State and of local governments. It is necessary to provide emergency services such as Fire, Police and EMS, to proceed with road and bridge repair and new building, invest in capital and economic development and improvement, and also to keep parks, open spaces and recreational spaces functional for all. If passed, the State and local governments would be responsible to immediately look at their current and future budgets which may include cuts to these or other services.

- Proposition 101 decreases the specific ownership tax on motor vehicles. According to the Colorado Municipal League, this would result in an estimated annual loss of almost \$500 million statewide and for municipalities.
- Proposition 101 requires that all vehicle registration not exceed or go below \$10.00 per year. This would hurt funding for street and highway maintenance throughout Colorado.
- Proposition 101 would force the state income tax rate to 4.5% and then would require it be lowered to 3.5% over time.
- Proposition 101 freezes 9-1-1 tax rates to that of 2009. This would mean there would be no money to increase or advance the 9-1-1 system(s) in the state of Colorado. The current rate is \$1.30 per line.
- Proposition 101 would define any and all other charges as “tax increases” and would require an election for any and all increases in charges, regardless of the amount.
- Proposition 101 would eliminate any taxes on vehicles that are rented or leased. This Proposition would also require no taxes over 4 years on the first \$10,000 of any and all vehicle sales.
- Proposition 101 would eliminate all taxes on any telecommunication service, such as: telephones, cell phones, internet and cable.

After consideration, the Young Democrats (Mesa State College branch) has determined that Proposition 101 would be detrimental to the operations of the State of Colorado and also the local governments within the State of Colorado. We also feel that this would be a detriment to the public services in Colorado as funding comes directly from the taxes.

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 public services along with the State of Colorado and local municipalities need to be able to conduct business to the best that can be offered to the people.

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** Proposition 101, and to make it a part of our platform to **oppose** Proposition 101. 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