



**CITY OF BOULDER
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**

MEETING DATE: October 19, 2023

AGENDA TITLE: Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 1341 indicating the City of Boulder's support for 1A, a measure appearing on the November 7, 2023 Boulder County ballot concerning open space sales and use tax extension and revenue changes

PRESENTERS:

Nuria Vandermyde, City Manager
Carl Castillo, Chief Policy Advisor

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At its October 12, 2023 business meeting, city council provided direction for staff to develop a resolution, included as **Attachment A**, indicating the city's support for Issue 1A: concerning Boulder County open space sales and use tax extension and revenue changes. This agenda item is presented to allow council to consider approving such resolution.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Suggested Motion Language:

Staff requests council consideration of this matter and action in the form of the following motion:

Motion to approve Resolution 1341 indicating the City of Boulder's support for 1A, a measure appearing on the November 7, 2023 Boulder County ballot concerning open space sales and use tax extension and revenue change

ATTACHMENT

Attachment A – Resolution 1341 indicating the City of Boulder’s support for 1A a measure appearing on the November 7, 2023 Boulder County ballot

RESOLUTION 1341

A RESOLUTION INDICATING THE CITY OF BOULDER'S SUPPORT FOR 1A, A MEASURE APPEARING ON THE NOVEMBER 7, 2023 BOULDER COUNTY BALLOT CONCERNING OPEN SPACE SALES AND USE TAX EXTENSION AND REVENUE CHANGE

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOULDER, COLORADO FINDS AND RECITES THAT:

1. Boulder County Issue 1A, “Open Space Sales and Use Tax Extension and Revenue Change,” will appear on the November 7, 2023 Boulder County ballot.
2. Issue 1A does not represent a new tax or a tax increase, but rather an extension of an existing tax.
3. Boulder County owns and manages 76,000 acres of open space—which includes 26,000 acres of active agricultural land—and manages over 40,000 acres of conservation easements on private land.
4. If passed by voters, the tax extension will support open space maintenance, including updating amenities and signs, improving trail surfaces, preserving native vegetation, creeks restoration, preserving wildlife habitat, and maintaining the overall ecological health of open space lands.
5. If passed by voters, the tax extension will fund Boulder County’s efforts to continue best practices for wildfire mitigation, including mowing, grazing, and healthy forest projects.
6. If passed by voters, the tax extension will promote and support local agriculture on lands owned by Boulder County Parks and Open Space for that purpose, specifically continuing to improve and expand soil health, organic farming, and efficient agricultural water use.
7. If passed by voters, the tax extension will provide funds to acquire priority high-value properties for open space when they become available, including requests from our towns and cities for more acquisitions around their municipal boundaries, 25 priority irrigation ditches, and much-needed trail connections.
8. Under Section 13-2-4(h) of the Boulder Revised Code, the city council is permitted to pass a resolution or take an advocacy position on a ballot issue and may direct staff to report that action to the public in the entity’s usual manner. Without the expenditure of public funds, an elected official also may express a personal opinion on any ballot issue, including answering questions about the issue.

RESOLUTION:

The Boulder City Council hereby supports and urges a YES vote on measures 1A which will appear on the November 7, 2023 Boulder County election ballot.

ADOPTED this 19th day of October 2023.

CITY OF BOULDER, COLORADO

Aaron Brockett, Mayor

Attest:

Elesha Johnson, City Clerk