

**RECOMMENDED VOTES ON 2021 BALLOT IN DENVER**

**Denver School Board:**

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**Ballot Issues Recommendations:**

**Note:** Colorado GOP Chairwoman Kristi Burton Brown has *endorsed* Question 2E, which would fund Phase 3 of the development of the National Western Complex. This will give voters the opportunity to keep the National Western Stock Show in Colorado. While creating new jobs, 2E would also have a great economic and development impact on Denver and the surrounding area.

**Chairwoman Kristi Burton Brown recommends you vote yes**

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<b>STATE BALLOT ISSUES</b>			
Amend. 78	YES	Legislative Authority for Spending State Money	This citizen-initiated Constitutional amendment stops the Governor and other agencies from spending federal or court settlement moneys without appropriation from the State Legislature. Last year Gov. Polis spent \$1.67 Billion in federal Cares Act funds with no oversight. This increases transparency and accountability.
Prop. 120	YES	Reduction of Property Tax Assessment Rate	Sponsored by conservative Colorado Rising Action, this measure seeks to reduce property tax by around 9% by reducing residential and commercial property tax assessment rates. This helps to offset property tax increases due to the repeal of the Gallagher Amendment and increased property values. AFTER the language was approved for this measure, the State Legislature quickly passed a change in property tax codes to reduce the impact of this proposition. Reduction will still occur for some properties. This will probably end up in the courts.
<b>CITY BALLOT ISSUES</b>			
2F	YES	Safe and Sound Denver	Citizen Initiated measure to reverse City Council's vote to allow up to 5 unrelated people per house and to expand halfway houses into residential neighborhoods, including close to schools. Allow neighborhoods to have a say in protecting their neighborhoods.
2G	NO	Future Vacancies for Independent Monitor	This measure from City Council moves the appointment of the monitor who oversees police disciplinary actions from the Mayor to the Citizen Oversight Board and Council. The COB is activist dominated and already has policy power.
2H	NO	Election Day Change	This measure sponsored by the Denver Clerk would move the election of Mayor & City Council from May to April of

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			odd numbered years. This gives little time for candidates to communicate with voters following the fall elections and holidays.
300	NO	Pandemic Research Fund	This citizen-initiated ordinance increases local marijuana sales tax to raise \$7M annually for CU Denver research into personal protective equipment and disinfection. Not needed – plenty of national research and direction.
301	YES	Parks and Open Space	This citizen-initiated ordinance requires voter approval for any commercial or residential development on city parks or land protected by city-owned conservation easements. Primarily aimed at protecting Park Hill Golf Course space.
302	NO	Conservation Easement change	“Citizen-Initiated” ordinance financed by the company trying to develop the Park Hill Golf Course area to counter 301 above. Wording looks like 301 but actually changes easement definitions to exclude PH Golf Course and prevent citizen vote on this property.
303	YES	Let’s Do Better – Homelessness measures	Sponsored by Denver GOP Chairman, this measure requires Denver to enforce unauthorized camping ban on private property and to provide 4 authorized camping spots with running water, restrooms, and lighting using existing funding. A proven (Austin TX) way of addressing homeless camping.
304	YES	Lower and Cap City Sales and Use Tax	Sponsored by Denver GOP Chairman, this measure reduces the total sales and use tax in Denver from 4.81 to 4.5% and caps it in the future to 4.5%. Denver sales tax has risen 32% in just 3 years which hurts fixed and low-income residents. This forces the city to prioritize how to use this tax money instead of looking for more money.