

2020 CITY COUNTY OF DENVER and DENVER PUBLIC SCHOOL BALLOT ISSUES

#	Title	Description	DRW Board Position	Den GOP Exec Vote	Wendy's thoughts
20-515 Charter Amendment	Professional Services	Shall the Charter of the City and County of Denver be amended to give City Council the authority to procure for professional services without executive branch approval?	Vote No	Vote No	This and the next 4 amendments are attempts to transfer more power to the council from the mayor. We today have a powerful mayor system. This is proposed by most left council members
20-216 Charter Amendment	DOTI Advisory Board	Shall the Charter of the City and County of Denver be amended to create the Board of Transportation and Infrastructure to advise the Manager with respect to the policy and operation of the Department and shall review and comment on the proposed annual budget for the Department?	Vote No	Vote No	
20-536 Charter Amendment	Council approves Mayoral Appointments	Shall the Charter of the City and County of Denver be amended to give City Council authority to consent to certain mayoral appointments?	Vote No	Vote No	
20-537 Charter Amendment	Council Meetings	Shall Article III, Part 3, of the Charter of the City and County of Denver be updated to remove outdated language and allow for modernization of the conduct of city business?	Vote No	Vote No	
20-573 Charter Amendment	Expand Council Budget Authority	Shall the Charter of the City and County of Denver be amended to give the city council authority to initiate a supplemental appropriation or transfer, following consultation with the Manager of Finance?	Vote No	Vote No	

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20-751 Charter Amendment	Clerk's Appointees	Shall the Charter of the City and County of Denver be amended to clarify that the Clerk and Recorder may appoint five at-will employees in addition to the Deputy, all of whom shall be exempt from the career service personnel system?	Vote No	Vote No	I am suspicious of more appointees to the Denver Election Division. Could be politically stacked.
REFERRED ORDINANCES					
20-606 Ordinance	Municipal Broadband	Shall the City and County of Denver, without increasing taxes by this measure, reestablish the city's right to provide all services restricted since 2005 by the Colorado General Assembly with their passage of Senate Bill 05-152, including the authority but not obligation to provide high-speed Internet (advanced services), telecommunication services, and cable television services, including any new and improved high bandwidth services based on future technologies, to residents, businesses, schools, libraries, non-profit entities and other users of such services either directly or indirectly with public or private sector partners, as expressly permitted by Article 27, Title 29 of the Colorado Revised Statutes?	Vote No	Vote No	Broadband services are already available. The City does not need to invest money to compete with private enterprises.

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20-760	Pit Bulls	Shall the voters for the City and County of Denver adopt an ordinance authorizing the city to grant a provisional permit to owners or keepers of a pit bull, provided the owner microchips the animal and complies with additional requirements set by Denver Animal Protection?	Vote Yes	No Opinion	
TAXES					
20-684 Tax Increase	Climate Change	Shall City and County of Denver Sales and Use taxes be increased by \$40M annually, commencing Jan 1, 2021, and by whatever additional amounts are raised annually thereafter, from a .25% sales and use tax rate (2.5 cents on a \$10 purchase) to be used to fund programs to reduce carbon pollution and adapt to climate change. (various programs suggested). To be exempt from TABOR	Vote No	Vote No	VOTE NO Substantial Tax Increase for non specific programs
20-782 Tax Increase	Funding to address Homelessness	Shall City and County of Denver Sale and Use Taxes be increased by \$40M annually, commencing Jan.1, 2021, and by whatever additional amounts are raised annually thereafter from a 0.25% sales and use tax rate (2.5 cents on a \$10 purchase) that will not be collected on food for home consumption, water, fuel, medical supplies or feminine hygiene products to be used to fund housing, shelter or services for people experiencing homelessness. This tax is exempt from TABOR limits.	Vote No.	Vote No	Is a tax increase needed for this? Can current income be redistributed or more coordination with volunteer organizations. This is a large permanent tax increase.

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4A Tax Increase	Property Tax Mill levy increase	Exact wording not yet available. This is a mill levy increase on property tax to raise \$32M. \$15M of this is for salaries: 0.5% increase for teachers and the rest to increase minimum wage per Denver ordinance. \$4 M is for increased nurses, \$3M for Mental health services and \$2M for Special education. \$8 is unspecified.	Vote No	Vote No	Exact wording not available. Schools already get benefit of increased property values bringing revenue without tax increase. Also, we need to know what happens in the election regarding Gallagher amendment. We had a \$56.6M increase in mill levies in 2016 for early literacy and social & emotional support.
4B New School Bond	New School Bonds	Exact wording is not yet available. This is a \$795M Bond filing to build and improve schools. Of this \$208M is to update and maintain existing DPS facilities, \$130 M to remodel Montbello High School, \$128.5 to provide air conditioning to 24 schools, and \$65M for student Chromebooks and at home internet. \$265.5 not publically specified yet. Tax implications not known.	Vote No	Vote No	Exact wording potential tax impacts are not available.. This is not a year to raise taxes so if there is any impact on taxes, my vote is NO. There was a \$572 M bond for schools that passed in 2016.

Note: All measures were referred by City Council or the Denver School Board.

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