

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF LA JARA
COUNTY OF CONEJOS, STATE OF COLORADO**

RESOLUTION NO. 2000 - 3

WHEREAS, a proposed ballot initiative titled "Taxcut 2000" would amend the Colorado Constitution to cut state and local taxes for each taxing entity by \$25 each year in perpetuity, causing a \$25 reduction in each tax the first year, a \$50 reduction the second and so on, up to the amount of the applicable tax paid; and

WHEREAS, the tax cut proposal will drastically reduce revenues from the state income tax, the local property tax, various utility taxes and charges and vehicle sales, use and ownership taxes in a complex fashion over time; and

WHEREAS, the proposal will have the greatest impact on the state and those local governments which are dependent upon the local property tax or state revenue, which means it will have an immediate and dramatic impact on funding for Colorado's public schools; and

WHEREAS, the state has estimated that the revenues available to fund needed state and local services will be reduced by \$333 million in 2001, \$958 million in 2002 and \$1.5 billion in 2003 if this tax cut measure is approved by voters; and

WHEREAS, Colorado already has provided significant tax relief for its citizens by enacting more than \$400 million in tax reductions, limiting state and local government spending from one fiscal year to the next and requiring that voters approve any tax increases; and

WHEREAS, the impact of this initiative will be to severely restrict or eliminate important public services that citizens rely upon, affecting moneys available for highways, prisons, and education; and

WHEREAS, the far-reaching impact of this taxcut proposal is impossible to estimate which means it is likely to have consequences that no one can accurately forecast to inform voters making a decision on this measure in November; and

WHEREAS, a strong vibrant economy depends to a large extent on a solid infrastructure of services, not the least of which is a well-educated work force and quality schools, all of which will be diminished by these drastic tax reductions; and

WHEREAS, the cumulative financial impact of this measure will hit public schools the hardest at a time when school funding in this state is already well below the national average and there is a well-founded concern about attracting quality professionals to the teaching profession at a time when resources are scarce; and

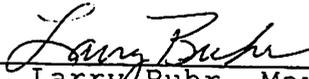
WHEREAS, it will be impossible to prevent this tax cut proposal from having devastating impact on each and every classroom in Colorado and the quality of life of each and every citizen.

WHEREAS, if Amendment 21 is enacted, the immediate effect to the Town of La Jara will be the loss of approximately \$9,813.00 for the year 2001; \$19,626.00 for the year 2002, until ultimately no more general property taxes will be received by the Town of La Jara, the ultimate effect being the forced elimination of the Town of La Jara as a governmental entity thereby eliminating essential services such as water and sewer, fire and police protection to its citizens and residents.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by The Board of Trustees of the Town of La Jara in the City of La Jara and County of Conejos and State of Colorado, that The Board of Trustees of the Town of La Jara officially declares its opposition to the proposed initiative unofficially titled, "Taxcut 2000" which will appear on the general election ballot on November 7, 2000.

Dated this twenty-fifth day of September, 2000.

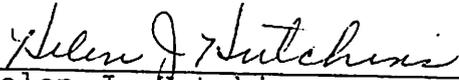
APPROVED AND UNANIMOUSLY PASSED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD AT WHICH A QUORUM WAS PRESENT THIS 25TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2000.



Larry Buhr, Mayor

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Attest:



Helen J. Hutchins,
La Jara Town Clerk