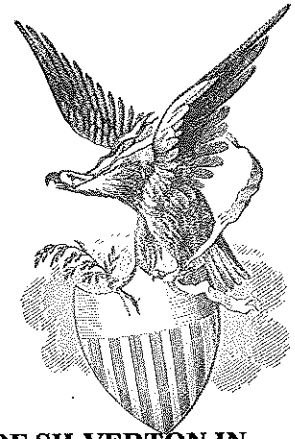


# Town of Silverton

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## RESOLUTION 2000-08

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF SILVERTON IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 21, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "TAX CUT 2000", ON THE NOVEMBER 7, 2000 STATEWIDE BALLOT**

WHEREAS, the voters of Colorado will consider proposed Constitutional Amendment 21, also known as "Tax Cut 2000", on November 7, 2000;

WHEREAS, if Amendment 21 were adopted, the total revenue loss to local governments is estimated by Legislative Council to be \$169 million in the first year, \$580 million in 2002, and \$892 million in 2003;

WHEREAS, if Amendment 21 were adopted, the revenue loss to the Town of Silverton is estimated to be \$20,000.00 in the first year, escalating to \$87,000.00 in the fifth year, with increasing revenue losses thereafter;

WHEREAS, if Amendment 21 were adopted, the Town of Silverton will be forced to curtail, reduce, and potentially eliminate services that protect the public health and safety and that ensure the quality of life;

WHEREAS, passage of Amendment 21 will limit the town's ability to continue existing levels of services and programs including emergency services, law enforcement, parks, street maintenance, and the library;

WHEREAS, passage of Amendment 21 will affect the town's ability to fund future capital projects including the Downtown Enhancement Project, improvements to Kendall Mountain Recreation Area, and improvements to Blair Street Park;

WHEREAS, Amendment 21 tax cuts would apply to a broad-range of taxes and fees imposed by the Town of Silverton, San Juan County, Silverton School District, Hermosa Cliffs Fire Protection District, and Southwestern Water Conservation District;

WHEREAS, if Amendment 21 were adopted, the revenue loss to San Juan County is estimated to be \$53,700.00 in the first year escalating to \$185,300.00 in the fifth year, with increasing revenue losses thereafter. Said losses will jeopardize services jointly funded by the Town and County such as fire, ambulance, and law enforcement.

WHEREAS, if Amendment 21 were adopted, it is estimated that the Hermosa Cliffs Fire Protection District would lose 22.5% of property tax revenues in the first year and would lose 70% of property tax revenues by the fifth year. This loss in revenues will eliminate Hermosa Cliffs ability to respond to a major fire in Silverton as they did with the Town Hall fire in 1992.

WHEREAS, if Amendment 21 were adopted, the ability to provide adequate fire protection will be jeopardized. A decrease in service will result in a decrease in the Town's ISO rating and an increase in property owner's insurance premiums.

WHEREAS, a "NO" vote on Amendment 21 would help preserve current funding of local services on which our citizens depend;

WHEREAS, a "NO" vote on Amendment 21 would protect Colorado's quality of life by not jeopardizing funding for vital transportation, public safety, ambulance and hospital, parks and recreation, education, library and other services on which our citizens rely;

WHEREAS, a "NO" vote on Amendment 21 would protect Silverton and San Juan County's quality of life by not jeopardizing the funding for fire and ambulance services, law enforcement, snow removal and the maintenance of streets, parks and recreation, the library and other services.

WHEREAS, a "NO" vote in no way disturbs the citizens' current control over governmental revenue and spending through the voter-approved provisions of the 1992 Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR) and other existing limitations;

WHEREAS, the Colorado Fair Campaign Practices Act, at C.R.S. 1-45-117 (1)(b)(III)(A) authorizes this body to adopt a resolution taking a position of advocacy on any statewide ballot issue;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Silverton, Colorado, that;

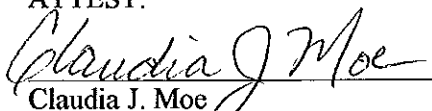
SECTION 1. The Town of Silverton opposes Amendment 21 because it would be detrimental to the services, programs, and quality of life of the citizens of the Town.

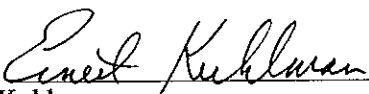
SECTION 2. The Town encourages its citizens to become fully informed about all of the details of the Amendment and its effects on them, their community and the state before voting on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2000.

SECTION 3. The Town encourages its citizens to vote "NO" on Amendment 21.

ADOPTED and MADE EFFECTIVE this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2000

ATTEST:

  
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Claudia J. Moe  
Town Clerk-Treasurer

  
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Ernest Kuhlman  
Mayor