



Vote Yes on C&D It's Good for our Health



WHAT'S TABOR?

TABOR, the Taxpayers Bill of Rights, was passed by Colorado's voters in 1992. This constitutional provision restricts the revenues Colorado can spend on public services like education, health care and transportation, by applying a formula of inflation plus population growth, to create an annual spending cap. TABOR requires the state to refund the remaining revenues above that cap to the taxpayers.

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

The combined effects of the recent recession and TABOR has put our state government in a fiscal bind. TABOR has created an environment that does not allow Colorado to keep up with the state's population growth, or with the state's need to provide basic services that citizens expect their government to provide. Colorado has been forced to make over 1 billion dollars in budget cuts to many services like:

- Education (both public schools and state colleges),
- Public health services like immunizations and disease prevention,
- Maintaining roads and bridges.

HOW DO WE FIX IT?

Two ballot questions - Referenda C&D- are on the November ballot this year. C&D are modest measures to help repair the ills of the state budget so that Colorado can sustain public services like those listed above.

WHAT ARE REFERENDA C&D?

Referendum C is a five-year time out from TABOR which:

- Permits the state to spend the money it collects over its TABOR limit for the next five years on health care, public education, transportation projects, and local fire and police pensions;
- Eliminates for the next five years the TABOR refunds that taxpayers receive when the state collects more than it is allowed to spend;
- Restores the TABOR cap on annual increases in new state spending at inflation plus population growth, beginning in 2011.

Referendum D:

- Permits the state to borrow up to \$2.072 billion in the form of bonds and requires the money to be used for transportation projects, K-12 and higher education buildings, and local fire and police pension obligations.
- Increases the revenue that Referendum C allows the state to keep by up to \$100 million each year into the future, beginning in 2011.

Referendum D takes effect only if voters also approve Referendum C at this election.

DON'T C&D MEAN A TAX INCREASE?

- NO! C&D do NOT eliminate TABOR, do NOT increase taxes and do NOT take away the right for citizens to approve tax increases.

WHY DOES MY PHYSICIAN CARE?

Without C&D, Colorado will face:

- More preventable diseases seen in infants, children, and adults
- More uninsured people, particularly uninsured people with jobs
- More health care expenses for people with and without insurance
- Fewer doctors moving to Colorado
- Delay of medical care to sick people, leading to poorer health and higher utilization of expensive emergency rooms and hospitals.