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Roy Romer
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EXECUTIVE ORDER

PROCLAMATION CERTIFYING VOTE ON CERTAIN MEASURES

WHEREAS, certain measures were referred to or initiated by the people of the State of Colorado at the general election on November 5, 1996;

WHEREAS, Secretary of State Victoria Buckley on December 24, 1996, certified to me that certain of those measures were approved by a majority of the votes cast;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Roy Romer, Governor of the State of Colorado, pursuant to Article V, Section 1, of the Constitution of the State of Colorado, proclaim and officially declare that the vote on those measures was as follows:

Amendments to the Constitution and Laws of the State of Colorado, Initiated, Referred and Voted on at the General Election, November 5, 1996.

1. Shall there be an amendment to articles V and XIX of the constitution of the state of Colorado, concerning ballot measures, and, in connection therewith, requiring voter approval of proposed constitutional amendments by sixty percent of the votes cast thereon, permitting, until January 1, 2003, a simple majority of votes to approve amendments to amend or repeal any provision that was previously adopted with less than sixty percent of the votes cast thereon, prohibiting the General Assembly from amending or repealing any law enacted by the initiative within four years of adoption unless approved by two-thirds of all the members elected to each house of the General Assembly, and requiring that initiated and referred measures to amend the constitution be submitted to the electors at a general election and not at an election held in an odd-numbered year?

YES - 544,543
NO - 787,134

2. Shall there be an amendment to section 20 of article X of the constitution of the state of Colorado, increasing the time period for mailing ballot information to registered voters before a ballot issue election?

YES - 739,435
NO - 608,219

3. Shall there be an amendment to article XIV of the constitution of the state of Colorado, concerning the office of county sheriff, and, in connection therewith, authorizing the general assembly to establish qualifications for the office of county sheriff?

YES - 754,339
NO - 590,402

4. Shall there be an amendment to section 20 of article X of the constitution of the state of Colorado, concerning the exclusion of funds for unemployment compensation from fiscal limitations, and, in connection therewith, modifying the definition of "fiscal year spending" to exclude unemployment compensation funds, excluding actions relating to charges imposed to fund unemployment compensation from the voter-approval requirement for tax increases, and requiring a one-time reduction in district bases to exclude a portion of a district's fiscal year spending from unemployment compensation funds?

YES - 376,860
NO - 908,476

5. Shall there be an amendment to the Colorado Constitution concerning property tax exemptions, and, in connection therewith, eliminating any property tax exemptions for real property used for religious purposes, real property used for for-profit schools, real property used for charitable purposes other than for community corrections facilities, orphanages, or for housing low-income elderly, disabled, homeless, or abused persons, and real property used for nonprofit cemeteries; continuing the property tax exemptions for real property used for nonprofit schools, community corrections facilities, orphanages, and housing low-income elderly, disabled, homeless, or abused persons, unless otherwise provided by general law; continuing the property tax exemptions for personal property used for religious worship or strictly charitable purposes, unless otherwise provided by general law; and decreasing the property tax rate to

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prevent a net revenue gain to any taxing entity as a result of the elimination of exemptions, unless otherwise provided by general law?

YES - 242,543
NO - 1,211,637

6. Shall there be an amendment to the Colorado Constitution concerning congressional term limits, and, in connection therewith, specifying a proposed amendment to the U.S. Constitution that limits U.S. senators to two terms, former and incumbent U.S. senators to one additional term, U.S. representatives to three terms, and former and incumbent U.S. representatives to two additional terms; instructing Colorado's state senators and representatives to vote to apply for an amendment-proposing convention; instructing Colorado's U.S. senators and representatives to pass said term limits amendment; requiring that all election ballots have "disregarded voter instruction on term limits" next to the name of an incumbent U.S. senator or representative or incumbent state senator or representative when such senator or representative fails to take specific actions in support of said term limits amendment; providing that non-incumbent candidates for U.S. and state senator and representative be given an opportunity to take a pledge in support of said term limits amendment; requiring that primary and general election ballots have "declined to take pledge to support term limits" next to the name of a non-incumbent candidate who has not signed such pledge; authorizing the Secretary of State to determine whether the terms of this amendment have been complied with and whether such designations should appear on the ballot; and allowing any legal challenge to this amendment to be filed with the Supreme Court of Colorado as an original action?

YES - 768,257
NO - 654,124

7. Shall there be an amendment to the Colorado Constitution concerning petitions, and, in connection therewith, changing initiative and referendum rights and procedures; extending petition powers to registered voters of all local governments; limiting initiative ballot titles to 100 words; limiting the annual number of newly enacted laws that governments may exclude from possible referendum petitions; establishing standards for review of filed petitions; requiring voter approval for future petition laws and rules and for changes to certain future voter-approved petitions; and authorizing lawsuits to enforce the amendment?

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YES - 435,995
NO - 967,266

8. Shall there be an amendment to the Colorado Constitution concerning the management of state assets related to the public lands of the state held in trust, and, in connection therewith, providing that the board shall serve as the trustee for the lands granted to or held by the state in public trust; adding to the board's duties the prudent management and exchange of lands held by the board; requiring the board to manage lands held by the board in order to produce reasonable and consistent income over time, and to recognize that economic productivity and sound stewardship of such lands includes protecting and enhancing the beauty, natural values, open space, and wildlife habitat thereof; providing for the establishment of a long-term stewardship trust of up to 300,000 acres of land; requiring the board to take other actions to protect the long-term productivity and sound stewardship of the lands held by the board, including incentives in agricultural leases which promote sound stewardship and sales or leases of conservation easements; authorizing the board to undertake non-simultaneous exchanges of land; authorizing the General Assembly to adopt laws whereby the assets of the school fund may be used to assist public schools to provide necessary buildings, land, and equipment; providing opportunities for school districts in which lands held by the board are located to lease, purchase, or otherwise use such lands for school building sites; requiring the board, prior to a land transaction for development purposes, to determine that the income from the transaction will exceed the fiscal impact of the development on local school districts; allowing access by public schools for outdoor education purposes without charge; expanding the state board of land commissioners to five members and requiring a diversity of experience and occupation on the board; reducing the terms of office of the members of the board to four years; directing the board to hire a director and a staff; and providing for personal immunity of the individual board members from liability in certain situations?

YES - 708,502
NO - 656,095

9. Shall there be an amendment to the Colorado Constitution concerning parental rights, and, in connection therewith, specifying that parents have the right to direct and control the upbringing, education, values, and discipline of their children?

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YES - 615,202
NO - 837,606

10. Shall there be an amendment to the Colorado Constitution to permit limited gaming, subject to a future local vote, in original or reconstructed historic buildings in the national historic district of the City of Trinidad and to allocate tax and fee revenues from such limited gaming?

YES - 440,173
NO - 958,991



Given under my hand and the Executive
Seal of the State of Colorado, this 26th day
of December, 1996.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Roy Romer".

Roy Romer
Governor