



**Board of County Commissioners**

# 2022

## *STATE LEGISLATIVE AGENDA*

Compendium of Policies

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# LEGISLATIVE PRINCIPLES

**Boulder County’s State Legislative Agenda adheres to the following Legislative Principles, which guide the development of the positions the county takes on state legislation.**

**Equity and Racial Justice:** Boulder County recognizes that local, state, and federal government actions in past and current history have created inequities in society by race, ethnicity, gender, physical and mental ability, sexual orientation and expression, gender identity, class, income, and other factors of a person’s identity. From the relocation and assassination of indigenous people, enslavement of people from Africa, denial of basic human rights of people who were not white, male, or landowners during the formation of the U.S. constitution and political structure, the U.S. population has been in a continual and challenging process of acknowledging inequities and repairing and improving the sharing of power.

This inequality has social, moral, economic, and health costs for all Boulder County residents. For example, the Economic Policy Institute reports that income inequality has been worsening in Colorado: Between the late 1970s to the mid-2000s, the wealthiest 20 percent of people in our state have seen an almost 80 percent increase in household income while the poorest 20 percent have seen just a 4 percent increase.<sup>1</sup> Racial economic disparities are very clearly evident within this growing income inequality. As the Bell Policy Center reports, nearly a quarter of Native Americans in Colorado have income below the federal poverty level, compared to 21 percent of Latinx/o/a Coloradans, 20 percent of Black Coloradans and 9 percent of White Coloradans.

Racist policies and social practices that favor wealthier and White people in the United States create these disparities. One example of racist policy that helped create disparities in wealth is redlining, discrimination dating back to the 1930s in the credit and financial services market that was supported by federal policy. Beyond disparities by race and ethnicity, people in Colorado are also impacted by inequities based upon gender, physical and intellectual ability, mental health status, sexual orientation, gender expression, class, country of origin, and other protected classes. The depth and impact of these disparities is too great to include in this document, but further information can be found in data and research that is widely available from a variety of credible sources.

As Heather McGee says in her book, [The Sum of Us](#), “Dr King said that the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends towards justice. But we know progress is not guaranteed. When the arc in America bends from slavery in the 1860s and returns to convict leasing in the 1880s; when it bends from Jim Crow in the 1960s and returns to mass incarceration in the 1970s; when it bends from Indigenous genocide to an epidemic of Indigenous suicides; when it bends, but as a tree does in the wind, only to sway back, we have to admit that we have not touched the root. We have not touched the root because the laws we make are expressions of our root belief, and it is time to face our most deep-seated one; the great lie at the root of our nation’s founding was a belief in the hierarchy of human value. And we are still there.”

Equity and Justice is one of the Boulder County Commissioners’ five strategic priorities, and the county is committed to reviewing state legislative through a lens of equity and racial justice. Boulder County places this principle as primary in its determinations of its position on legislation introduced in the General Assembly.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.cbpp.org/sites/default/files/atoms/files/Colorado.pdf>

**Environmental Sustainability and Climate Action:** Boulder County is committed to protecting and enhancing our environment for generations to come. To that end, Boulder County advances strategies that promote sustainability, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and improve air quality, such as clean transportation options, including multi-modal transportation networks and electric vehicles as well as electric vehicle charging infrastructure, compact land use development, energy efficiency, renewable energy, conservation of resources, and the protection of healthy land, air, and water. We will continue to make decisions and promote policies that support our ability to conserve resources and protect our environment.

**Lands and Natural Resources:** Boulder County manages public lands and natural resources through initiatives that improve the quality of life of our residents while balancing the multi-faceted needs and rights of community stakeholders. To that end, Boulder County works to preserve open spaces for recreation use, wildlife habitat, and sustainment of our agricultural heritage; manage our wildland urban interface area for disaster preparedness, forest health, and resilience; protect water sources and ensure a sustainable water supply; and efficiently regulate extractive industries, including mining and oil and gas development, to protect air and water quality and reduce impacts to residents.

**Public Service Integration and Collaboration:** Boulder County strives to ensure effective use of taxpayer funds and successful outcomes through efficient service delivery and integration of public programs and services. To increase efficiency and effectiveness, Boulder County engages in and strongly supports collaborative efforts within county departments and with partner agencies and organizations in the local community, regionally, and state-wide.

**Health and Human Services:** Boulder County is dedicated to supporting and sustaining healthy communities that strengthen individuals and families while promoting human dignity and positive outcomes for the future. To that end, Boulder County promotes a high quality of life for all residents by providing protective services for children, youth, and older adults, supporting the well-being of older adults, supporting access to affordable health insurance and health and mental health care, maintaining and increasing safe and affordable housing for residents, and improving access to effective and efficient public benefits that support healthy lives and promote economic stability for our residents.

**Local Control:** Boulder County believes that the authority to address issues that pertain to the county must reside firmly with the county. Local governments are best suited to identify solutions to local issues, particularly with regard to the services we provide, the land use decisions we make, and regulation of the public health and safety impacts of those land uses. Local authority also includes the flexibility to determine use of funding locally and precludes unfunded mandates from the state or federal government.

**Fiscal Responsibility:** Boulder County recognizes the importance of a state government that is fiscally responsible and advances the economic vitality and well-being of all Coloradans. We appreciate the opportunity to provide input into and remain informed about the state budget, and we seek collaboration with the state, especially with regard to decisions and processes that affect our organization or our constituents. Boulder County believes it is critical to the long-term health of Colorado's economy to address the state revenue structure that restricts the state's ability to respond to changing economic conditions, including the Taxpayer Bill of Rights and Amendment 23.

## POLICY STATEMENTS

### AGING

*To secure a high quality of living for Colorado's older adults.*

SUSTAIN FUNDING FOR THE OLDER COLORADANS PROGRAM TO SUPPORT SERVICES FOR COLORADO'S GROWING AGING POPULATION

MAINTAIN THE INTEGRITY OF THE OLD AGE PENSION PROGRAM, AND ENSURE REASONABLE ACCESS AND BENEFIT CALCULATION FOR QUALIFIED OLDER ADULTS

SUPPORT ADEQUATE, ONGOING FUNDING FOR ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES (APS) TO KEEP VULNERABLE ADULTS SAFE, PROVIDE FUNDING FOR PREVENTION SERVICES TO ASSIST VULNERABLE ADULTS REFERRED TO APS, AND ALLOW FOR ALTERNATIVE RESPONSE IN APS TO IMPROVE OUTCOMES

SUPPORT EQUITABLE AND FLEXIBLE APPLICATION OF THE COLORADO SENIOR HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

SUPPORT MODERNIZATION OF THE OLDER COLORADANS ACT THROUGH MEASURES THAT ALIGN WITH THE 2020 COLORADO STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN ON AGING

### BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

*To support and enhance the public's mental and behavioral health, and to ensure Coloradans have access to high-quality, continuous, and affordable mental health and substance abuse services.*

SUPPORT LEGISLATION, FUNDING, AND OTHER EFFORTS THAT EXPAND ACCESS TO QUALITY MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDER PREVENTION, SCREENING, TREATMENT, AND RECOVERY SERVICES, INCLUDING IN-PATIENT TREATMENT, ENSURING PARITY WITH THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

ENSURE COLORADO'S HEALTH FIRST PROGRAM (MEDICAID) AND CHILD HEALTH PLAN PLUS ARE EFFECTIVE TOOLS TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER CARE, INCLUDING INPATIENT TREATMENT

ENSURE EFFECTIVE PROVISION OF SERVICES, ORGANIZATIONAL TRANSPARENCY, AND RESPONSIBLE GOVERNANCE IN MANAGED SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS, REGIONAL ACCOUNTABLE ENTITIES, AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

SUPPORT INCREASED AND CONTINUED FUNDING FOR EXPANDED MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS STABILIZATION SERVICES AND CO-RESPONDER MODELS STATEWIDE TO REDUCE PLACEMENT OF PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS IN HOSPITAL EMERGENCY ROOMS AND JAILS

SUPPORT STATEWIDE STRATEGIES THAT ELIMINATE STIGMA AND DISCRIMINATION ASSOCIATED WITH BEHAVIORAL AND MENTAL HEALTH ILLNESS

SUPPORT HARM REDUCTION LEGISLATION AND OTHER PUBLIC HEALTH APPROACHES AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORMS TO ADDRESS SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS

ENSURE EFFECTIVE SERVICES, EQUITABLE ACCESS, AND EFFICIENT UTILIZATION OF FUNDS IN THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES THROUGH COLORADO'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

## **COMMUNITY HEALTH**

*To protect and enhance the health of the public, and to ensure that Coloradans have access to high-quality, continuous, and affordable public health services.*

SUPPORT INCREASED AND SUSTAINED FUNDING FOR LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCIES

SUPPORT FUNDING FOR AND ACCESS TO COMPREHENSIVE FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES AND EVIDENCE-BASED SEXUAL HEALTH EDUCATION AND SERVICES

SUPPORT CONTINUED EFFORTS TO PREVENT AND REDUCE THE USE OF TOBACCO AND ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES AND REDUCE EXPOSURE TO SECONDHAND SMOKE

SUPPORT LEGISLATION AND OTHER EFFORTS TO PREVENT FOODBORNE ILLNESS

SUPPORT EFFORTS THAT EXPAND CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION PROGRAMMING

SUPPORT EFFORTS THAT EXPAND MANDATORY VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS AND LIMIT EXEMPTIONS

SUPPORT THE CONTINUED IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COLORADO IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION SYSTEM

SUPPORT EFFORTS THAT EXPAND COVID-19 VACCINATION AMONG ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS

SUPPORT EFFORTS TO PROTECT PUBLIC EMPLOYEES AND HEALTH CARE WORKERS FROM HARASSMENT AND INTIMIDATION ASSOCIATED WITH PROVIDING SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC

SUPPORT POLICIES TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE AND DEATH IN COLORADO

SUPPORT PROGRAMS AND FUNDING TO IMPROVE INFANT, CHILD, AND MATERNAL HEALTH, WITH A FOCUS ON UNIVERSAL HOME VISITATION SERVICES AND REVERSING THE DISPARATE IMPACTS OF SYSTEMIC RACISM ON FAMILIES

SUPPORT LEGISLATION AND FUNDING TO SUPPORT PREGNANT AND PARENTING YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

SUPPORT CONTINUED EFFORTS TO PREVENT AND REDUCE YOUTH USE OF MARIJUANA, ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS

## **COMMUNITY JUSTICE**

*To strengthen the ability of community justice agencies to provide integrated treatment services that reduce recidivism and criminal justice costs while improving public safety.*

SUPPORT LEGISLATION AND ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR EFFECTIVE PRETRIAL PRACTICES AND A SHIFT FROM A MONEY-BASED TO A RISK-BASED SYSTEM

SUPPORT SYSTEMS AND DEDICATED FUNDING THAT REMOVE BARRIERS AND PROVIDE A COORDINATED RESPONSE TO OFFENDER REENTRY FOLLOWING INCARCERATION IN JAIL, PRISON, OR JUVENILE DETENTION

SUPPORT CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM AND RESOURCES TO REDUCE RECIDIVISM AT ALL INTERCEPT POINTS THROUGH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES IN OFFENDER PROGRAMMING, ALTERNATIVE SENTENCING, AND EXPANDED EFFORTS TO DIVERT OFFENDERS FROM INCARCERATION, INCLUDING DRUG AND ALCOHOL TREATMENT COURTS AND SERVICES WITHIN JAILS

SUPPORT THE REINVESTMENT OF COST-SAVINGS ACHIEVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES, AND STATE JUDICIAL IN PROGRAMS THAT PREVENT AND REDUCE INCARCERATION AND RECIDIVISM

SUPPORT EFFORTS TO ANALYZE THE PRACTICE AND POLICY CHANGES IMPLEMENTED ACROSS COLORADO'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM TO REDUCE JAIL POPULATIONS IN LIGHT OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC TO IDENTIFY EFFECTIVE INTERVENTIONS FOR USE POST-PANDEMIC

### **ECONOMY, EMPLOYMENT, AND INCOME STABILITY**

*To increase employment opportunities, improve economic equity, and promote self-sufficiency.*

SUPPORT LEGISLATION TO ENSURE LIVING WAGES FOR ALL COLORADANS

SUPPORT COUNTY AND WORKFORCE CENTER-DIRECTED PROGRAMS THAT IMPROVE EMPLOYMENT OUTCOMES FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES RECEIVING TANF AND OTHER BENEFITS

SUPPORT WORKFORCE CENTER PROGRAMS THAT PROMOTE AND PROVIDE RESKILLING, UPSKILLING, AND NEXT SKILLING, INCLUDING ON-THE-JOB TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES AND INCUMBENT WORKER TRAINING

SUPPORT ECONOMIC RECOVERY FUNDING AND LEGISLATION TO PROTECT COLORADO'S SMALL BUSINESSES AND EMPLOYEES MOST IMPACTED BY DISASTERS

EQUITABLY EXPAND ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES FOR FAMILIES AND BUSINESSES

### **ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY**

*To advance climate action, reduce the use of fossil fuels, promote clean energy, and reduce waste.*

#### *General*

ENCOURAGE THE ADOPTION OF CLIMATE-POSITIVE INNOVATIONS LIKE TELECOMMUTING, DRAWING FROM THE LESSONS LEARNED DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, TO SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCE AIR AND CARBON POLLUTION

PROMOTE PROACTIVE PROGRAMS AND EFFORTS THAT IMPROVE THE RESILIENCE AND ADAPTABILITY OF COLORADO COMMUNITIES IN THE FACE OF NATURAL DISASTERS AND OTHER MAJOR CHALLENGES ASSOCIATED WITH CLIMATE CHANGE

SUPPORT POLICIES THAT ACCELERATE THE REMOVAL OF GREENHOUSE GASES FROM THE ATMOSPHERE  
INCORPORATE EQUITY, ACCESSIBILITY, AND JUST TRANSITION CONSIDERATIONS INTO CLIMATE POLICIES  
AND ACTIONS

REQUIRE STATE GOVERNMENT TO ASSESS CLIMATE-RELATED RISKS IN ITS INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO AND  
MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO MITIGATE THAT RISK UP TO AND INCLUDING DIVESTMENT

REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS AND INCREASE RESILIENCE ASSOCIATED WITH WATER  
MANAGEMENT THROUGH WATER CONSERVATION, EFFICIENCY, REUSE, ADAPTATION, AND LOW  
IMPACT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES

### *Energy and Climate*

REDUCE STATEWIDE CARBON EMISSIONS CONSISTENT WITH OR GREATER THAN THE STATE OF  
COLORADO'S 2019 CODIFIED GOALS

ADOPT A COMPREHENSIVE MARKET-BASED APPROACH TO REDUCE COLORADO'S GREENHOUSE GAS  
EMISSIONS WHILE PROTECTING THE MOST VULNERABLE

EXPAND THE CONSIDERATION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE  
USE OF FOSSIL FUELS IN MAKING AND IMPLEMENTING CLIMATE-BASED POLICY

SUPPORT SUFFICIENT FUNDING FOR STAFFING AND OTHER NECESSARY RESOURCES AT THE COLORADO  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT AND THE COLORADO OIL AND GAS  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION TO EFFECTIVELY DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT THE OIL AND GAS  
REGULATIONS AUTHORIZED BY SB 19-181 AND THE CLIMATE CHANGE GOALS ESTABLISHED IN HB 19-  
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### *Local Climate Strategies*

REMOVE BARRIERS AND PROMOTE OPPORTUNITIES THAT ALLOW COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES TO  
MAXIMIZE THE DEPLOYMENT OF LOCAL CLEAN ENERGY AND CLIMATE-RELATED STRATEGIES,  
INCLUDING RESILIENCE-ORIENTED STRATEGIES, WHILE PROMOTING AFFORDABLE, ACCESSIBLE, AND  
EQUITABLE DELIVERY OF RELIABLE CLEAN ENERGY

SUPPORT POLICIES THAT PROMOTE ENERGY-EFFICIENT BUILDINGS

PROVIDE FOR EQUITABLE STRATEGIES TO ENABLE AND ACCELERATE BENEFICIAL ELECTRIFICATION

### *Energy Generation*

ACCELERATE RETIREMENT OF EXISTING FOSSIL FUEL GENERATION FACILITIES AND THEIR REPLACEMENT  
WITH COST-EFFECTIVE AND RELIABLE CLEAN ENERGY SUPPLIES, THROUGH MEANS THAT PROTECT BOTH  
UTILITIES AND CONSUMERS

MODERNIZE ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE TO ENHANCE COMMUNITY-BASED RESILIENCE AND INTEGRATE  
DISTRIBUTED ENERGY RESOURCES

*Energy Efficiency*

EXPAND DEMAND SIDE SAVINGS FROM EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION FOR ALL ENERGY TYPES  
SUPPORT ONGOING AND SUSTAINABLE FUNDING FOR WEATHERIZATION AND RENEWABLE ENERGY  
ASSISTANCE TO LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS SO THAT ALL COLORADANS HAVE ACCESS TO  
COMFORTABLE AND AFFORDABLE HOMES

*Solid Waste Reduction*

GRANT CDPHE AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT A PLAN FOR MEETING COLORADO'S STATEWIDE AND  
REGIONAL SOLID WASTE DIVERSION GOALS

REDUCE THE USE OF DISPOSABLE AND SINGLE-USE PRODUCTS AND PROMOTE THE REUSE OF  
MATERIALS

FOSTER INFRASTRUCTURE, POLICIES, INCENTIVES, AND PROGRAMS FOR RECYCLING AND COMPOSTING

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

*To protect and enhance the health of the public and the environment.*

SUPPORT STATE REGULATION AND OTHER POLICY MEANS TO PROTECT AIR QUALITY

SUPPORT STATE REGULATION AND OTHER POLICY MEANS TO PROTECT WATER QUALITY

MAINTAIN ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF SAFE DRINKING WATER STANDARDS TO  
ENSURE SAFE AND QUALITY DRINKING WATER

**EQUITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS**

*To achieve social, environmental, and economic justice and equity.*

SUPPORT POLICY TO ACHIEVE RACIAL EQUITY AND ELIMINATE RACISM

SUPPORT THE RIGHTS OF NATIVE AMERICAN NATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS IN COLORADO AND POLICY  
THAT ADDRESSES ISSUES RELATED TO THE LOSS OF LANGUAGE AND LANDS, PAST AND CURRENT  
OCCUPATION, GENOCIDE, AND COERCIVE AND BROKEN TREATIES

SUSTAIN AND STRENGTHEN RIGHTS FOR LGBTQIA+ PEOPLE IN COLORADO

SUPPORT LEGISLATION THAT ENSURES EQUITABLE RIGHTS FOR TRANSGENDER, NON-BINARY, GENDER  
QUEER, INTERSEX, TWO-SPIRIT, AGENDER, AND OTHER GENDER EXPANSIVE PEOPLE IN COLORADO,  
INCLUDING ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE AND OTHER SERVICES

SUPPORT LEGISLATION THAT ENSURES THE PROTECTION OF RIGHTS FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE  
IMMIGRATED TO THE UNITED STATES

SUPPORT FUNDING AND POLICY TO ELIMINATE HEALTH INEQUITIES AND PROMOTE HEALTH EQUITY



OPPOSE EFFORTS TO IMPEDE VOTING RIGHTS OF UNITED STATES CITIZENS IN COLORADO, INCLUDING REQUIREMENT OF IDENTIFICATION AT POLLING PLACES AND LIMITATION OF ABILITY TO MAIL BALLOTS TO VOTERS

SUPPORT LEGISLATION THAT GUARANTEES THE EQUAL RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES OF WOMEN IN ALL SPHERES OF LIFE AND PREVENTS SYSTEMIC DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN

SUPPORT LEGISLATION THAT GUARANTEES THE EQUAL RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN ALL SPHERES OF LIFE AND THAT REMOVES BARRIERS AND PREVENTS DISCRIMINATION

SUPPORT THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM

## **HEALTH AND WELL-BEING**

*To protect and enhance the health of the public and ensure that Coloradans have access to high-quality, comprehensive, and affordable health services.*

PROTECT AND ENSURE EQUITABLE ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE FOR ALL COLORADANS, INCLUDING ADDRESSING THE IMPACTS OF THE PANDEMIC ON ACCESS AND QUALITY

SUPPORT EFFORTS TO ENSURE QUALITY HEALTH CARE IS AVAILABLE TO ALL COLORADANS

PROTECT AND IMPROVE AFFORDABILITY OF HEALTH CARE IN COLORADO

SUPPORT AND IMPROVE COLORADO'S HEALTH FIRST PROGRAM (MEDICAID) AND CHILD HEALTH PLAN PLUS AS EFFECTIVE TOOLS TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE AND QUALITY HEALTH CARE FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES WITH LOWER INCOMES

SUPPORT FUNDING AND POLICY TO ELIMINATE HEALTH DISPARITIES AND PROMOTE HEALTH EQUITY

INCREASE RESOURCES FOR FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CARE CENTERS TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY-BASED, PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SERVICES

SUPPORT INTEGRATED PUBLIC HEALTH, HOUSING, AND HUMAN SERVICES STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE THE SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH

SUPPORT EFFORTS TO IMPROVE CLIENT CORRESPONDENCE AND ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICAID AND OTHER PUBLIC BENEFITS PROGRAMS

## **HOUSING**

*To secure and maintain safe and affordable housing, and to protect homeowners and residents in Boulder County.*

SUPPORT EMERGENCY MEASURES AND FUNDING TO PROTECT VULNERABLE RENTERS AND LANDLORDS IMPACTED BY THE COVID-19 CRISIS

SUPPORT POLICY AND FUNDING INITIATIVES TO INCREASE COLORADO'S STOCK OF PERMANENTLY AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND EXPAND ACCESS TO DIVERSE HOUSING OPTIONS

INCREASE FUNDING TO THE COLORADO HOUSING TRUST FUND TO PROVIDE AN ON-GOING, SUSTAINABLE SOURCE OF STATE FUNDING FOR PERMANENTLY AFFORDABLE HOUSING

SUPPORT STATE EFFORTS TO END INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY HOMELESSNESS THROUGH COMMUNITY BASED, COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMS

SUPPORT COORDINATION, EFFICIENCY, AND INTEGRATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUNDING AND COMPLIANCE

SUPPORT THE RIGHTS OF COLORADANS THAT OWN OR RENT HOMES IN MANUFACTURED HOUSING COMMUNITIES, INCLUDING THE ABILITY TO OWN THE LAND WHERE THEY RESIDE

SUPPORT ONGOING AND SUSTAINABLE FUNDING FOR WEATHERIZATION, BENEFICIAL ELECTRIFICATION, AND RENEWABLE ENERGY ASSISTANCE TO LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS SO THAT ALL COLORADANS HAVE ACCESS TO COMFORTABLE AND AFFORDABLE HOMES

SUPPORT LEGISLATION AND FUNDING TO INCREASE OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOW- AND MODERATE-INCOME HOME BUYERS TO PURCHASE THEIR FIRST HOME

## **HUMAN SERVICES AND EARLY CHILDHOOD**

*To support legislative, administrative, and funding decisions that improve human services systems and programs to support safety, self-sufficiency, and positive outcomes for families, and advance prevention and positive outcomes in the delivery of human services.*

### *System Integration and Administration*

SUPPORT INCREASED FUNDING AND PROGRAM FLEXIBILITIES TO SUPPORT COUNTIES' ABILITY TO ADMINISTER PROGRAMS AND MANAGE INCREASED ENROLLMENT, INCLUDING REMOTE ENROLLMENT, OF CLIENTS IN ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS DUE TO PANDEMIC AND MARSHALL FIRE

SUPPORT EFFORTS TO IMPROVE SYSTEMS THAT SERVE CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES THROUGH THE APPROPRIATE SYSTEM INTEGRATION, INTEROPERABILITY, AND SHARING OF DATA

SUPPORT LOCAL ADMINISTRATION AND DELIVERY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICE PROGRAMS, INCLUDING ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION AND ENROLLMENT

### *Children and Family Services*

MAXIMIZE FUNDING FOR THE CHILD WELFARE BLOCK GRANT TO FULLY FUND THE SYSTEM TO EFFECTIVELY IMPLEMENT THE FEDERAL FAMILY FIRST PREVENTION SERVICES ACT AND TO CONTINUE AND EXPAND EARLY INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION PROGRAMS IN ORDER TO BEST SUPPORT FAMILIES INVOLVED IN THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM

SUPPORT FUNDING FOR EVIDENCE-INFORMED PROGRAMS AND PROCESSES THAT REDUCE YOUTH INCARCERATION AND OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENTS, INCLUDING THE COLLABORATIVE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AND THE BOULDER COUNTY IMPACT PARTNERSHIP

SUPPORT IMPROVEMENT OF CHILD WELFARE FUNDING METHODS IN ORDER TO ENSURE INVESTMENTS ARE DATA-DRIVEN, TRANSPARENT, AND ALIGNED TO ACHIEVE STATEWIDE OUTCOMES THROUGH BEST PRACTICES

SUPPORT INCREASED SERVICES AND ADEQUATE RESOURCES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF YOUTH AGING OUT OF FOSTER CARE

SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EVIDENCE-BASED AND PREVENTION-FOCUSED STRATEGIES TO ELIMINATE CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT FATALITIES IN COLORADO

SUPPORT ADEQUATE, ONGOING FUNDING FOR ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES TO KEEP VULNERABLE ADULTS SAFE, PROVIDE FUNDING FOR PREVENTION SERVICES TO ASSIST VULNERABLE ADULTS REFERRED TO APS, AND ALLOW FOR ALTERNATIVE RESPONSE IN APS TO IMPROVE OUTCOMES

### *Early Childhood and Education*

SUPPORT INCREASED INVESTMENT IN THE CONTINUUM OF EARLY CHILDCARE AND EDUCATION, INCLUDING THE COLORADO CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, TO PROVIDE SAFE, QUALITY CHILDCARE OPTIONS FOR FAMILIES WORKING TOWARDS SELF-SUFFICIENCY AND TO SUPPORT SCHOOL READINESS

SUPPORT INVESTMENT IN THE EARLY CHILDHOOD WORKFORCE THROUGH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, SUSTAINABLE INCOMES AND BENEFITS, AND COLLEGE ASSISTANCE

### *Self-Sufficiency*

SUPPORT A STRATEGIC AND SUSTAINABLE FUNDING PLAN AND APPROACH FOR FEDERAL TANF FUNDS AND THE COLORADO WORKS PROGRAM

SUPPORT POLICY AND PROGRAMS THAT ELIMINATE POVERTY, INCREASE ASSET-BUILDING, AND LONG-TERM FINANCIAL STABILITY FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN COLORADO

### *Food Security*

SUPPORT UTILIZATION AND IMPROVED ACCESS TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) AND FUNDING FOR THE EXPANSION OF PROGRAMS THAT INCREASE ACCESS TO HEALTHY, LOCALLY GROWN FOODS

## **LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION**

*To improve upon the built environment and quality of life for Coloradans by promoting well-planned communities.*

SUPPORT LEGISLATIVE AND OTHER EFFORTS TO LINK LAND USE, HOUSING, AND TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND INVESTMENT

SUPPORT POLICIES THAT REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS AND OTHER POLLUTANTS FROM THE TRANSPORTATION SECTOR

PARTNER WITH RTD AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS TO ENSURE TIMELY AND EFFECTIVE DEVELOPMENT AND PROVISION OF TRANSIT SERVICES

SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF SUSTAINABLE, MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS AND NONSINGLE OCCUPANT VEHICLE TRANSPORTATION STRATEGIES

SUPPORT EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF INCREASED FUNDING FOR TRANSPORTATION, PRIORITIZING MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING AND VEHICLE ELECTRIFICATION

IMPLEMENT THE 2020 COLORADO GREENHOUSE GAS POLLUTION REDUCTION ROADMAP, THE COLORADO ELECTRIC VEHICLE PLAN 2020, PROVISIONS OF SB21-260, AND OTHER EFFORTS TO INCREASE ELECTRIFICATION OF ALL MOTOR VEHICLES

SUPPORT LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFORTS TO IMPROVE SAFETY ON ROADWAYS

SUPPORT COORDINATED PLANNING AND INVESTMENT STRATEGIES TO ADVANCE PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE

## **MARIJUANA**

*To ensure there is local authority to appropriately regulate marijuana uses and ensure effective public health education, treatment, and youth prevention programming.*

SUPPORT FUNDING FOR EDUCATION, PREVENTION, AND TREATMENT PROGRAMMING TO REDUCE THE HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPACTS OF RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA USE ON YOUTH AND THOSE VULNERABLE TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS

SUPPORT EFFORTS TO ENACT AND MAINTAIN EFFECTIVE REGULATION OF MARIJUANA PRODUCTION, SALE, PROMOTION, AND USE

SUPPORT LEGISLATIVE, REGULATORY, AND ADMINISTRATIVE APPROACHES TO RESEARCH, DEVELOP, AND IMPLEMENT SUSTAINABLE MARIJUANA CULTIVATION PRACTICES

## **NATURAL DISASTER RESILIENCE AND RECOVERY**

*To ensure the safety of our community during emergencies, prepare for and mitigate prior to natural disasters, and facilitate timely and full recovery following natural disasters.*

SUPPORT EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESILIENCY AND BUILD CAPACITY TO PREPARE FOR AND RESPOND TO NATURAL DISASTERS AND CLIMATE CHANGE

SUPPORT TIMELY AND RESPONSIVE STATE FUNDING MECHANISMS FOR NATURAL DISASTER RESPONSE, RECOVERY, AND RESILIENCY

ENHANCE COLLABORATION BETWEEN STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND PROVIDE SUFFICIENT FUNDING TO ENSURE EFFECTIVE NATURAL DISASTER RESPONSE AND RECOVERY

SUPPORT LEGISLATION AND FUNDING THAT ASSISTS COUNTIES IN REDUCING WILDFIRE RISK THROUGH MITIGATION AND PREVENTION EFFORTS AND REIMBURSEMENT OF LOCAL SUPPRESSION COSTS

SUPPORT LEGISLATION AND FUNDING THAT PROMOTES FOREST RESTORATION, INCLUDING THE USE OF PRESCRIBED FIRE, IN THE WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE

SUPPORT LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS AND PROGRAMS TO INCREASE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE RISKS OF HUMAN-CAUSED WILDFIRES AND HOW THEY CAN BE PREVENTED

SUPPORT LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS TO PROMOTE WILDFIRE MITIGATION AND REDUCE THE STRUCTURAL IGNITABILITY OF HOMES IN THE WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE

SUPPORT ONGOING FUNDING FOR THE COLORADO STATE FOREST SERVICE TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO PRIVATE LANDOWNERS IN IMPROVING FOREST CONDITIONS AND REDUCING WILDFIRE RISK

## **OIL AND GAS**

*To support expanded ability for Colorado state and local governments to regulate the oil and gas industry consistent with community needs and desires.*

SUPPORT STRONG, TIMELY, AND EFFECTIVE REGULATORY IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MAJOR REFORMS OF OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY REGULATION ENACTED IN SB 19-181

SUPPORT INCREASING COLORADO'S SEVERANCE TAXES, REDUCING OR ELIMINATING INDUSTRY EXEMPTIONS, AND PURSUING OTHER APPROACHES TO INCREASE STATE REVENUES RECEIVED FROM OIL AND GAS DEVELOPMENT

SUPPORT CREATION OF A SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO PROVIDE ONGOING INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF AND ADVICE REGARDING THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICES AND REGULATIONS PROMULGATED BY THE COLORADO OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION AND AIR QUALITY CONTROL COMMISSION

REVISE COLORADO'S FORCED POOLING REGULATIONS TO BETTER PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF PRIVATE AND PUBLIC MINERAL RIGHTS OWNERS

REPEAL AND/OR AMEND HB 14-1371 TO REQUIRE PROPERTY TAX REVENUES FROM OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION TO BE ALLOCATED PROPORTIONALLY TO ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT TAXING DISTRICTS LOCATED WITHIN A DRILLING UNIT

SUPPORT SUFFICIENT FUNDING FOR STAFFING AND OTHER NECESSARY RESOURCES AT THE COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT AND THE COLORADO OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION TO EFFECTIVELY DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT THE OIL AND GAS REGULATIONS AUTHORIZED BY SB 19-181 AND THE CLIMATE CHANGE GOALS ESTABLISHED IN HB 19-1261

INCREASE PROTECTIONS FOR MINERAL AND SURFACE RIGHTS OWNERS TO LEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD WITH OIL AND GAS OPERATORS

## **PUBLIC LANDS AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

*To promote land conservation and preservation and outdoor opportunities for Coloradans.*

SUPPORT THE RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF CARBON SEQUESTRATION PRACTICES TO IMPROVE SOIL HEALTH AND PRODUCTIVITY AND SEQUESTER CARBON FROM THE ATMOSPHERE

SUPPORT THE PRESERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF TOOLS THAT THE STATE, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND OTHERS USE TO CONSERVE AND PROTECT COLORADO'S LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

OPPOSE LEGISLATION AND OTHER EFFORTS TO TRANSFER COLORADO'S FEDERAL PUBLIC LANDS TO STATE OWNERSHIP

SUPPORT LEGISLATION THAT PROMOTES THE EFFICIENT UTILIZATION AND CONSERVATION OF WATER

SUPPORT RESOLUTION TO CONFLICTS BETWEEN THE FEDERAL ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT AND STATE WATER LAW

INCREASE STATE CAPACITY AND RESOURCES TO RESPOND TO INVASIVE SPECIES

FOSTER A STRONG STEWARDSHIP AND CONSERVATION ETHIC AMONGST COLORADO'S DIVERSE POPULATIONS

SUPPORT STATE EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH AND COMPLETE REGIONAL TRAIL SYSTEMS THAT LINK COMMUNITIES AND CONNECT VISITORS TO IMPORTANT LANDMARKS AND AMENITIES

REVISE STATE STATUTE TO PROVIDE PERMISSIVE AUTHORITY FOR COLORADO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO LIMIT THE USE OF ELECTRIC SCOOTERS TO PAVED SURFACES

## **STATE FISCAL AND GOVERNANCE**

*To improve the fiscal position of the state to sustain services to Coloradans today and into the future.*

SUPPORT EFFORTS TO BRING FISCAL STABILITY TO THE STATE OF COLORADO

REQUIRE STATE GOVERNMENT TO ASSESS CLIMATE-RELATED RISKS IN ITS INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO MITIGATE THAT RISK UP TO AND INCLUDING DIVESTMENT