## Colorado Amendment B
### Gallagher Amendment Repeal & Property Tax Assessment Rates

Repeals the Gallagher Amendment, which sets residential and non-residential property tax assessment rates in the state constitution and has disproportionately increased commercial property rates over the past two decades. Allows the State Legislature to freeze current property tax assessment rates, decrease future property tax assessment rates through state law, and requires voter approval for rate increases. **Boulder Chamber Position: Support**

## Colorado Proposition 118
### Paid Medical & Family Leave

Establishes a paid family and medical leave program in Colorado to provide 12 weeks of leave funded through a payroll tax on employers and employees. **Boulder Chamber Position: Oppose**

## City of Boulder
### Ballot Issue 2B
#### No Evictions Without Representation

An excise tax, to be paid by residential landlords in the amount of $75 per unit per year, to fund a program that provides legal representation to tenants facing eviction and administrative proceedings, creates a tenants’ committee, and provides rental assistance for people vulnerable to evictions. **Boulder Chamber Position: Oppose**

### Ballot Issue 2C
#### Public Service Company Franchise

Allows the City of Boulder to enter a partnership agreement with Xcel Energy to sell electricity within the city, pursue renewable energy projects, improve system reliability and modernization, advance new approaches to electrification of buildings and transportation, and increase access to energy efficiency and renewable energy solutions. **Boulder Chamber Position: Support**

### Ballot Issue 2D
#### Repurpose the Utility Occupation Tax

Extends the existing Utility Occupation Tax to 2025, only if voters approve the franchise agreement in Ballot Issue 2C, and repurposes it to fund clean energy programs outlined in the settlement agreement with Xcel Energy that ends the municipalization effort. **Boulder Chamber Position: Support**

### Ballot Issue 2E
#### Direct Election of the Mayor

Amends the Boulder City Charter to provide for the direct election of the mayor by ranked choice voting. **Boulder Chamber Position: Support**

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**Boulder Chamber Position:**

- **Support:** The Chamber supports initiatives that reflect its positions on ballot measures after obtaining input from our diverse membership, receiving information from representatives on all sides of each issue, and through analysis of relevant background materials. Each ballot measure was subject to thoughtful scrutiny by the Boulder Chamber’s Community Affairs Council (CAC) before final review and position adoption by the Boulder Chamber Board of Directors.

- **Oppose:** The Chamber supports efforts to address the disproportionate high tax rates on commercial properties, and the trickle-down burden put on business tenants, due to the Gallagher Amendment. This repeal protects businesses from higher property taxes and maintains funding for critical public services throughout Colorado, like schools, emergency response, and infrastructure. It rebalances the tax burden on businesses and retains current property tax rates, putting future requests to raise the assessment rate for additional property tax in the hands of voters. For more information in support of Amendment B: [www.yesonamendmentb.com](http://www.yesonamendmentb.com)

- **Oppose:** The Chamber recognizes the need to provide paid medical and family leave benefits for our workforce, and Prop. 118 offers one approach. Paid leave is an important resource for employees, providing them with security to address personal needs while protecting income and careers. We also understand businesses can benefit from insurance that covers the cost of employee leave and retains valuable workforce talent. With respect to Prop. 118, specifically, we acknowledge that any program in the paid medical and family leave space will have costs to either businesses and employees, or both, and finding the right balance is difficult. Yet amidst this challenging economic climate, we are concerned that businesses and families are struggling to meet basic needs. We are also concerned that the description of who is covered under Prop. 118 isn’t more specific.

- **Neutral:** The Boulder Chamber is taking a neutral position on this ballot initiative. We urge our business leaders to cast a vote on Prop. 118 that reflects their own balance of interests with respect to the benefit it attempts to secure for our workforce.

- **Neutral:** The Boulder Chamber believes Ballot Issue 2D represents a worthy contribution toward achieving the full promise of a reliable and environmentally sustainable energy future for Boulder that the franchise and settlement agreements embody. We recognize the importance of advancing the type of clean energy initiatives that will help achieve Boulder’s climate protection goals and drive the supplemental settlement agreement that City Councilmembers negotiated, commits Xcel Energy to critical carbon reduction goals. It also secures important investments in energy reliability, public safety and clean energy opportunities for our community. For more information in support of 2D visit: [https://bouldersgreatgreendeal.org/](https://bouldersgreatgreendeal.org/)

- **Neutral:** The Boulder Chamber recognizes the important role our mayor often plays as the lead representative of our community's vision and for providing direction on key policy issues. We see opportunity for increased community engagement in shaping that vision and guiding policy direction if citizens directly vote in a mayoral election. We also anticipate it will give the mayor greater influence to encourage collaboration and achieve balance in City Council’s policy making activities. For more information in support of 2E visit: [https://www.ourmayor-ourchoice.org/](https://www.ourmayor-ourchoice.org/)

**November 3rd is Election Day, the last day to vote! For voter registration, mail-in voting information and to find out where to submit your ballot, please go to bouldercounty.org/elections.**