

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, SAN MIGUEL COUNTY,
COLORADO, IN SUPPORT OF SAN MIGUEL COUNTY BALLOT QUESTION 1A
REGARDING REVENUE STABILIZATION**

RESOLUTION # 2020- 026

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners for San Miguel County ("Board") is authorized by section 1-45-117(1)(b)(III)(A) to pass a resolution taking a position of advocacy on any local ballot issue; and

WHEREAS, the Gallagher Amendment was passed by Colorado voters in 1982 when residential property in Colorado constituted approximately 45% of total property value in the state, with other classes of property such as commercial property, agriculture land, vacant land, industrial property and public utilities making up the other 55%; and

WHEREAS, the Gallagher Amendment froze the ratio of the total value of residential property (45%) to the total value of non-residential property (55%) in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS, since 1982, the growth of residential property values has outpaced the growth of the value of non-residential property in the state, to the point residential property currently makes up approximately 80% of the total assessed value of all property statewide; and

WHEREAS, given the Gallagher Amendment requires that residential property constitute 45% of total statewide valuation, the Colorado General Assembly has been required to reduce the property tax "assessment rate" on residential property from 21% in 1982 to 7.15% in 2020; and

WHEREAS, it is expected continued residential growth in the State of Colorado will force the Colorado General Assembly to further reduce the residential assessment rate from 7.15% to approximately 5.88% in 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Gallagher Amendment has eroded the local property tax base which substantially funds public services. San Miguel County anticipates losing over 1 million dollars from the upcoming reduction in the assessment rate from 7.15% to approximately 5.88%; and

WHEREAS, San Miguel County has placed Ballot Question 1A on the ballot in the November 3, 2020 election, which would authorize, but not require, the County to adjust its mill levy rate for the sole purpose of maintaining revenues that may otherwise be lost as a result of the Gallagher Amendment or other state-imposed reductions in the ratio of assessed property tax valuations; and

WHEREAS, several special districts in San Miguel County have already passed similar ballot measures to protect and stabilize their property tax funding sources in order to avoid reductions of local public services; and

WHEREAS, the Board expresses their strong support of the San Miguel County Ballot Question 1A.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SAN MIGUEL COUNTY, COLORADO:

Section 1. Recitals Incorporated. The above and foregoing recitals are incorporated by reference and adopted as findings and determinations of the Board.

Section 2. San Miguel County Ballot Question 1A. The Board affirmatively supports the San Miguel County ballot question regarding revenue stabilization and urges qualified electors to vote "YES" on Ballot Question 1A.

DONE AND APPROVED by the San Miguel County Commissioners at a duly noticed public hearing meeting held in Telluride, Colorado on October 7, 2020.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SAN MIGUEL COUNTY, COLORADO

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Hilary Cooper
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Hilary Cooper, Chair

VOTE:

Hilary Cooper	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Kris Holstrom	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Lance Waring	<u>Aye</u>	Nay	Abstain	Absent

ATTEST:

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Carmen Warfield
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Carmen L. Warfield, Chief Deputy Clerk

